

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

AGM minutes & annual parish assembly meeting of 25th May 2023, 7.30PM @ Scorton Chapel

**Present: Cllrs Atkinson, Collinson and Elliott,
Donald Hantom (former parish council chair), Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker
the clerk and a member of the public**

N.B. Acceptance of Office forms were completed prior to the start of this meeting. DPI forms were supplied (2 returned).

1. Apologies:

PCSO Denise Creighton

Declan Stephen

2. Dec of interest:

None

3. Minutes from last AGM:

Signed as a correct record on 16/6/22.

4. Arising:

No matters arising from last AGM.

5. Election of officers:

It was unanimously agreed to appoint the following:

Chairman – Cllr Collinson

Vice chairman – Cllr Elliott

LALC Wyre Area representative – To be deferred until the June meeting.

6. Chairman's report:

Donald Hantom reported the following:

- ❖ Normality has resumed with Covid out of the way and the Chapel has become the permanent and suitable venue for meetings.
- ❖ Not a great deal out of the ordinary appears to have transpired throughout the year but it is unfortunate that little or no progress has been made in particular relating to the serious traffic and parking issues on Gubberford Lane. Despite

complaints over a period of time, Highways take the view that they will only consider parking restrictions when consistent and persistent parking is a safety concern. They state the area has a good safety record and will not support the need for further parking measures. There is also the state of repair of the cobbles outside The Barn. Promises have been made to remedy the problem over a period of time and it is anticipated that this will happen shortly.

- ❖ The Village lighting scheme is now complete. Cllr Drinnan has raised several concerns to be pursued as to why other villages appear to have received a better deal when it comes to funding and the quality of equipment. Supported by Cllr Collinson, a Freedom of Information request to establish the facts was agreed.
- ❖ The website is now fully operational and is easy to access setting out agendas and minutes and meetings to take place.
- ❖ In the Autumn a water leak appeared outside the Priory and continued for some time without either United Utilities accepting responsibility and the issue is unresolved.
- ❖ The perennial problems remain as do potholes, blocked drains, ditches and overgrown hedging and verges throughout the Parish.
- ❖ Planning applications generally have not presented problems but in respect of unauthorized development on land opposite Lea Green Farm an enforcement notice has been served.
- ❖ Thank you to all the Parish Councillors for volunteering their time and in particular once again to Melanie our Parish Clerk for all her hard work knowledge and patience and for keeping us on track throughout the year. Not forgetting PCSO Denise Creighton for her attendances keeping us fully informed and aware of the goings on in the Parish in such a thorough and efficient manner and finally John the lengthsman for doing such a good job in seeing to the roads and landscape.

7. Finance:

Accounts 2022/23

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 **£12,059.81** comprising of:

PRoW **£1167.20**, Biodiversity grant **£300.00**, village lighting scheme **£3000** and **£7592.61** reserves.

The clerk made available for circulation the yearly spend against precept figures.

8. Open forum:

No items raised.

9. Annual meeting:

No items raised.

As there was no further business the meeting concluded @ 7.55PM and was followed by an ordinary meeting of the council.