

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 23rd September 2021, 7.30PM @ Scorton Chapel

Present: Cllrs Cottle, Collinson, Drinnan, Kenyon and Atkinson as well as the clerk

1. Apologies:

Cllr Hantom (this meeting and possibly the next one)

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising (from previous meeting/s):

Village enhancement

Cllr Drinnan stated that he has again asked for the invoice (for £3000) and it has not been produced. He suggested that this money should be ringfenced until LCC produce the invoice. The PC agreed.

The village management plan which is now out of date was discussed. Cllr Drinnan suggested he could speak with David Thow (Wyre Council) as to how to take forward future enhancement projects. He further suggested that he could prepare something for the website and social media to gauge ideas from residents. The PC agreed.

Cllr Drinnan stated that LCC has agreed to redo the cobbles outside The Barn now everything else is finished. No timescale provided.

The grant Forest of Bowland AONB agreed to provide (£1000) has not been provided yet because they were waiting for LCC's invoice. Cllr Drinnan suggested the clerk could prepare an invoice for payment to the PC to satisfy their requirements. The PC agreed. Cllr Drinnan to discuss with the clerk after the meeting to confirm figures.

B4RN

When discussing possible routes, Cllr Kenyon stated that there is no wayleave through the field therefore, connectivity has to go down Church Drive. He confirmed that B4RN has no funding to do this work and it will be up to the individuals who want the service to pay for it. This issue is currently ongoing.

Millennium Way audit

Cllr Cottle has not yet contacted the member of the public to discuss. The clerk has again supplied him with the contact details.

On the subject of benches, the PC agreed that hard wood benches were the best option to install. Cllr Collinson agreed to look online for suitable ones and circulate.

Cllr Collinson stated that Wyre Council has not yet come back to her regarding the disabled ramp. She intends to conduct a site meeting in order to iron out any outstanding work.

Parking issues/traffic on the village

Cllr Drinnan has received no further update from the Highways engineer Mark O'Donnell. Cllr Atkinson said the problem had not been as bad lately. Cllr Drinnan will chase up.

Grizedale Bridge repairs

It was confirmed that this has now been done.

Field (Tinker's Lane)

The clerk reported the further response from WC planning (David Thow) on 27th July further to submission of pictures showing visibility issues.

“We can only be involved where the relevant legislation requires us to be involved. In this case, the use of the land would, as set out previously, be ‘permitted development’ unless it could be shown that “the development has or will involve the formation, laying out or material widening of a means of access to an existing highway which is a trunk road or classified road, or that any proposed development will create an obstruction to the view of persons using any highway used by vehicular traffic, so as to be likely to cause danger to such persons?”

Regardless of whether visibility at this access is restricted, it would not appear from the photographs submitted that the development has not involved the formation, laying out or material widening of a means of access to an existing highway, nor does there appear to be any development which has created an obstruction to the view of persons using the highway (i.e. it appears to be the existing trees and hedgerow that causes the obstruction and not any development carried out).

As such the permitted development rights to use the field and the existing access remain and there is no breach no planning control.”

Cllr Hantom explained to the clerk prior to the meeting that the owner has had second thoughts about letting the field out again due to the hassle caused.

It was confirmed that the landowner has replanted hedging and that it is likely that this issue is now resolved.

Blocked cattle grid (Harrisend Fell)

The clerk reported the response from Highways on 9th July regarding the blocked grid on Oakenclough Rd which is allowing sheep to escape. Highways has confirmed that they are in the process of arranging for it to be inspected and for the stones to be removed.

It was confirmed that this has been done.

11/00839/FULMAJ (Wyreside Hall)

Further to an email sent to David Thow, the clerk reported the response on 16th August which states that WC will open an enforcement case to investigate, however, it would be helpful if further information could be provided, namely which specific conditions the PC saying have not, in their view, been complied with.

Cllr Drinnan stated that it was mainly to do with the environmental impact of traffic as well as signage to route traffic, directional signage and passing places. He will look again at the application in more detail and email the clerk more specific information.

5. Open forum:

None

6. Playing field:

Progress report

Cllr Cottle reported he has received 2 quotes for surfacing one for £8,500 and the other for £9,350 (both excl. VAT). Specifications on both quotes are the same. It was agreed that Cllr Cottle should arrange to meet with the supplier of the cheaper quote to fine tune the final cost.

Cllr Cottle also stated that he would ask B & B for a contribution.

The clerk suggested that she could include £4000 extra on the precept to factor in play area repairs. The PC agreed.

The clerk was requested to contact Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech to see if it was possible to get financial assistance from Wyre Council as they look after most play areas except Scorton's. It was suggested this could be achieved via the Covid Recovery Grant.

Replacement play equipment and repairs

Cllr Collinson confirmed that the hammock has been ordered at a cost of £150.00.

