

## NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes for the PC meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7.30PM @ Scorton Chapel

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

1. Apologies:

**None received.**

2. Declarations of Interest:

**None**

3. Minutes from last meeting:

**Signed as a correct record.**

4. Police report:

**None**

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

#### **Parish council paperwork**

It was confirmed that Andrew Thompson completed the relevant paperwork prior to the meeting and is therefore officially a cllr.

#### **Changes to bank account**

Cllr Stephen absent. The clerk has liaised with LALC and their advice is that most high street banks are unsuitable as they do not want PC accounts. Currently, the only account that provides for PC's is Unity Trust. Cllr Collinson is concerned about bank charges. It was agreed that cllrs look into other possibilities for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **Tree planting (Church field)**

Cllr Gledhill stated that he has had an onsite meeting with Alison Boden (Wyre Council) and she has confirmed that she can arrange for volunteers to be drafted in to undertake the planting along with a local working group. Cllr Gledhill circulated a map and discussed proposals which include a copse, orchard and bench. This would be undertaken in three phases between Nov and March. He will seek permissions and take this forward. The PC agreed that Parish Champion funding could be applied for to pay for some of the trees. Cllr Gledhill will send costings to the clerk. She will partially fill in the form and send it to him to complete some of the questions.

### **Overgrown verge (Station Lane) near railway line**

The clerk reported that she has been in contact with network rail several times and has finally received a response to say that this will be done on or around 17<sup>th</sup> October.

### **SpID**

Cllr Gledhill reported he had received no update from PCSO Denise Creighton. The clerk said she would email her and ask her to contact him.

### **Overgrown hedge (Station Lane 50 yards on left past railway bridge)**

Cllr Collinson stated that she thought this had been cut back.

### **Overgrown hedge (Six Arches)**

The clerk reported that she has contacted them and they agreed to have the hedge cut. She was supposed to receive confirmation by email but she has not heard back yet. She rang them today but the person she is dealing with is away until tomorrow.

### **Parish Champion funding**

Refer tree planting.

### **6. Open forum:**

#### **A member of the public reported the following by email today:**

*“The verge on Station Lane between the River bridge and the Railway Bridge was mown a few weeks ago. the grass is OK but brambles at the back of the verge and coming through the fence from the railway still stick out over the road in several places at face height and are a danger to anyone cycling or walking on there in the dark.*

*The hedges between the railway bridge and the first house were a bit trimmed a little up to about one metre. I think it was probably done by the verge mowing tractor as it happened the same day but thorns and brambles still stick out a long way over the carriageway and are dangerous. They both want cutting properly to well back from the edge of the tarmac.*

*The surface on Station Lane from the railway bridge to the village is terrible. Many of the thousands of bumps and holes may not exceed 39mm but together they mean the road is unacceptable.*

*The surface on the Gubberford lane Between Riverside and the last house is a line of holes along the old gas trench. There are several areas of potholes in the 100 metres south of the entrance to Broad Fall. and the Cabus section of our main road to the A6 is still in a disgraceful state of ridges and potholes.*

*Finally there are many if not all the gullies on Gubberford Lane that stand full to overflowing every time it rains. It may be the drain behind some of them that is blocked and needs jetting.”*

The clerk was asked to send Cllr Collinson the email and on this occasion, she will report these matters on the “Love Clean Streets” app.

7. Playing field:

**Commemorative benches**

The PC have not decided yet where to install the second bench. This will be considered at the next meeting.

**Play equipment review**

Cllr Collinson explained a map of the playing field to Katie Woods who has agreed to look at the play equipment on behalf of the PC. It was stated that there is a need to replace some equipment preferably without disturbing the base and that the aim was to keep moving things forward. The clerk explained that there is an annual play inspection which is due in December. She will copy Katie into this. The PC agreed that Katie should canvas school to see what equipment they would like to see bearing in mind that the area is for 0-16 year olds. Katie will also look into funding.

8. Bikes & Barrows:

**None**

9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Item to discuss:

**LCC – Footpath diversion Broad Fall** – The PC had no objections.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker reported the following:

**Request for white lines (passing places) Gubberford Lane**

Cllr Gledgill explained that he had been in contact with a contractor regarding costs for lines and it has been confirmed that permission must be sought and that he had removed previously unauthorized lines in another area incurring a cost. Cllr Gledhill subsequently contacted Cat Smith MP, who has written a letter to the head of Highways Phil Durnell (circulated). Cllr Walker confirmed that she had been copied into this.

Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner reported the following:

**Request for white lines (passing places) Gubberford Lane**

He will look into this. The PC agreed prior to further action.

