

## NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes for the PC meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 8PM @ 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. Declarations of Interest:

**None**

3. Minutes from last meeting:

**Signed as a correct record.**

4. Police report:

**None**

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

#### **Village enhancement**

The clerk reported the response from Highways regarding the repair outside The Barn on 30<sup>th</sup> March. See Appendix 2.

Cllr Drinnan suggested contacting the Greater Garstang Partnership Board concerning the village enhancement to access funding opportunities. The PC agreed for him to contact them on their behalf.

#### **Parking issues/traffic on the village**

The clerk reported the response from Highways in relation to the request for the creation of passing places on Gubberford Lane on 30<sup>th</sup> March. See Appendix 2.

Following discussion, the PC agreed that a reply should be sent clarifying that the PC does not want off road parking or a layby but just the extension of one line, with the possible addition of another further along Gubberford Lane, to enable cars to pull in. She was also requested to ask when they visited and establish whether they had liaised with the Highways engineer, Mark O'Donnell. Cllr Drinnan suggested the clerk draft a reply and forward to him. This can be added to and circulated for approval. The PC agreed.

#### **B4RN**

No further progress.

### **11/00839/FULMAJ (Wyreside Hall)**

The clerk reported the further response from David Thow (Wyre Council head of planning) on 28<sup>th</sup> March, regarding the outstanding highway issues and the query relating to the condition on the cottages:

*“The breaches of planning control identified, i.e. the highway works, and the use of the cottages both relate to conditions recommended by the local highway (Lancashire County Council) when the planning permission was granted. We could therefore only enforce these conditions if it can be demonstrated that non compliance results in harm to highway safety or other traffic issues, as we must be able to defend any enforcement notice on appeal. As such we require LCC confirm that they would support such action and that they would be able to provide the necessary evidence to support the council’s case on appeal.*

*We have requested a response from LCC in this respect and will consider whether enforcement action is appropriate once we receive it.”*

The clerk was requested to leave this item on the agenda to monitor progress.

### **The Queen’s Diamond jubilee event (3<sup>rd</sup> June)**

As Cllr Kenyon was absent, the PC requested the clerk to email him to confirm arrangements. It was confirmed that a flyer has been circulated to state the event is on 3<sup>rd</sup> June starting at 5.30PM till late. Cllr Collinson confirmed she has received comments expressing disappointment that it is a village only event.

### **Request for village flag pole**

The PC agreed not to pursue further.

### **Tree planting**

Cllr Cottle stated he had been away, therefore he will report any update regarding the request for tree planting on a section of the church field, at the next meeting.

Cllr Collinson was requested to obtain a quote for removal of the Llandi trees (boundary of play area).

### **Millennium Way planting**

Cllr Cottle stated he had been asked by Alison Boden (Coast & Countryside Manager @ Wyre Council) whether the PC would consider altering the mowing schedule to allow wild flowers to seed. He will see Alison tomorrow to discuss further. The PC agreed to explore this.

## **6. Open forum:**

### **Stone information plinth**

The clerk confirmed she had responded to Goosnargh PC with the information sent by Cllr Atkinson. Cllr Collinson stated that the plinth is actually made of plastic and probably made by Glasdon or similar. The clerk will notify Goosnargh PC.

## North West Stages Rally

Mark Hothersall stated the following:

- ❖ The event was very successful with prime-time BBC coverage.
- ❖ The £500 donation was paid into the PC account on the day the clerk supplied the account information.
- ❖ He confirmed that there were a few accidents and incidents including a power outage.
- ❖ From feedback received, 27 were positive with 3 not wanting the event to return, one of which mentioned environmental issues and use of electric vehicles as an alternative. He confirmed that all comments have been duly considered for future events.
- ❖ Mark read the list of organizations including charities and parish councils, that had received donations (a total of £13,000).
- ❖ The next event will be planned for 2024. Future events are likely to take place every two years due to time constraints.

Cllr Atkinson stated that due to accidents causing delays to traffic, she thinks that holding the event every other year is preferable to minimize disruption.

It was confirmed that Cllr Kenyon had emailed to express his thanks to the organizers for one of the best days he had ever had.

### 7. Playing field:

#### **progress report & updates**

It was confirmed that the skip is still there. Cllr Collinson will inform DCM surfacing. The clerk was instructed not to pay the invoice until this is removed.

Cllr Cottle confirmed that Bikes and Barrows had agreed to pay half the total bill (£16,560.00). A cheque was given to Cllr Collinson to pay into the PC account via the post office. The clerk confirmed that there was no paying in slip in the chequebook.

