

## NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes for the PC meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 7.30PM @ Scorton Chapel

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

1. Apologies:

**PSCO Denise Creighton**

2. Declarations of Interest:

**None**

3. Minutes from last meeting:

**Signed as a correct record.**

4. Police report:

PCSO Denise Creighton provided an email report as follows:

- ❖ She has been into the primary school and had a meeting with the bursar re parent parking etc. Denise will look to complete some school patrols and try and educate etc.
- ❖ Denise has also visited the church and had a conversation with the wardens. She has been informed about some damage in summer to lighting that had been put up outside (by unknown youths). They have her number to report ASB also.

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

**Parking issues/traffic on the village**

The clerk reported the further response from Eddie Mills (LCC) regarding Gubberford Lane. See Appendix 2 for Eddie Mill's reply.

The clerk stated that there the works near Wyresdale Hall to the entrance of Nicky Nook has been completed as confirmed by Mark O'Donnell today. The PC commented that the work has made an improvement.

**The Barn (entrance)**

The clerk reported any further update from Mark O'Donnell (further to his last email on 6<sup>th</sup> July). He responded again on 7<sup>th</sup> October to say that the owners of the Barn have been spoken to and they are now just awaiting a start date – likely in the next 3-4 weeks. He said as soon as he has a definite date, he will let the PC know. The clerk has spoken to him today requesting an update and ascertained that due to the weather conditions, realistically it will now probably be completed around March next year but he assures the PC it will definitely be done. This will be followed up at the appropriate time.

### **Scorton Conservation Area review (village enhancement)**

Cllr Drinnan explained that the rules have changed since the last appraisal was done and the review undertaken now would offer a layer of protection e.g. in relation to housing development. Due to other commitments, Wyre have not done the review but have agreed to assist the PC if they want to undertake the work. The PC agreed to revisit at some point in the future.

### **Tree planting request (church field)**

Cllr Cottle reported that there has been no further update from Alison Boden (Coast & Countryside Officer @ Wyre Council). He will contact her again.

### **Overgrown verges (Station Lane adjacent to the railway line)**

The clerk reported the response from Highways. See Appendix 3. The clerk was asked to report issues to Network Rail (also refer Open Forum, item 7).

### **Inaccessible Public Right's of Way (Oakenclough Rd)**

The clerk reported the further response from the PRow team (Christopher Gregson) on 7<sup>th</sup> November which states that a letter has been sent to the owner regarding the issues but he was aiming to head there on the 8<sup>th</sup> November to chat about the dog and access. He will keep the PC updated on the process.

### **Leak outside the priory**

The clerk reported that she has received an update from UU via The Priory. She has been sent a screenshot which indicates that UU have suggested contacting Highways as they have found no issues with their pipework. Following discussion, the PC agreed that the clerk should report to Highways and copy in Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner due to health and safety implications that may arise from ice in the winter (also refer Open Forum, item 7).

## 6. Standing items:

### **Parish Council website**

The clerk reported that she had an email from Steve Elliott on 12<sup>th</sup> October stating that he had tidied up the website menus and removed unused options which has removed the Latin.

The PC requested the clerk to thank Steve for his efforts.

## 7. Open forum:

A member of the public emailed the clerk prior to the meeting to raise the following:

### **Electric in telephone box**

This has still not been fixed. Cllr Collinson will contact a local electrician.

### **Leak outside the Priory**

It is felt that assistance from the PC would help resolve this. (See item 5.)

A member of the public emailed comments prior to the meeting (circulated to PC) as follows:

### **Parking Gubberford Lane**

He complained about parking on the footpath narrowing the pavement including the overgrown hedge owned by the Wyresdale Anglers.

The clerk was requested to contact Wyresdale Anglers to request that the hedge be cut.

### **Overgrown verges**

He complained about the quality of mowing (the brambles are still there), the fact that the gullies are full of mowings and that the flags (that keep the embankment soil out of the gullies) have been damaged.

The clerk was requested to contact Network Rail (also see item 5).

### **Lea Green Farm**

He confirmed that many years ago, the hedge was removed on this corner and replaced with a steel fence to provide a better view for road safety. The new wooden fence has cut across the corner so preserving the clear view but trees have been planted in this remaining corner. He is concerned about these trees which, if they grow, could obstruct the view negating the benefits if the safety fence. (See item 10, Planning.)

### **Station Lane (overgrown hedge)**

He stated that this is affecting the lighting by obscuring it. He also suggested a road safety measure for pedestrians by marking a pedestrian priority path on the north side of the road to the A6.

It was confirmed that this is outside the parish.

### **Highway matters**

He has photographed images of neglect of the roads with drain and pothole issues.

### 8. Playing field:

#### **Damaged benches (2)**

The clerk reported that the incident number has been provided. The PC discussed benches and agreed that the clerk should report to the insurer the cost of a replacement bench from Glasdon (Phoenix recycled material) would be £702 inclusive of VAT.