Cllr Collinson has also looked at the climbing frame and said that although this is OK for now, the posts won't last indefinitely.

Cllr Collinson is currently awaiting costs for the posts for the multi tyre swing (4 timber posts to be replaced in metal).

7. Bikes & Barrows:

Cllr Cottle stated that funds in the bank currently stand at £18,000.

8. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items discussed:

Legend Fires North West stages rally 19/03/22

No objection to this event was raised but there is concern over the starting position of the Nicky Nook stage and it was stated that the route must not go through the ford. The clerk will respond accordingly.

WC – Public consultation

It was confirmed that Cllr Collinson completed this originally and there are no changes to responses therefore no reply required.

9. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

The clerk stated that Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner had informed her at the Nateby PC meeting that with effect from October, speeding issues are going to be looked at more seriously. A committee will be set up specifically for this purpose comprising of Lancashire Rd Safety Partnership, Highways and the police. He believes this is likely to be chaired by the cabinet member for Highways and the deputy chair will be the police and crime commissioner.

The clerk stated that Lancashire County Cllr Matthew Salter had added to this at the Winmarleigh meeting by stating that the Lancashire Rd Safety Partnership will be completely overhauled. It is recognised that rural areas have been ignored. They are also considering changing national speed limits to 40MPH on rural roads. Any changes will not be immediate but will take time.

10. Planning:

| Application number | Description | Resolved PC comments |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 21/00687/FUL | Erection of new stable block, change of use of agricultural land to form riding arena and new internal track all for private use @ Hill View 27 Station Lane Scorton | No objection sent 29/7 |
| 21/00858/FUL | Single storey rear extension @ Lea Green Farm Long Lane Scorton | No objection sent 29/7 |
| 21/00757/FUL | Erection of an equipment store and three- car garage /log store with first floor home office and gym. @ Snowhill House Snowhill Lane Nether Wyresdale | Comments sent 26/08/21 |
| 21/00979/FUL | Change of use of building and building operations to create an | No objection sent 08/09 |

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| | agricultural workers dwelling @ Dolphinholme House Wagon Road Dolphinholme | |
| 21/01057/COUQ | Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 4 dwellinghouses (C3) with building operations, under Class Q of the GPDO @ Ashbournes Farm Cleveley Bank Lane Scorton | Cllr Drinnan has not looked at the application yet. No other objections raised. The clerk to await his comments. |
| 21/01055/FUL | Erection of equine/agricultural building (following removal of two metal containers) @ Lane Head Trough Road Scorton | Cllr Drinnan has not looked at the application yet. No other objections raised. The clerk to await his comments. |
| 21/01070/FUL | Erection of an agricultural building following demolition of existing traditional farm building @ Dolphinholme House Wagon Road Dolphinholme | Cllr Drinnan has not looked at the application yet. No other objections raised. The clerk to await his comments. |

11. Decision notices(status):

| Application number | Description | Decision |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|
| 20/00668/FUL | Agricultural livestock building @ Salisbury Farm Long Lane Scorton | Permitted |
| 21/00799/FUL | Change of use of part of ground floor from bed & breakfast accommodation to 4 serviced apartments including changes to fenestration and door openings plus the insertion of two rooflights and one flue @ The Priory The Square, Scorton | Permitted |
| 21/00757/FUL | Erection of an equipment store and three-car garage /log store with first floor home office and gym @ Snowhill House Snowhill Lane Nether Wyresdale | Permitted |

12. Highways:

None

13. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk circulated the latest time sheets via email.

Jobs to be done

None raised.

PRoW scheme

The clerk confirmed that she has requested the opt in and has also asked the lengthsman to provide the end of year report.

Cllr Collinson said it was necessary to look back through his time sheets to get the information for the report. She offered to do this and asked the clerk to send the timesheets. The clerk stated that it is important that record be kept of expenditure of the £500 from LCC (specifically for PRoW work) and to this end, the lengthsman should invoice separately. Cllr Collinson felt that this would over complicate things. Cllr Drinnan suggested that he should specify areas on the invoice sheet as well as time spent and the clerk could work out the amount based on his hourly rate.

Cllr Kenyon agreed that he could specify areas as suggested below and the lengthsman should refer to these areas specifically on the invoice so that it is made clear for the clerk.

The PC identified some locations below as regular areas worked on and these should be recorded for works done on vegetation clearance, stile and fence repairs (not exclusive):

Church Path, Ghyll Wood, Wyre Way, Springfield Barn and Park Brook.

The clerk will notify the lengthsman accordingly of requirements going forward (WEF 2021-22).

14. Village Hall:

Cllr Cottle state that the computerized booking system is now operational.

15. Finance:

Account update as at 31/7 = £21,365.81

The clerk provided an early end of year balance estimate due to potential play equipment costs. The end of year balance will be around over £10,000 but if the invoice is submitted for the village enhancement (£3000), there will be over £7000 left approx.