### 8. Bikes & Barrows:

**See above.**

### 9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1.

## 10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech reported the following:

- There is a new Mayor, Julie Robinson.
- With regard to the Wyre Local Plan, a full review has been done and he confirmed that Wyre are way ahead with housing production.
- The proposals for a unified authority are in the pipeline. The government are pushing for devolution of power and the Secretary of State would like each area council leader to get together to form an executive committee to determine allocation of money. He confirmed that the proposals are not supported by people in this area due to the fact that funding tends to go to larger areas such as Fleetwood (because an example of one of the criteria is density of population).

## 11. Planning:

<b>Application number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Resolved PC comments</b>
<b>22/00257/FUL</b>	Single storey side/front extension @ 10 Weavers Court Scorton	<b>No comments or objections made by the PC</b>

## 12. Decision notices(status):

<b>Application number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>21/00979/FUL</b>	Change of use of building and building operations to create an agricultural workers dwelling @ Dolphinholme House Wagon Road Dolphinholme	<b>Permitted</b>
<b>21/01055/FUL</b>	Erection of equine/agricultural building (following removal of two metal containers) @ Lane Head Trough Road Scorton	<b>Permitted</b>

<b>21/00668/DIS</b>	Agricultural livestock building @ Salisbury Farm Long Lane Scorton  Approval of details reserved by conditions 5 (bio-diversity), 6 (Method statement -bats) & 7 (drainage) on 21/00668/FUL	<b>Accepted</b>
<b>22/00213/FUL</b>	Proposed two storey rear extension @ 10 Wyresdale Crescent, Scorton	<b>Refused</b>

13. Highways:

**None**

14. Lengthsman:

**Jobs undertaken**

The clerk circulated the latest time sheet via email.

**Jobs to be done**

No specific jobs raised.

15. Village Hall:

**No update**

16. Finance:

**Account update** – See end of year details on AGM. The clerk has supplied a financial report for expenditure limitations this year due to huge unforeseen increases in insurance as well as work done in the playing field which has used parish reserves. See Appendix 3.

Item paid:

**Lengthsman invoice March - £266.00** Paid 14/04/22

Items approved for payment:

**Lengthsman invoice April – £329.00**

**Playing field mowing March - £80.00**

**Playing field mowing x 2 April - £160.00**

**DCM surfaces (Playing field) - £16,560.00** PC to pay £8,280.00, see item 7.

Item discussed:

**PC insurance Community Action Suffolk - £735.78**

The clerk explained that the insurers had pulled out at the last minute and that CAS had liaised with over 30 insurers to get an alternative quote. She was informed that the market is very bad at present and that parishes should get used to higher premiums as insurers have done away with the smaller policies as they are not considered cost effective in this economic climate.

She gave an example that that one of her parishes had nearly tripled (Came & Co) but that CAS had come back with the most competitive quote for them, so she believes this is the best value. She stated that it was another insurer that has originally recommended CAS.

It was noted that Cllr Collinson has asked Zurich for a quote which has come in at £368.49. However, because the clerk is aware that they tend to have high premiums, she double checked with them to ensure they were offering a like for like quote. She was informed that there was no cover for equipment, therefore, the clerk sent them the CAS quote along with the asset register. The revised quote they came back with was £846.21.

No official decision was made during the meeting concerning the quotes. The clerk stated that the renewal is due on 1<sup>st</sup> June. This matter will be considered further.

17. Health & Safety:

**No health and safety concerns.**

18. Points of interest:

**Website**

The clerk informed the PC that the information on the site is all there and up to date. Any anomalies are in the process of being dealt with.

19. Date of next meeting: **16<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**As there was no further business, the meeting concluded @ £9.20PM**

## **APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)**

**WC – Items published 10/3 links**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 17/3 link**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 2 14/6 links**

**Rural Services Network (RSN) – Rural bulletin 15/3, 22/3, 29/3, 15/4, 20/4**

**WC – Flood Forum documents 17/3**

**Scorton School – Scorton Rose Queen festival Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May invite**

**LCC – County Service @ Blackburn Cathedral to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee 29<sup>th</sup> May (invite to chair)**

