

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 25th May 2023, 7.55PM @ Scorton Chapel

Present: Cllrs Atkinson, Collinson and Elliott, Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker
Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner the clerk, and a member of the public

1. Apologies:

PCSO Denise Creighton

Declan Stephen

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

Nuisance behaviour at the Church was reported to Denise Creighton prior to the meeting.

Cllr Collinson agreed to put a message on Whatsapp encouraging people to be vigilant and to provide any relevant information in case of issues.

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

Electric in telephone box

Cllr Collinson reported that there is still power to the defib box and stated that the telephone box requires upgrade.

The PC suggested that the lengthsman should be approached to see if he can address the appearance of it.

Village lighting scheme

Cllr Collinson has received no feedback further to the second Freedom of Information request.

The clerk stated that Barrie Stoddard had been in contact requesting a Purchase Order. She suggested that in order to preserve good relations with LCC, that the PC should agree to pay a portion of the PC bill (£1500 instead of the £3000 originally agreed) with an explanation.

The PC rejected this suggestion and stated that payment will not be made until there has been satisfactory response to the queries made.

Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner said he would look into the situation regarding the Silverdale Lighting and Cllr Collinson agreed to forward him the information relating to the FOI. The clerk was requested to send Barrie Stoddard's latest email communication to Shaun Turner so he has all the information.

Tree planting (Church field)

James Cottle stated he had heard nothing from Alison Boden. Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker offered to contact her if James Cottle sends her the relevant details.

Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner stated that there was grant funding available for this purpose (besides the Parish Champion Fund).

Tithebarn Lane road surface

The clerk reported the further response from Highways which states that they spoke to Cadent in 2021 and arranged for excavations to be carried out near to the high pressure gas main in the area. This done under the supervision of the utility company. A camera survey was completed which identified a blockage in the network which was subsequently cleared by the gully maintenance team at the time. Highways has confirmed that they will continue to monitor the area and arrange for future drainage works should they be required.

The PC confirmed that there are still issues with flooding on this road and requested the clerk to respond to Highways to find out what the next action will be to try to rectify this problem.

Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner asked the clerk to copy him in.

Plan 20/00182/FUL

The clerk reported the response from the planning department regarding monitoring any progress regarding the proposed footpath (up to Higher Lane) and restricted parking on the roadside. Planning has stated that they will not check on progress of a development. As long as works have started prior the expiry date, they can't instruct the start or completion of developments.

The clerk was asked to respond stating that the provision of the path was part of the application therefore, this should be done before the facility opens. The PC confirmed that the car park is in full use and there is also a sign directing traffic opposite the entrance which, the PC understand, is not permitted.

Blocked drain (Nr Bobbin Mill, Long Lane)

The clerk reported the response from Highways (31st March) as per appendix 2.

"Love Clean Streets" app

The clerk reported that she had received a response (addressing the issues experienced in using the application) from the Love Clean Streets support team which she forwarded to Cllr Atkinson on 24th March.

Cllr Atkinson stated she had not received the email and the clerk agreed to send this again.

The Barn Entrance

The clerk and Cllr Atkinson stated that they had been informed that it had been done but it was stated this is not the case. Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner asked the clerk to send him details of the latest communication with the Highways engineer Mark O'Donnell and he will look into it.

The clerk confirmed that Mark had informed her that all the materials were ready and they were just waiting for better weather with an anticipated start date of April 2023.

6. Open forum:

Hedge (between Springfield Gardens & play area)

The clerk read an email from a member of the public concerned about the lack of hedge trimming and the potential loss of daylight to the properties of Springfield Gardens.

The PC confirmed that arrangements will be made for this to be trimmed back after the bird nesting season in early autumn. Cllr Atkinson will make enquiries.

The clerk was asked to put this on the September agenda.

7. Playing field:

King Charles III Coronation commemorative benches

Further to discussion at the last meeting, the clerk confirmed that following agreement between meetings, she has ordered the benches and received confirmation of this on 9th May. She has also received the bill.

Cllr Collinson stated that she had not received the benches yet. The PC agreed to sign the cheque. The clerk will enquire about delivery prior to payment.

The PC agreed Cllr Collinson's suggestion to position one of the replacement chapel wall benches (commemorative bench as referred to above) outside the shop to replace a damaged one there.

Damaged waste bin (near the play area)

Following a report by Cllr Collinson, the clerk confirmed that the bin was replaced on 5th May.

