

Parking issues in Calder Vale

Clerk contacted the Lappet Manufacturing Company regarding the parked cars in Calder Vale village – large wagons sometimes encounter issues, but not often. Clerk emailed Traffic Police in relation to this matter, Monday 1.2.16. Received the following response:

In answer to your questions, I have searched our records of incidents from 01/01/2010 to 01/02/2016 and there is only one record of complaint about the parking/speeding in the village, which was a log made out for your good self, LC-20150721-0206. There have been no reported road traffic accidents (neither injury or non-injury) and unless someone is parked in a dangerous manner or causing an unnecessary obstruction the police do not deal with parking on restricted lines ie double yellow lines, limited waiting, as the power to deal with those type of parking offences went to County Council who employ a contracted company Park Wise to enforce such breaches! As there are currently no parking restrictions in the village and some of the village roads are private/unadopted it would make it difficult for LCC to impose yellow line restrictions in large parts of the village! I know many residents would be very upset if parking became restricted even more, with yellow lines being imposed, as there clearly is little alternative and I take it the Parish Council does not have the funds to buy a piece of land and apply for planning for change of use of land and build a residents only car park, so that the parking issues could be eased that way?

Having dealt with many, many complaints about people parking inconsiderately and liaised with LCC, their response to me has been that it is not sufficient for LCC to spend the limited moneys they now have on such low risk requests, when they have to grade their priorities and the high risk accident spot areas will always take a higher priority!. Having had no reported road traffic accidents in the village it will make it very hard to justify to LCC Highways to raise it as a higher priority! All that can be done is if there are any road traffic collisions, dangerous parking or unnecessary obstruction that they are phoned in to the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency, at the time the incident is occurring, so that a timely response can be made. As LCC Highways use records of accidents and statistics to help with their decisions I can only encourage anyone involved in such an incident to report it. Sadly the village parking issues are not dissimilar to many such requests to Highways within the Rural Wyre area and there are very limited powers for the police to be able to deal with incidents where there are no road traffic offences being committed.

Sorry if my response was not helpful enough and good luck with your endeavours and efforts.

- On 08.01.2016 Clerk wrote a letter to Bellway Homes Customer Services Department in relation to the hole in the hedge which borders the public open space on the development off Dimples Lane / Rennie Close. No response received.
- On 19.02.2016 Clerk chased up the matter of the condition of the road North of Walker House, Strickens Lane. Response received as follows: *Please accept my apologies for the delay in resolving this issue, an officer is going out to inspect the road today and will arrange for any actionable defects to be repaired as soon as possible.*

Clerk's report, prepared for the Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council meeting, 13th April 2016

On 29.02.2016 Clerk followed up this response as the visit to the road should have taken place. No response.

On 11.3.2016 Clerk followed up this response again. Received the following response:

Dear Ms Mason

I refer to your email of 4 March in respect to a defect outside Walker House, Strickens Lane, Barnacre with Bonds.

I can advise the defect was repaired on the 9 March.

- Clerk received an email from a member of the Parish in relation to Helmsdeep. Queries around the fact that the wind turbine had turned twice in the whole time it has been erected and that the owners are occupying the site residentially. The Parish Council were asked if planning permissions had been granted for this. Clerk contacted Wyre Council Planning Department with the information and investigations are to take place. Clerk sent the following response to the member of the Parish:

Thank you for your email.

Firstly may I apologise for the delay in my response. In order for me to comment on behalf of the Parish Council regarding any planning permissions granted, I needed to check with Wyre Council planning department about what permissions have been granted.

The Parish Council would not support any breach to planning control, but it is not the role of the Parish Council to police such matters. If any issues are highlighted to myself as Clerk I would contact Wyre for advice and bring any issues regarding planning to their attention for further investigation. As you will know, the site has had a variety of different applications over the years, some of which have been granted and some refused so it is a little hard to keep track.

