

PARISH OF NETHER KELLET

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Congregational Church Hall on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Present:

Councillor Mrs J Bentham (Chair)
Councillor Mr M Uttley (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Mrs S Mason
Councillor Mr D Whitaker
Councillor Mr I Williams
Councillor Mr M Winrow

In attendance:

Adrian Osmotherley - Parish Clerk
Phillippa Williamson - County Councillor
Stephen Hinde - Village Hall Chair
The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

20469 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Councillor Halhead.

20470 **MINUTES:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 be approved.

20471 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

There were no declarations of interest.

20472 **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ONLY UPDATES:**

(i) **Public discussion:**

There were no residents or members of the general public in attendance.

(ii) **Clerk report and correspondence:**

Councillor Winrow has now been added to the existing two authorized Unity Trust banking signatories.

An invitation to Lizzi Collinge (MP) has been sent for her to attend one of the Parish Council meetings planned for 2025.

A new large waste bin has been provided by Lancaster City Council in the layby adjacent to the junction Main Road/Bolton Road and Kellet Lane. The new waste bin replaces the existing two smaller waste bins that were old and damaged.

Lancashire County Council have now confirmed that an annual empty and clean will be carried out to all gullies on Halton Road and Shaw Lane.

(iii) **and reports since the last meeting including:**

1) **LALC:**

The Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC) area meeting was held on the 15.01.2025. Minutes from the meeting will be forwarded to Councillors once they have been received.

2) **QUARRY:**

The Parish Clerk advised that he had sourced a contact (Rod Holroyd) from Tarmac who are the Leapers Wood Quarry owners. The contact details have been passed to Councillor Williams. Councillor Williams advised he

would contact Rod shortly to discuss the overgrown hedge adjacent to the public footpath between Hilltop Lane and Longdales Lane.

3) **TWINNING ASSOCIATION:**

Nothing to report.

4) **FLY-TIPPING:**

There had been one issue, a mattress dumped on the side of the carriageway, since the last meeting which has now been cleared.

5) **PRoW:**

The four kissing gates between Bottom Gardeners Hill and Cattle Bridge and the two kissing gates at the top of Laithbutts Lane are still awaiting repair by Lancashire County Council PRoW Team.

6) **VILLAGE HALL:**

Stephen Hinde advised that the games night (darts and dominoes) was a great success and well attended. The plan is for the games night to be held every two weeks.

7) **PROJECTS:**

A final safety Inspection has now been carried out to the roundabout and basket swing. All works have now been carried out by the play area refurbishment contractor ESP Play Ltd.

A request has been made to Elan City Ltd for an updated quotation for the third speed (SPiD) sign that had been agreed for erection on the verge on Main Road close to the existing School signage. The new SPiD sign had been put on hold during the refurbishment of the play area.

8) **B4RN:**

Nothing to report.

9) **LENGTHSMAN REPORT:**

The Lengthsman monthly Time and Works Record sheet for January 2025 had been received and passed to Councillors in advance of the meeting for information. Summary of works carried out were as follows;

Removal of the Christmas tree lights for storage. Erection of new "No Dogs Allowed" signs to the Parish Council owned playing field. Repairs to a damaged flag in the troughs area on Shaw Lane.

10) **GRASS/VERGE CUTTING:**

Nothing to report.

11) **OTHER MATTERS:**

Stephen Hinde advised that he had now found the emergency equipment itinerary and would forward this to the Parish Clerk. Currently the emergency equipment is stored at the Village Hall. The concern is that some of the equipment may need to be replaced and/or updated due to its age.

Halton FC Juniors have advised that the annual maintenance work to the football pitch area of the Parish Council owned playing field will be carried out week commencing 28.04.2025. The following maintenance works will be carried out by an approved contractor;

Shockwave / Verti Draining - This is a tractor pulling a sizeable machine behind it to punch holes in the soil to improve drainage and create gas

exchange.

Weed and Feed - Applied by a manual walk around and a large trolley hopper / backpack sprayer.

Dressing - The application of several tonnes of sand.

Seeding - Application of new grass seed, via a hopper connected to a tractor.

Following these works the seeded areas will need to be fenced off and closed. During the 2 to 4 weeks following the work any organised events (where people run about) should be avoided to allow the grass seed to germinate and take hold. All the above will be confirmed nearer the date depending on weather conditions.

The Chair advised that she had been asked by a resident whether it would be possible for dog owners to bring their dogs into the playing field area during the Field Day event. A discussion was held by Councillors, and it was agreed that this would not be allowed as no dogs, even on a lead, are allowed in the playing field and play area.

Councillor Winrow advised that the Quarry entrance/exit onto Back Lane was regularly causing sludge and slurry to run onto the Back Lane carriageway and adjacent footway. Councillor Winrow advised that in the first instance he would report the issue to Lancashire County Council via the Love Clean Streets App. The ongoing issue will also be reported at the next Quarry Liaison Meeting.

20473 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS/TRAFFIC ORDERS:**

Application No:	Description & Site Address
24/01412/FUL	Erection of 5 Silos. Lower Addington Farm, Birkland Barrow Road, Nether Kellet, LA6 1FJ.
25/00054/FUL	Part retrospective application for the erection of five agricultural livestock buildings and formation of area of hardstanding. Hill Top Farm, Hill Lane, Nether Kellet, Carnforth, Lancashire LA6 1HA.

The Parish Clerk advised that there had been two new planning applications since the last meeting. Details of the above planning applications had been sent to Councillors for their comment in advance of the meeting. Application **24/01412/FUL** was unanimously supported by the Parish Council. Application **25/00054/FUL** was majority supported by the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk advised that he had updated the Lancaster City Council Planning Applications and Decisions Portal with the Parish Council view.

20474 **PLANNING AUTHORITY DECISIONS:**

The Planning Applications Comments and Decisions January 2025 document had been updated and passed to all Councillors in advance of the meeting. The Parish Clerk advised that since the last meeting application **24/0248/TCA** was permitted on the 20.01.2025.

20475 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Description	Amount £
Mr A Osmotherley Clerks fees and expenses - January 2025	£480.04
HMRC Payroll Payment for Parish Clerk Salary - January 2025	£112.00
Mr M Ashton Lengthsman fees and expenses - January 2025	£68.70
Congregational Church Hall - Meeting Room Hire Oct and Nov 2024 and Jan 2025	£54.00
Lloyds Bank Master Card Account Service Charge - January 2025	£3.00

Copies of all invoices had been passed to Councillors in advance of the meeting for their information. After a discussion and explanation of the invoiced details by the Parish Clerk it was **RESOLVED** that all the above payments be made.

20476 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Congregational Church Hall on **Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 7.00pm.**

The Parish Council meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Clerk of the Council: *A Osmotherley*

Date: 14.02.2025

Chair: *J Bentham*

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