#### **Playground inspection**

The clerk confirmed that she has received notification from the Play Inspection Company, that this has been delayed due to inspector illness but they are trying to get all outstanding inspections done as soon as they can.

#### **Goals on the MUGA**

Cllr Collinson stated that as these were damaged, they would be removed. Probable replacements are being considered.

## 9. Bikes & Barrows:

### **King's coronation**

An event is being considered for 6<sup>th</sup> May similar to the jubilee event. The PC are happy to support in principle.

### **Village Lighting scheme**

Cllr Drinnan has raised the issue with LCC about the reasons why Silverdale have had better lighting but he has had no satisfactory explanation. It was agreed that Cllrs Collinson and Drinnan will collaborate with a view to submitting a Freedom of Information request to establish the facts.

Cllr Cottle explained what was still owed to the B & B account (Scorton Millennium Committee).

Cllr Drinnan agreed to contact the Forest of Bowland to request the funds from them now the scheme is complete. Cllr Cottle will liaise similarly with The Barn and The Apple Store.

The PC agreed that all funds (once obtained) should be transferred to the PC account. The clerk will supply Cllr Cottle with the account details.

In the meantime, the clerk was instructed to contact Barrie Stoddard (LCC) and inform him that the PC are awaiting further information and will contact him in due course.

## 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)**

Cllr Cottle confirmed that Planning Enforcement have been in contact to say that they are taking action against the applicant. The case is currently with the solicitor but the site is to be returned to the status of a field meaning that electrics, water piping and fencing are to be removed and the gateway is to be returned to its original state.

The clerk stated that she had forwarded details of a TPO at this location to the PC prior to the meeting.

| <b>Application number</b> | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Resolved PC comments</b>  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| <b>22/00982/FUL</b>       | Proposed erection of a stable block and ménage for private use and creation of a new access track @ Land Adjacent To Tinkers Lane, Dolphinholme   | <b>Notification of no objection sent 03/11/22</b>                                |
| <b>22/01067/FUL</b>       | Installation of patio doors and velux windows to the side-elevation, new window and door to front elevation and replacement of all existing windows @ Springfield Farm The Square Scorton | <b>The PC support this application as it fits in with the Conservation Area.</b> |
| <b>22/01045/FUL</b>       | Erection of two dwellings (following demolition of existing buildings) @: Ashbourne Cottage Cleveley Bank Lane Scorton  | <b>The Parish Council has no objection to this application.</b>                  |
| <b>22/01100/COUQ</b>      | Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2 dwelling house (C3) with building operations under Class Q of the GDPO @: Broadfall Gubberford Lane Scorton       | <b>The Parish Council has no objection to this application.</b>                  |

13. Decision notices(status):

| <b>Application number</b> | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Decision</b>  |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>22/00666/FUL</b>       | Erection of an agricultural storage/livestock building @ Springfield Farm, The Square, Scorton | <b>Refused</b>   |
| <b>2200904/FUL</b>        | Change of use of land for siting of 5 glamping pods @ Woodside Higher Lane Scorton             | <b>Permitted</b> |

14. Highways:

**Hedge Station Lane**

Cllr Collinson stated that the homeowner has cut the hedge.

**Hedge (Six Arches)**

It was reported that this has still not been cut. The clerk was requested to contact them.

**Blocked drain (Long Lane outside Bobbin Mill)**

Cllr Atkinson stated that this is also flooding the garden at this property. The clerk was requested to inform Highways.

## 15. Lengthsman:

### **Jobs undertaken**

The clerk circulated the latest time sheet via email.

### **Jobs to be done**

PC agreed that he should clear leaves on Wagon Rd and keep drains clear throughout the parish.

### **PRoW materials**

The PC suggested that as several finger posts are in a bad state, that these should be replaced. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Stephen Williams (LCC PRoW) and request 10 posts and pointers and ask what is available in terms of how they are fixed. She was also asked to enquire about the replacement of the missing disabled sign on the boundary of the Millennium Way.

## 16. Village Hall:

Cllr Cottle confirmed that the funds are OK at present.

## 17. Finance:

### **6 month account update**

The account balance at the start of September (inclusive of the £500 & £300 LCC grants) is **£17,265.57** less remaining expenses of £8407.82 would leave an end of year balance of **£8,857.75** comprising of:

£3000 for the village lighting scheme as per precept 2021/22 – awaiting bill.

£1667.20 PrOW grant (LCC)

£300.00 Biodiversity grant (LCC)

**Contingency reserve less above is £3,890.55** (inclusive of unspent donations of £1000 and £600 to village halls which has not been paid this year).

### **Account update**

The clerk confirmed that the balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> October is **£15,444.25**

### **Precept 2023/24**

The PC approved a precept of **£25,000**.