Until your email I was unaware of the site being used for permanent residency. Wyre Council will need to make enquiries to ascertain the facts. With regard the Wind Turbine - I know there have been technical issues in the past which Wyre Council have been aware of as the Parish Council have reported the "non-functioning" wind turbine and told that the owners were given significant time to get things sorted.

I have contacted Wyre Council regarding both matters you have brought to my attention.

The planning department have informed me that they will investigate the matter to decide, firstly, whether there has been any breach of planning control. If there is no breach of planning control, they will not be able to take any action under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act. However, they will inform any other departments of the Council or other agencies who may have an interest in the matter.

If there has been a breach of planning control, they will then consider whether any action is justified. To decide that, they will have regard to relevant central Government guidance and Council policies and consider whether harm is being caused to the amenity of local residents or to the character of the area.

In any event, they will let me know the outcome when such investigations are concluded, but in some cases these investigations can take a long time.

Many thanks again for your email.

Planning applications

- 16/00040/FUL – Two-storey side extension @ Highfield, 35 Garstang Road, Bowgreave (no objections)
- 16/00048/LAWE – Lawful development certificate for existing use of building for storage @ Land at Sullom Wood, Calder Vale Road (objection sent 09.01.2016)
- 14/00949/NOMAT1 – Non material amendment to planning permission 14/00949/FUL for removal of single-storey rear extension, new windows and door to South elevation, removal of chimney, alterations to roof and addition of cladding and alterations to window in West elevation @ The Schielieng, Castle Lane.
- 16/00070/FUL – Erection of a domestic outbuilding (retrospective) @ Bailtons Farm, Turner Lane (no objections)
- 16/00050/FUL - Single storey side extension and detached log store (re-submission 12/00634/FUL) @ Bramblewood Parkhead Lane (no objections)
- 14/00949/NOMAT1 - Non-material amendment to planning permission 14/00949/FUL for removal of single-storey rear extension, new windows and door in south elevation, removal of chimney, alterations to roof and addition of cladding and alterations to window in west elevation @ The Schieling, Castle Lane.
- 16/00211/FUL – Re-positioning of existing garden wall @ 8 Shepherds Avenue, Bowgreave (no objections)
- 16/00213/FUL – Engineering works to form a new pond for private leisure use @ Sandholme Mill (no objections)
- 16/00226/OUT – Outline application for the erection of 2 detached dwellings @ High Gables, 35A Garstang Road, Bowgreave (objection sent 29.03.16)
- 16/00231/FUL - 2no. storey side extensions, single storey rear extension and new front porch. Widening of vehicle access @ Blackfield , Dimples Lane (no objections)

Planning decisions

- **Permission granted** for application 15/00965/FUL – Single storey rear extension @ 3 Shepherds Avenue, Bowgreave.
- **Permission refused** for application 15/00982/FUL – Conversion of 2 existing barns to 4 holiday cottages (re-submission of 14/00827/FUL) @ Landskill Farm, Calder Vale.
- **Discharge granted** for application 15/00507/DIS – Discharge of conditions 02 (materials) 03 (landscaping) 05 (desk study) & 10 (boundary treatments) on application 15/00507/FUL @ Eidsforth Lane.
- **Prior approval approved** for application 16/00001/AGR – Prior notification for an extension to existing agricultural storage building @ Woodacre Lodge Farm, Hazelhead Lane.
- **Amendment accepted** for application 14/00949/NOMAT1 - Non-material amendment to planning permission 14/00949/FUL for removal of single-storey rear extension, new windows and door in south elevation, removal of chimney and alterations to window in west elevation @ The Schieling, Castle Lane.
- **Permission granted** for application 16/00040/FUL – 2 Storey side extension @ Highfield, 35 Garstang Road, Bowgreave.
- **Permission granted** for application 16/00050/FUL – Single storey side extension and detached log store (re-submission of 12/00634/FUL) @ Bramblewood, Parkhead Lane.

Nicky Mason