Broken Dog sign

Following a report by Wyre Council expressing concern that the damaged sign may present a potential hazard, the PC discussed replacement as damaged beyond repair.

Cllr Collinson asked the clerk to order new signs. Cllr Atkinson stated she would provide the clerk details of a supplier. The PC agreed.

8. Bikes & Barrows:

James Cottle confirmed he would supply figures for the next meeting.

9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items discussed:

Best Kept Village information - To be deferred until the next meeting.

North West Stages Rally 2024 event

The PC support the event and the clerk was asked to respond accordingly.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

LCC matters - Discussed in previous topics under item 5.

Wyre Council matter - Discussed under item 5 (tree planting – Church field).

11. Planning:

New market garden business (Tithebarn Lane, opposite Ghyll Wood)

The clerk was requested to enquire with Planning Enforcement as to whether a planning application will be submitted.

Application number	Description	Resolved PC comments
23/00190/FUL	Replace existing UPVC, polycarbonate roofed conservatory with new larger brick built, flat roofed with lantern roof conservatory. @ Sunnydale Station Lane Scorton	Notification of no objection sent 04/05/23
23/00270/FUL	Conversion of the first floor of the Presbytery to a self-contained 2 bedroomed flat. Provision of disabled access ramp and accessible WC. Demolition of a garage building and removal of an oil tank slab, provision of a bin store @ St Mary And James Presbytery Snowhill Lane Scorton	Notification of no objection sent 02/05/23.
23/00271/LBC	Listed building consent for alterations to facilitate conversion of the first floor of the Presbytery to a 2 bedroom flat. Installation of a disabled access ramp and accessible WC. Demolition of modern garage, removal of oil tank and concrete base. Location: St Mary And James Presbytery Snowhill Lane Scorton	Notification of no objections received sent 09/05/23.

<p>23/00358/FUL</p>	<p>Change of use of agricultural land to form private menage and erection of stable block to provide two private stables @ Springfield Farm The Square Scorton</p>	<p>The Parish Council had no objection.</p>
<p>23/00438/FULMAJ</p>	<p>Redevelopment of Taylors Farm equestrian centre including provision of bed and breakfast guest accommodation with facilities, function rooms and reception @ Taylors Farm Long Lane Scorton</p>	<p>The Parish Council had no objection to this individual application but noted the link with applications 23/00439/FULMAJ and 23/00171/FUL.</p>
<p>23/00439/FULMAJ</p>	<p>Change of use of land to allow siting of up to 16 holiday lodges and construction of associated infrastructure @ Brook Lodge Oakenclough Road Nether Wyresdale</p>	<p>The Parish Council made the following observations:</p> <p>This is located within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is therefore disproportionate to the surroundings with the likelihood of an impact on the environment (for example with potential increase in traffic).</p> <p>Further to the above, it is noted that the three applications which also include 23/00438/FULMAJ & 23/00171/FUL are linked and there will be a cumulative environmental impact as a result of these three proposals.</p> <p>There are houses that are not included in the masterplan that need consideration.</p>

12. Decision notices(status):

Application number	Description	Decision
23/00124/COUQ	Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1 dwelling house (C3) with building operations under Class Q of the GDPO @ Broadfall Gubberford Lane Scorton	Prior approval approved
22/01169/FUL	Change of use of land for siting of 5 glamping pods. (Resub of 22/00904/FUL) @ Woodside Higher Lane Scorton	Permitted

13. Highways:

None

14. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk confirmed she had circulated the latest time sheet via email.

Jobs to be done

See item 5 (telephone box).

Lengthsman duties

The PC discussed and confirmed that the lengthsman will not undertake substantial work at the village hall.

Cllr Collinson felt that his pay form this year should be increased to £17 per hour.

The PC agreed in view of price increases and the cost of living crisis.

15. Village Hall:

None

16. Finance:

account update

The latest balance as at 4th May is **£38,957.50**.

Items approved for payment:

PC insurance (BHIB) – £624.91 Long Term Agreement

Community Futures subscription - £30.00

Lengthsman invoice April - £345.00 cheque given to Cllr Collinson

Lengthsman (P/F grass cut x 2 April) - £160.00 cheque given to Cllr Collinson

LALC sub - £141.93

Items paid:

Lengthsman invoice March – (£280 fee plus £9.37 fuel) total £289.37 paid 18/04/23

Item discussed:

Sloane & Sons {2 replacement benches (chapel wall) jubilee} - £1423.00

The clerk to check delivery date prior to payment.