Item discussed:

### **Scorton Chapel Room Hire**

The clerk confirmed that payment for both 2021-22 and 2022-23 have been factored into the account update so both years can be paid in March. She will put on the March agenda. Cllr Cottle confirmed he has so far, prepared one invoice.

Items approved for payment:

**Computer Solutions (payable to clerk) system check - £10.00 (per parish)**

The PC approved the proposal for a yearly maintenance check at this amount.

Items paid:

**Lengthsman invoice September** – fee £322.00 plus petrol £12.70 total **£334.70** paid 07/10/22

**Lengthman P/F grass cutting (x 2) September - £160.00** paid 07/10/22

Item discussed:

**Lengthsman invoice October** - £455 fee plus £20.39 materials - **£475.39** (paid 16/11/22, cheque given to Cllr Cottle).

**Lengthman P/F grass cutting (x 2) October - £160.00** (paid 16/11/22, cheque given to Cllr Cottle).

18. Health & Safety:

**No health and safety concerns raised other than the leak outside The Priory under item 5.**

19. Points of interest:

**Apologies for next meeting**

Cllr Cottle stated he would be away.

20. Date of next meeting: **26<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.05PM**

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

**Rural Services Network (RSN) – Rural bulletin 27/9, 4/10, 11/10, 18/10, 25/10, 1/11, 8/11**

**LCC – Bus service changes Oct**

**WC – Press release: have your say about life in Wyre**

**WC – Council minutes 15/9 link**

**WC – Audit minutes 27/9 link**

**NALC – Chief executive bulletin 30/9, 7/10, 14/10, 21/10, 28/10, 4/11, 11/11**

**LCC – Parish & Town Council conference 12/11 x 3**

**Community Futures – AGM proxy form**

**LALC – Mario mapping training 13/10**

**WC – Flood Forum meeting 15/12**

**LCC – Trading Standards consumer alerts Oct & Nov**

**LCC - Exploring Nature grant webinar & online mini meadow workshop**

**WC – Items published 3/10 links**

**WC – Schedule of executive decisions 3/10, 11/20, 27/10**

**WC - Overview & Scrutiny agenda, supplement & minutes 17/10 link**

**LALC – Wyre Area meeting 26/10 agenda and information**

**WC – Planning Policy newsletter Oct**

**LCC – Lancashire Culture & Sport fund**

**WC – Items published 11/10 links**

**WC – Cabinet agenda & minutes 19/10 link**

**WC – Press release: Wyre business awards 2022 finalists**

**RSN – Rural funding digest Oct & Nov**

**LCC – Moving traffic consultation**

**WC – Licence for Christmas trees and decorations 2022/3**



**LCC – Winter Stakeholder bulletin 21/10, 28/10, 4/11, 11/11**

**WC – Council agenda, supplement & minutes 27/10 link**

**LALC – AGM invite**

**WC – Employment and Appeals agenda & minutes 31/10 link**

**WC – Planning agenda, supplement & minutes 2/11 link**

**WC – Press release: Remembrance services taking place in Wyre**

**NALC – New publication**

**WC – Items published 27/10 links**

**LALC – DLUHC committee funding enquiry**

**LCC – Bus service changes Nov**

**NALC – Newsletter 2/11, 9/11**

**WC – Item published 3/11**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 17/11**

**LCC – Winter service**

**WC – Boundary Commission for England: final consultation partner toolkit**

**War Memorials Trust - magazine**

**NALC - Utility Aid**

**WC – Audit agenda supplement 15/11 link**

**LCC – Crowdfund Lancashire & Lancashire Culture & Sports fund**

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Highways (Eddie Mills) response 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022:**

As previously informed, a formal response has been provided.

In summary an emergency vehicle is highly likely to be able to attend and access under blue light. I have also witnessed Gubberford Lane outside work times during the summer and not observed significant issues that would support the request.

The County Council has confirmed that budgets and resources including staff are prioritized to locations with a poor safety record and Gubberford Lane currently does not meet any criteria where we would propose further intervention. The request also does not meet any strategic highway management objectives. The request for passing places and parking restrictions would not be considered or developed into a proposal and estimate of costs.

At times we are also aware that occasional events in the village may contribute to additional parking concerns and as part of any event a temporary traffic management plan should be prepared and submitted to the District ESAG group.

This may include placing additional cones and parking measures in order to support an event.

I am sorry but the County Council is unable to provide any further assistance to Nether Wyresdale Parish Council at the present time with regard to this request.

### **Appendix 3**

#### **Highways response 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022:**

The verge between the bridge and the river bridge on Station Lane is the responsibility of Network Rail. You may want to contact Network Rail direct by telephone on 0345 711 4141 or online via <https://communications-crm.custhelp.com/> We carried out an inspection and although the verge is overgrown, there is no vegetation overhanging the road.

You may wish to report any highway issues in the future via our new Report it on-the-go 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](#). This will allow us to take prompt remedial action.