

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 6th October 2022, 7.30PM @ Scorton Chapel

Present: Cllrs Drinnan, Collinson and Atkinson the clerk and a member of the public

1. Apologies:

PCSO Denise Creighton

Cllr Cottle

Cllr Kenyon

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

PCSO Denise Creighton sent an email today stating that there is little to report except for a theft from a shed in September.

For information, she has made contact with the school and has an appointment with the head next Friday afternoon.

It was raised that the windows have been smashed on the public toilets. The clerk was asked to inform her.

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

Parking issues/traffic on the village

The clerk reported that Eddie Mills (LCC) has emailed to say that LCC's position has not changed since their correspondence in May this year (Gubberford Lane).

The PC asked the clerk to respond to say they feel strongly about this issue and that pressure is being brought to bear by residents. She was requested to add that following discussion with Andrew Pratt, the PC would be willing to contribute financially if they know the cost or would be willing to undertake the line painting themselves.

Village enhancement

Cllr Drinnan reported the outcome of discussions with the Greater Garstang Partnership Board representative (Jan Finch) who has confirmed that there is no funding available at present but she will present Cllr Drinnan's enhancement scheme (once he has sent it), to the board for consideration.

He has also discussed with Ian Heywood (Wyre Council Conservation Officer) and he has stated that he is willing to work with the PC.

Cllr Drinnan asked that this be put on the next agenda for further discussion under "Scorton Conservation Area review".

Tree planting request (church field)

Deferred as Cllr Cottle absent.

Millennium Way surface quote

Cllr Drinnan reported that with the landscape architect had indicated that it would cost £25 per metre to excavate. This was noted by the PC and it has been confirmed that the surface appears to be bedding in, therefore no further action is required at this stage.

Leak outside The Priory

Cllr Collinson reported that it still leaks and that United Utilities believe it is rain water which is not the case. She will follow this up.

School wall

The clerk has had an email from school on 29th September to say that contractors are on site to undertake repairs and materials have been delivered. There were delays due to insurance. A claim was made by school against the driver's insurance. Payment is being sent to school and they will pay the contractors.

Blocked drains (Oakenclough Rd from Cross Hill Farm towards the fell)

The clerk reported the response from Highways. See appendix 2.

Cllr Atkinson said that this issue is getting worse. The clerk will send her the response so she can make further enquiries.

6. Standing items:

B4RN

Cllr Collinson has made further enquiries and they have confirmed it is very unlikely they will extend it further especially as prices have risen. She asked the clerk to take this off future agendas.

Parish Council website

Cllr Collinson stated that there are still issues with this. There are parts of text that are in Latin and she has been unable to find previous minutes. The clerk will again inform the person dealing with the website.

7. Open forum:

A member of the public raised the following:

Overgrown verge

He stated that this is on Station Lane between the bridge and the river bridge adjacent to the railway. That brambles are growing out making it a hazard for cyclists. The clerk was requested to contact Highways.

Rd Surface (Station Lane)

Cllr Collinson stated that it was important to send photos to Highways and keep reporting it.

Public Right of Way

It was reported that the footpath next to The Smithy on Oakenclough Rd is inaccessible as there is a dog contained next to the gate which puts people off using it. The clerk was asked to again report this to the PRow team (LCC) further to the last response received.

8. Playing field:

Damaged benches (2)

The clerk confirmed that she has asked PSCO Denise Creighton for the incident number for insurance purposes. This request has been acknowledged and the number will be provided.

The clerk stated she had sent Cllr Cottle some details of recycled benches for discussion but as he is absent, this will be deferred until the next meeting. It was suggested to buy locally sourced replacements. The clerk asked Cllr Collinson to get some prices for the next meeting.

9. Bikes & Barrows:

Funding for village lighting

This was discussed in terms of establishing which businesses have paid money to Bikes and Barrows and keeping them updated with regards to the invoice which so far, LCC has not supplied. As Cllr Cottle is absent, Cllr Drinnan will liaise with him and this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

10. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1.

11. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

No representatives present.

12. Planning:

Lea Green Farm (21/01165/FUL)

Due to unavoidable and unforeseen circumstances, Cllr Cottle has not yet spoken with the applicant. He had been in contact with Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech to ask him to look into it and asked him to attend tonight's meeting. The clerk will email Cllr Cottle after the meeting and ask him to make contact with the applicant as soon as is practicable. The clerk was requested to put this on the next agenda.

Application number	Description	Resolved PC comments
22/00904/FUL	Change of use of land for siting of 5 glamping pods @ Woodside Higher Lane Scorton	The PC expressed concerns about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Visual impact❖ Neighbourhood amenity such as noise nuisance and parking issues.❖ Lack of parking provision within the application.❖ No provision in the application apparent for water treatment and waste.
22/00965/FUL	Proposed two storey rear extension @10 Wyresdale Crescent Scorton	No objections or comments were raised.