**WC – Items published 15/3 link**

**WC – Cabinet agenda 23/3 link**

**WC – Council minutes 10/3 link**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 3 16/3 links**

**LCC – Winter stakeholder bulletin 18/3, 24/3, 31/3, 7/4, 14/4, 22/4**

**NALC – Chief executives bulletin 18/3, 25/3, 1/4, 8/4, 14/4, 22/4**

**Community Futures – Partnership between ACRE and Utility Aid to assist village halls in reducing running costs**

**Community Futures – ACRE document re the role of village halls in supporting Ukrainian refugees**

**LALC – March issue**

**WC – Press release: Easter holiday clubs**

**NALC- Newsletter 22/3, 6/4, 13/4**

**WC – Items published 22/3 link**

**WC – Licensing agenda & minutes 29/3 link**

**WC – Planning minutes 2/3 link**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 29/3 link**

**WC – Cabinet minutes 23/3 link**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 31/3 link**

**Community Futures – March info bulletin (3) & April (2)**

**WC – Press release: celebrate the Queen’s jubilee**

**LCC – Slow down saves lives resources**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 3 29/3 links**

**WC – Planning agenda & minutes 6/4 link**

**WC – Items published 31<sup>st</sup> March links**

**WC – Schedule of executive decisions 31/3**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 2 31/3 links**

**Elancity – SpID product info**

**WC – Press release: Have your say on proposal projects in Garstang**

**WHP telecoms LTD – upgrade to existing radio base @ land adj to M6 off  
Tithebarn Lane**

**RSN – Rural funding digest April**

**WC – Press release: Garstang walking festival 30/4 – 8/5**

**LCC – Trading Standards consumer alerts April**

**LALC Wyre Area - last minutes and next agenda 27/4**

**WC – Items published 4/4 links**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 11/4 link**

**WC – Council agenda 14/4 link**

**LCC – The Queen’s award for voluntary service nominations for 2023**

**WC – Press release: business support**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 3 11/4 links**

**WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda 25/4 link**

**LCC – Scam posters**



**WC – Flood Forum minutes 17/3**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 21/4 link**

**WC – Item published 14/4 link**

**LCC - A6 Lancaster, Preston and Wyre, Revocations, 40mph and 50mph  
speed Limits**

**LCC - A588 Lancaster and Wyre, Revocation, 30mph, 40mph and 50mph  
speed limits**

## APPENDIX 2

### **Highways email dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Thank you for your email of 25 March 2022 about the Nether Wyresdale Parish Council highway issues.

With regards to Gubberford Lane, we must reconfirm we would only consider passing places where there is continuous, significant damage to grass verges due to overrunning, or on long stretches of road unable to accommodate two-way traffic. We feel this is not the case on Gubberford Lane from the height restricted bridge to Tithes Barn Lane. While there is a slight widening at the bridge to enable rail track workers to park next to the steps safely, there is no room to create further off-road passing places or parking spaces. Previous visits have not indicated any parking or safety issues, and we have at present no proposals to consider parking restrictions, which if introduced would lead to displacement into likely more hazardous locations or towards the village.

In respect of the issues outside the Barn at Scorton we will be looking to programme the works over the coming months, due to how busy Scorton gets works are likely to take place in the late evenings. We will liaise with the management of the Barn regarding dates.

We are aware of the concerns about the surfacing deterioration in the village, which have been forwarded to our Asset Team for consideration.  
I hope this information is useful.

Yours sincerely,  
Julie Airey  
District Lead Officer  
Highways and Transport  
Lancashire County Council  
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## **APPENDIX 3**

### **Financial report for payments during the year 2022-23**

#### **Explanation of balances**

Balance at year end 31/03/22 - **£8,462.97**.

This balance includes £3000.00 unpaid amount for the village lighting scheme. Legally, LCC has 6 years to provide an invoice for this amount, therefore the money must be retained for this purpose.

There is also £667.20 LCC PRow grant to be spent on lengthsman jobs.

£3,667.20 of the end of year balance is allocated with **£4,795.77** other available funds which are disposable income.

#### **Playing field bill and allocation of funds for this purpose**

Allowance was made in the precept for £4000.00 for expenses relating to the playing field. This added to the disposable income would total **£8,795.77**.

I recommend that the parish council pay half of the bill for the resurfacing (£16,560.00) therefore, £8,280.00 **with the remainder being paid by Bikes & Barrows**.

This would leave a surplus of **£515.77** disposable income.

#### **Price increase for parish council insurances and cessation of smaller policies**

Allowance was made in the precept for £415.00 for insurance.

This year's quote is £735.78, £324.10 more than last year's premium of £411.68.

This increase (increase less allocated precept amount) of £320.78 can be covered by the surplus stated above, leaving **£194.99** disposable income.

#### **Conclusion**

Taking into consideration that the entire Playing field allowance for the year and a large sum from last year's disposable income will be spent on the DCM invoice and considering the unforeseen increase in insurance premiums which has affected all councils, I would recommend that when the PC consider their donations to Scorton and Dolphinholme village halls as well as the Air Ambulance (£1000, £600 and £100 respectively), which was allowed for in the precept, that this money is retained for emergency expenditure.