**Blocked gully (Tithebarn Lane)**

He has reported the one causing the issue near the gas box which when he observed it, was gushing water.

10. Planning:

Application number	Description	Resolved PC comments

11. Decision notices(status):

<b>Application number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>23/00650/FUL</b>	Erection of a three-car garage/log store with first floor home office and gym @ Broadfall Gubberford Lane Scorton	<b>Permitted</b>
<b>23/00363/FUL</b>	Erection of an agricultural building, 2 polytunnels, 2 seed storage containers, 1 welfare unit, creation of hardstanding, and creation of new vehicular access off Tithe Barn Lane. @ Greenark Woodland Nursery, Tithe Barn Lane, Scorton	<b>Refused</b>
<b>23/00171/DIS</b>	Revised access arrangement at Taylor's Farm onto Long Lane @ Taylors Farm Long Lane Scorton Approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (highways construction details), 4 (landscaping), 5 (RAMS mammals), 6 (watercourse method statement), 7 (habitat creation)	<b>Accepted</b>

12. Highways:

**Response from Highways re Love clean streets App issues (March)**

The clerk reported she has received the following response today regarding issues raised about the app earlier in the year as follows:

- ❖ If there is an issue with information submitted, it is not possible to go back and change it. – *“LCS reflects the same process used when submitting faults through the Report It site, so the same logic has been applied. If you need to you could submit another request and quote any previous LCS reference numbers.”*
- ❖ If a problem has been reported, rectified and the problem re-occurs soon afterwards, it can't be reported again. – *“Yes, it can be reported again.”*

- ❖ The system does not recognize some gullies. – *“Our asset management team is responsible for adding any missing assets, if you find one is missing you can select the nearest to it and put in your description notes that the requested asset is missing, and it will get picked up and added.”*
- ❖ The system is sluggish and slow. – *“The app is real time and we have had no issues or reports of it being slow.”*

### 13. Lengthsman:

#### **Jobs undertaken**

The clerk circulated the latest time sheet via email.

#### **Jobs to be done**

Cllr Atkinson said he had not done the footpath sign yet on Harrisend fell. Cllr Collinson has not informed him about this yet but will now do so.

### 14. Village Hall:

#### **No Update**

### 15. Finance:

#### **account update**

No latest bank statement received.

Items approved for payment:

**Lengthsman invoice September – fee £544 and fuel £21.71 total £565.71**

Cheque given to Cllr Collinson.

Item discussed:

**Garstang Christmas Light's Appeal (via Garstang Town Council) request for donation** - The PC agreed not to donate as they have their own village lights.

### 16. Health & Safety:

**The PC raised any health and safety concerns.**

### 17. Points of interest:

#### **Account update**

Cllr Colinson asked the clerk to separately list the playing field funds (for the precept) and to include reference to Bikes and Barrow figure yet to be transferred to the PC account.

### 18. Date of next meeting: **23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 (PRECEPT)**

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

**Rural Services Network (RSN) rural bulletin – 22/8, 30/8, 5/9, 12/9**

**Fawn – Playground development**

**LCC – Rd closure Station Lane 3/3/24**

**NALC – Newsletter 23/8, 30/8**

**LCC – Community Ownership Fund**

**NALC – Chief executives bulletin 24/8, 31/8, 7/9, 14/9, 21/9**

**LCC – Rd closure Long Lane Scorton 25/8**

**Sunshine Gym – Play equipment**

**WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda & minutes 4/9 link**

**WC – Cabinet agenda & minutes 6/9 link**

**WC – Planning agenda, supplement & minutes 6/9 link**

**LCC – Rd closure, Gubberford Lane Cabus 09/10/23**

**LCC – Parish & Town Council conference 4<sup>th</sup> November x 2**

**WC – Items published 4/9 links**

**WC- Schedule of executive decisions 4/9**

**WC – Licensing minutes 22/8 link**

**NALC – Newsletter 6/9, 13/9, 20/9**

**LCC – Trading Standards consumer alerts Sept**

**WC – Council agenda & minutes 14/9 link**

**WC – Press release: reducing council emissions (fossil fuels)**

**Lancs Fire & Rescue – Newsletter**

**WC – Portfolio holder decision agenda 7/9 link**

**RSN – Rural Funding Digest Sept**

**WC – Flood Forum meeting info and agenda 14/9**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 3 14/9 links**

**Lancs Fire & Rescue – changes to fire safety legislation**

**LCC – Bus service changes Oct**

**NALC – National charity tender**

**WC – Mayor charity dinner 6/4**

**WC – Audit & Standards agenda 26/9 link**