13. Decision notices(status):

Application number	Description	Decision
22/00645/FUL	Creation of a new vehicular access to the highway (following permanent closure of existing) and new internal track @ Park Gate Farm Long Lane	Permitted
22/00649/FUL	Erection of a roof over existing muck midden @ Fell End Farm Off Long Lane Scorton	Permitted

14. Highways:

Contact for hedges (to request cutting)

Cllr Collinson has been trying to obtain the email address for the homeowner, who is aware of the request. She will make a further request.

The Barn entrance

Cllr Drinnan stated that this is becoming more dangerous. The clerk was requested to ask Mark O'Donnell (Highways engineer) for an update as to when this will be done (as per previous agreement).

Hill Bank (Gubberford Lane)

Cllr Collinson reported that there is still water flowing off the site and down the road. The clerk was asked to contact Jonny Leech to chase an update from Wyre Council Planning Enforcement.

15. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken:

The clerk has not yet received the latest time sheet.

Jobs to be done:

Litter picking now that leaves are falling.

PRoW Scheme update:

The clerk confirmed that the PRoW grant of £500 and the biodiversity grant of £300 was received on 6/10/22.

16. Village Hall:

No Update

17. Finance:

Account update as at 30/8 = **£16,465.57**

Items approved for payment:

Lengthsman invoice September cheque signed

Lengthsman P/F grass cutting September cheque signed

Defibrillator bill - £114.00 cheque completed and given to Cllr Collinson

N.B. 2 further cheques signed for the lengthsman for October bills as is customary.

18. Health & Safety:

No health and safety concerns raised.

19. Points of interest:

Cllr Attendance

Cllrs are respectfully reminded that if they are unable to attend, to inform the clerk at the earliest opportunity to ensure there is a quorate.

20. Date of next meeting: **24th November 2022 (PRECEPT)**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.45PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

Rural Services Network (RSN) – Rural bulletin 23/8, 6/9, 13/9, 21/9

NALC – Newsletter 24/8, 7/9, 21/9

Sightline – Parish Council collaboration

WC – Garry Payne retirement

WC – Portfolio holder decisions 18/8 x 3 links

WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda 25/8 link

NALC – Chief Executive’s bulletin 26/8, 2/9, 9/9, 16/9, 23/9

WC – Items published 30/8 links

WC – Cabinet agenda & minutes 7/9 link

WC – Planning agenda, supplement & minutes 7/9 link

WC- Items published 1/9 links

WC – Schedule of Executive Decisions 1/9, 9/9

WC – Flood Forum documents including agenda 8/9

LCC – Trading Standards consumer alerts September

LCC – Rd closure Station Lane 18/10 and subsequent cancellation notice

RSN – Rural funding digest Sept

WC – Council agenda 15/9 link

LALC – Protocol on marking the death of a senior national figure

WC – The passing of her majesty The Queen

LALC – Death of her majesty The Queen x 2

WC – Proclamation of accession 12/9 10AM

WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 15/9 link

WC – Items published 9/9 link

WC – Notification of Bank Holiday Monday 19th Sept

LCC – ICON week – comms brief & toolkit

WC – National silence for reflection Sunday 18th Sept 8PM

National Highways – update on last weekends closure between junct. 32 -33

LCC – Warm and welcoming spaces

WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda x 2 15/9 links

WC – Flood Forum minutes September

WC – Condolence arrangements and council office closure

WC – Audit agenda supplement 27/9 link

WC – Overview & Scrutiny minutes 5/9 link

LCC – Parish & Town Council conference Sat 12th Nov

National Highways – info re ongoing works M6 junct. 32-33

Community Futures – AGM 20th Oct

APPENDIX 2

Response from Highways 20th September (Andrew Huskisson):

Thank you for your email of 9 September 2022 regarding a councillor's concerns about the gullies near to Crosshills Farm on Oakenclough Road. I am sorry for any inconvenience caused in this matter.

I understand that works are currently taking place to investigate the issues raised and to jet and clear the drains to ensure they are running to their full capacity. Should any problems with the local drainage network be identified during our visit, we will ensure that any appropriate remedial works are carried out.

I hope the above information is of use, should residents require any further information, I would be grateful if you would encourage them to contact our Customer Services team directly by telephone on 0300 123 6780. Alternatively, should they wish to report any future highway issues they can use our new Report it on-the-go app which can be accessed through the Love Clean Streets application, further details of how to download the app can be found at [Report It on the go - Lancashire County Council](#) or through our online [Report It](#) tool. This will allow us to take prompt and appropriate action.