Account update as at 31/8 = £21,057.45

Items approved for payment (1st four already paid prior to meeting following approval):

Lengthsman invoice (June) - fees £637, plants £135.30 plus petrol £34.39 = £806.69

Lengthsman invoice (July) – fees £595 plus petrol £33.20 = £628.20

Lengthsman invoice (Aug) – fees £595 plus petrol £6.35 = £601.35

Lengthsman invoice P/F grass cutting (July x 2 and August x 2) – £320.00

Hammock suspension ropes (A Collinson) - £185.81

Item discussed:

Donation for holding PC meetings at the Chapel

The PC agreed to a rate of £15 per meeting.

16. Health & Safety:

None

17. Points of interest:

Closure of graveyard (St Peter's Church)

Cllr Kenyon explained that a formal application has been submitted due to lack of plot space. St Peter's will now do cremation only.

18. Date of next meeting: **21st October 2021**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.10PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

Rural Services Network (RSN) – Rural bulletin 29/6, 6/7, 13/7, 20/7, 27/7, 3/8, 10/8, 17/8, 24/8, 1/9

LCC – Summer 2021 parish & town council newsletter

WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 2 24/6 links

WC – Planning agenda supplement and minutes 7/7 link

NALC – Newsletter x 5

LALC – Land ownership survey

LCC – Queens award for voluntary service webinar 15th July

LALC – Boundary commission review of parliamentary constituencies

LALC – Levelling up

LCC – Trading standards consumer alerts July, Aug and Sept

WC – Council agenda & minutes 8/7 link

WC – Items published 1/7 links

WC – Employment & appeals agenda & minutes 12/7 link

WC – Portfolio holder decision agenda 8/7 link

NALC – Chief executive bulletin 2/7, 9/7, 16/7, 26/7, 30/7, 6/8, 13/8, 20/8, 27/8

NALC – Events x 4

WC – Items published 2/7 links

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 2/7, 30/7

WC – Item published 5/7 link

WC – Cabinet agenda & minutes 14/7 link

WC – Licensing agenda & minutes 13/7 link

LCC – the Queen’s platinum jubilee beacons

RSN – Rural funding digest July & Aug

LALC Wyre Area Committee – Last minutes and next agenda 28th July

University student – Dissertation help request

LALC – Code of Conduct sanction petition

WC – Press release: New summer holiday clubs for young people in Wyre

WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 2 7/7 links

WC – Item published 7/7 link

WC - Portfolio holder decisions 8/7 link

WC - Portfolio holder decisions agenda 14/7 link

WC – Overview & scrutiny agenda, supplement & minutes 19/7 links

LALC Wyre Area meeting – Enforcement issues request

Community Futures – Safeguarding update and DBS event

WC – Press release: Vaccine bus returns to Fleetwood

LCC – Rd closure Wagon Rd 19/7

Community Futures – ACRE briefing

Motorsport UK – Legend Fires North West Stages rally 2022 see correspondence

Lancashire Fire & Rescue - Consultation

WC – Council minutes 8/7 link

WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 2 14/7 link

WC – Lancashire Resilience bulletin issue 35

Community Futures – info bulletin

NALC – Bulletin

WC – Audit agenda, supplement and minutes 27/7 link

WC – Licensing minutes 13/7 link

LCC – Thrive Community Benefit Programme

WC – Flood Forum minutes 10/6

Community Futures – Revised information sheet for reopening village and community halls

NALC – Star council awards 2021

LALC – AGM 2021

LALC Wyre Area – Police update

WC – Item published 22/7 link

WC - Portfolio holder decisions agenda 29/7 link

WC – Planning agenda, supplement and minutes 4/8 links

WC – The Flood Hub quarterly report, analytics and newsletter

LALC – Public consultation police and crime

LALC – National resilience strategy

Highways England – M6 Turners farm final update x 2

Community Futures – info bulletin

WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 4 29/7 links

WC – Items published 30/7 links

WC – Press release: Garstang Walking Festival

WC - Press release: Annual Fylde coast Food & Drink Festival

LALC Wyre Area - Greater Garstang Partnership Board

WC – Item published 6/8 link

WC - Portfolio holder decisions agenda 13/8 link

WC - Press release: fly tipper prosecuted at Blackpool Magistrates Court

WC – Press Release: How can Garstang be improved?

WC – Portfolio holder decision 12/8 link

WC – Items published 12/8 links

WC - Portfolio holder decision 13/8 link

WC - Portfolio holder decision agenda 19/8 link

Elancity – Spid signs info (post)

Community Futures – August information bulletin x 2

LALC – The bill is back help double our support (Local Electricity Bill)

WC – Wyre flood forum meeting 9/9

WC – Licensing agenda 2/9 link

WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda 6/9 link

WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 6 19/8 links

WC – Planning agenda 1/9 link

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