

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the AGM & annual parish assembly meeting of 5th May 2022, 7.30PM @ Scorton Chapel

**Present: Cllrs Hantom, Cottle, Atkinson, Collinson and Drinnan,
Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech North West Stages Rally representative
Mark Hothersall and the clerk**

1. Apologies:

Cllr Kenyon

PSCO Denise Creighton

2. Dec of interest:

None

3. Minutes from last AGM:

Signed as a correct record on 03/06/20.

4. Arising:

No matters arising from last AGM.

5. Election of officers:

It was unanimously approved to appoint the following members:

Chairman – Cllr Hantom

Vice chairman – Cllr Drinnan

6. Chairman's report:

Refer appendix 1.

7. Finance:

Accounts 2021/22

The clerk has emailed the accounts sheet as well as the relevant pages of the AGAR. The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement were unanimously approved. The end of year balance is **£8,462.97** of which £667.20 is remaining lengthsmen money from the PRow grant and £3000.00 which was allocated for the village lighting scheme (no invoice received for this to date as confirmed by Cllr Drinnan.)

8. Open forum:

No items raised

9. Annual parish assembly meeting:

No items raised

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.40PM

APPENDIX 1

Chair's report 2021-22

Thankfully although Covid is still about the effect upon meetings has diminished more or less completely. Life is almost back to normal and the change of venue to the Chapel has proved a useful move.

However generally there is much catching up to do and in particular it is frustrating that little or no progress has been made regarding the serious traffic and parking issues (Gubberford Lane), the alleged breaches of planning consents (Wyreside Hall) and the poor state of repair (cobble outside the Barn) all referred to below. The perennial problems relating to potholes and blocked drains remain.

On the positive side the rejuvenation of the Millennium Way appears to be almost complete thanks in large measure to Annie Collinson who has led the project throughout backed by the team of volunteers and James Cottle all of whom have been instrumental in making the upgrade a success.

There has been further substantial progress in the repair and improvement of the playing field and once again thanks to Annie and James for their efforts in liaising with Contractors and arranging for it all to happen.

It looks as though the North West Rally is here to stay and it remains to be seen if there will be any camping or other happenings on Tinkers Lane.

There have been problems with the website but hopefully these are about resolved. Specific highlighted issues below:

Highway issues

No progress has been made regarding the traffic problems on Gubberford Lane or the attention to the cobbles outside the Barn despite the concerted efforts of Councillor Drinnon. Now that Covid restrictions are behind us let's hope the matter will be taken seriously without any further delay.

Wyreside Hall

Having imposed in 2012 strict and comprehensive planning conditions serious breaches are alleged there continues to be an apparent lack of interest on the part of the Borough Council planning department and continued pressure for progress may be required.

Tinkers Lane

The field has been spread with slurry and the emergency exit has been replaced with fencing and hedging. Pitch-up.com states that the site does not currently take bookings and it seems the land is up for sale.

NW Rally

The increase in the number of entrants and spectators gave rise to more disruption than before and there were concerns as to standards of behaviour and public nuisance. Any issues should be addressed following discussion with the organizers direct.

Website

There have been problems but access is now available to the Agenda and Minutes by going to the website and taking up Parish Council to the right of Home which brings up a number of items including Meeting Agenda and Minutes which reveals the required information. The Latin mumbo jumbo is apparently being removed.

Finally, thank you to all the parish councillors for volunteering their time throughout the year and also in particular Melanie our Parish Clerk for all her hard work knowledge and patience and for keeping us on track throughout the year.

Donald Hantom
5th May 2022