

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 16th June 2022, 7.30PM @ Scorton Chapel

Present: Cllrs Hantom, Drinnan and Cottle, PSCO Denise Creighton and the clerk

1. Apologies:

Cllr Collinson

Cllr Atkinson

Cllr Kenyon

Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

PSCO Denise Creighton reported the following:

- ❖ There will be a return of PACT meetings (police taking questions from the community). She confirmed that usually an inspector is present to give a short presentation as well as answering public queries. A date is yet to be finalized and she will inform the clerk when she has this information.
- ❖ No crime of any substance has been recorded in the parish since her last visit. There was one theft from an unlocked car.
- ❖ She wanted to raise awareness of 2 reports of fraud recently where scammers are apparently targeting lodges/caravan park residents. The scam consists of a person being contacted by someone pretending to be the police, who tells them that there is some fraudulent activity with their bank account. They try to get them to draw their money out of the bank and tell them to ring 999 to confirm this. Someone will then turn up to collect the money. This scam has happened in Garstang and Catterall. The police will upload the details to social media.

School/village security

The PC discussed an email received from Cllr Kenyon following a recent incident at school. Denise Creighton said this had not been reported to the police as she had seen no record. She took a photograph of a copy of the post Cllr Kenyon had sent and will look into it.

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

Village enhancement

Cllr Drinnan will send his 20 page discussion paper regarding Scorton enhancement to Jan Finch (Greater Garstang Partnership Board) further to discussion at the last meeting.

With regards to The Barn entrance, the clerk was instructed to contact Mark O'Donnell to chase progress (action as previously agreed with LCC) and send him the latest Highways correspondence on this from 30th March. Cllr Drinnan asked that she copy him into the email.

Parking issues/traffic on the village

The clerk reported the further response from Highways. Refer appendix 2.

This was raised with the police and Cllr Cottle supplied her with the latest correspondence from Highways regarding Gubberford Lane. Denise will look into it.

The clerk mentioned that Andrew Pratt (Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and chair of the Lancashire Rd Safety Partnership) had been instrumental in sorting out highways issues with another parish. She was asked to contact him to invite him to the next meeting. She will also copy him into the latest correspondence (as per appendix 2).

Tree planting request (church field)

Cllr Cottle reported that the church PCC is supportive and have also suggested some benches. He has had a discussion with Alison Boden (Coast & Countryside officer @ Wyre Council) who was enthusiastic about it. She has yet to get back to him. It was stated that any planting would require sensitive planning to ensure the vista was not spoiled. Cllr Cottle will email her again to discuss further.

Llandi (boundary of play area and The Barn)

Deferred as Cllr Collinson absent.

Millennium Way planting

Cllr Cottle provided an update further to discussions with Alison Boden. She has provided him with a copy of a booklet "Plant Life Good Verge Guide" which gives comprehensive information on the subject. Cllr Cottle said that the leaflet advises against leaving the grass to grow altogether, due to the weeds. One option was to cut the full verge between mid July and the end of September then again before Christmas (2 cuts per year). Discussion has taken place with the lengthsman so he can change the mowing schedule.

6. Standing items:

B4RN

No further progress. Cllr Hantom stated that charges have increased.

11/00839/FULMAJ (Wyreside Hall)

The clerk reported the submission of a planning application as per item 10.

7. Open forum:

Weed management enquiry

The PC was instructed to reply to the member of the public to inform her that the PC reiterate their stance about roundup which is used sparingly and only when absolutely necessary and they seek to promote the development of native plants. Should anyone wish to get involved with volunteering, Alison Boden should be contacted. The clerk will supply her contact details.

Millennium Way complaint about accessibility

The PC discussed a complaint received from a member of the public who is finding it difficult to access due to new surface as this is affecting the mobility frames they use.

Cllr Cottle stated that this has been discussed with Alison Boden and Graeme Nuttall (Wyre Council Coast & Countryside team). It has been agreed that something should be done but it has not been determined what this should be. He stated that the PC does not have the funds to address this within this financial year. He confirmed that the PC are looking into a solution and a starting point has been that an experimental length of path has been laid (on the disabled ramp) with a finer surface to test the durability of it over time. The clerk was asked to write to the member of the public accordingly.

Cllr Drinnan agreed to contact Alison Boden to establish method and costings to alter the surface. He asked the clerk to supply him with her contact details.

8. Playing field:

Cllr Cottle confirmed that the skip has finally been removed.

9. Bikes & Barrows:

Cllr Cottle requested the PC to write to Kevin Morley to thank him for co-ordinating the jubilee village picnic on the 3rd June which was a very successful event. The clerk will contact him accordingly.

10. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1.

11. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

No representatives present.