17. Health & Safety:

No health and safety concerns raised.

18. Points of interest:

PC vacancies

The PC approved the co-option of Phil Gledhill (subject to the return of paperwork) in his absence as he is currently away.

The clerk will notify Wyre Council about the other vacancy and await the appropriate notice.

Changes to signatories on bank account

The clerk supplied forms for completion and signing to add new and existing members onto the account.

Changes to contact list

The clerk established what contact details to display and confirmed the addition of Cllr Elliott to the shared contact list for general PC correspondence.

19. Date of next meeting: **29th June 2023**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded @ 9.35PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

WC – Flood Forum info 9/3

WC – Audit minutes 28/2 link

WC – Planning minutes 1/3 link

Rural Services network (RSN) – Rural bulletin 7/3, 14/3, 21/3, 28/3, 4/4, 12/4, 18/4, 25/4, 3/5

LCC – Bad weather brief

NALC - Newsletter 8/3, 16/3, 22/3, 29/3, 5/4, 12/4, 19/4, 26/4, 27/4, 3/5

LCC – Bus service changes March & May

WC – Flood Forum supporting documentation for 9/3

WC – Standards agenda & minutes 16/3 link

WC – items published 9/3 links

WC – Overview & Scrutiny minutes 27/2 link

WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 9/3 link

WC – Press release – Budget for the year ahead

WC – Press release: Holiday clubs (Easter)

LCC – Winter stakeholder bulletin 10/3, 24/3

WC – Cabinet agenda & minutes 22/3 link

WC – Council minutes 9/3 link

WC – Coronation celebrations

WC - Questionnaire - Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment

WC - Press release: Financial support funding for Wyre residents

WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 6 16/3 links

WC – Licensing agenda & minutes 28/3 link

WC – Centenary celebrations

WC – Press release: Garstang Walking Festival 2023

WC – Press release: Coronation celebrations

WC – Nominations for the Sheraton Trophy

LCC – Local elections voter ID

NALC – Chief executives bulletin 24/3, 31/3, 14/4, 21/4, 28/4, 5/5

Elancity – Radar speed sign info

WC - Portfolio holder decisions agenda 23/3 link

WC – Planning agenda, supplement and minutes 5/4 links

NALC – Utility Aid

WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 2 30/3 link

LALC Wyre Area – Documents for meeting 25/4

WC – Items published 3/4 links

WC – Schedule of executive decision 3/4, 2/5

RSN – Rural funding digest April & May

LCC – Trading Standards consumer alerts April

WC- Flood Forum minutes and documents for 9/3

WC - Portfolio holder decisions agenda 13/4 link

WC – Council agenda & minutes 20/4 link

LCC – Coronation big lunch 7/5

WC - Portfolio holder decisions agenda 13/4 x 5 links

WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda & minutes 24/4 link

WC – Licensing agenda 25/4 link

WC- Planning agenda & supplement 26/4 link

WC – Press release: Vote at local elections 4/5

WC – Items published 2/5 links

WC – Planning Policy local validation checklist consultation

LCC – Trading Standards consumer alerts May

APPENDIX 2

Response regarding blocked drain near Bobbin Mill, Long Lane 31st March:

I can confirm that we jetted and cleansed this particular gully on a recent visit of 28 March 2023. This left the highway drainage system running clear, with no underlying problems. We apologize for the delay in resolving this issue, and we appreciate your patience.

As you may be aware, all our highway drainage systems flow into sewers, or local watercourses (and ultimately into rivers and then the sea). We do rely on these watercourses being in good order for our drains to be effective. If they reach capacity, water can back up and discharge onto the highway. This then pools around the gully, flooding the highway.

Any period of exceptionally heavy rain can overwhelm the highway drainage system. This does not always suggest an underlying problem, but simply that the volume of water has exceeded the system's capacity for a brief period. This excess water does drain away over time once the downstream water levels fall.

In light of the above, we cannot guarantee that the gully outside Bobbin Mill will never appear blocked in future. Should this happen, we would always encourage residents to use our 'Report It on-the-go' to notify us promptly. Ideally with any supporting images to aid our investigations.

Residents can find the Report It on-the-go app by searching for 'Love Clean Streets' on the [Apple Store](#) or the [Google Play Store on their mobile phone or tablet](#). Alternatively, they may wish to call our customer access service on 0300 123 6780.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Kind regards
Emma

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