10. Planning:

Application number	Description	Resolved PC comments
22/00496/FULMAJ	Change of use of building to hotel (C1), single storey lounge extension to existing building with glazed link to single/two storey extension to form function room, additional guest bedrooms and leisure complex. Conversion of buildings to form five dwellings, formation of car park, erection of pavilion and alterations to vehicular access. The proposal includes off site highway alterations that includes the formation of passing bays in the highway, forming of a footpath along Hampson Lane and changes to road junctions. (Variation of Condition 6 to allow for dwellings to be occupied by guests and Condition 18 to allow for temporary structures on planning permission 11/00839/FULMAJ) @ Wyreside Hall Wagon Road Dolphinholme	The Parish council has no objection to this proposal.

11. Decision notices(status):

Application number	Description	Decision
22/00135/FUL	Erection of a replacement domestic outbuilding (retrospective) @ Lea Green Farm Long Lane Scorton	Permitted
22/00257/FUL	Single storey side/front extension @ 10 Weavers Court Scorton	Permitted

12. Highways:

Condition of highway and associated parking (Wyresdale Hall to the entrance of Nicky Nook, Higher Lane)

The clerk was requested to contact Mark O'Donnell to request an update as to when Highways will address the issues raised when he attended the site visit with Cllr Drinnan a few months ago.

13. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk circulated the latest time sheet via email.

Jobs to be done

None raised.

14. Village Hall:

No Update

15. Finance:

Account update as at 30/5 is **£20,789.68**

Items approved for payment:

Lengthsman invoice May - £245.12 materials plus £833 fees total **£1078.12**

Lengthsman invoice P/F grass cutting (May) – £160.00

Item discussed:

Defibrillator pads

The PC confirmed that Julie Lee is looking after the Defibrillator.

The clerk confirmed that no invoice has been received to date. The clerk was instructed to wait for an invoice before a cheque is signed.

16. Health & Safety:

No health and safety concerns raised.

17. Points of interest:

Bunting

Cllr Cottle stated that there was bunting still up. The PC agreed to his suggestion of approaching the school on behalf of the PC to ask them to take it down.

July meeting

There is a possibility that Cllr Cottle may not be able to attend.

18. Date of next meeting: **7th July 2022**

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

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

Rural Services Network (RSN) – Rural bulletin 26/4, 4/5, 10/5, 17/5, 24/5, 31/5

WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 2 21/4 links

WC – Council minutes 14/4 link

Anne Robson Trust - Helpline

WC – Press release: Nominate a neighbour for Wyre’s Tea party

NALC – Chief executive’s bulletin 29/4, 6/5, 13/5, 20/5, 27/5, 1/6

WC – Overview & Scrutiny minutes 25/4 link

WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 4/5 link

WC – Items published 3/5 link

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 3/5, 27/5

NALC – Newsletter 4/5, 18/5, 1/6

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

RSN – Rural funding digest May

LCC – Trading Standards consumer alerts May

WC – Planning Policy newsletter May 22

WC – Council agenda & minutes 12/5 links

WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 2 4/5 links

LCC – Invite to Forest of Bowland Dark Skies talk

WC – Press release: New Mayor 2022-23

WC – Press release: Wyre to welcome the Duke of Lancaster’s regiment to the borough

WC – Flood forum visit to Abbeystead

WC – Licensing agenda 24/5 link

WC – Press release: Jubilee celebrations in Wyre

WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 26/5 link

WC – Cabinet agenda 1/6 link

WC – Planning agenda & supplement 1/6 link

LCC – Revised Parish & Town Council charter

WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda 6/6 link

WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 2 26/5 links

LALC – E-Newsletter

WC – Items published 27/5 links

APPENDIX 2

Response from Highways regarding parking issues (passing places on Gubberford Lane) 30th May 2022:

Thank you for your further email of 24 May 2022 about the Nether Wyresdale Parish Council parking concerns.

We can confirm we have discussed the issues raised with our Officer Mark O'Donnell, however our position has not changed.

We only consider new, or changes to existing parking restrictions where consistent and persistent parking is a safety concern. This includes locations with an existing injury record where we can reasonably expect the measures to bring about a casualty reduction. The area in question has a good safety record, which would not support the need for further parking measures on these grounds.

Whilst we understand the inconvenience that parking may cause on occasions, motorists will continue to visit the area. Additional measures may only displace the vehicles to a different location, that is possibly of a greater concern.

We have visited the location on approximately nine occasions, on various midweek days and times. We have not formally recorded our visits as they were ad hoc inspections where we did not establish any parking issues. On the majority of occasions, we observed an extremely small number of parked vehicles.

Residents may report instances of parking which causes an obstruction directly to the police on the non-emergency number 101. If the police approach us after acting, such as after issuing fixed penalty notices, and ask for help as their resources cannot stretch to continued enforcement, then we would consider their request sympathetically.

I hope this confirms our position.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Airey
District Lead Officer Highways and Transport
Lancashire County Council