

Minutes of the Meeting of Wetheral Parish Council held on Wednesday,
9th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Club House, Wetheral

PRESENT

Chairman – M. Higginbotham

Councillors

B. Earp	I. Yates	M. Murray
S. Higgs	M. Nelson	D. Poole
P. Bainbridge	D. Hughes	
G. Round	C. Dodd	

Also present; County Cllr N Marriner, 3 residents of the Parish.(part)

71/15 Apologies for absence

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs Holmes, Nemeth, Strickland &, Pattinson, and District Cllr D Parsons, County Cllrs J Mallinson & B. Graham.

72/15 Minutes of the Council Meetings

(i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th August 2015.

73/15 Request for Dispensation

None were requested

74/15 Declarations of Interest

(i) Cllr. Earp declared an interest in items relating to Carlisle City Council.

75/15 Public Participation

a. Residents

(i) Mr. Ferguson, resident of Wetheral updated the members following a meeting with the Arbitration board regarding Skelton House.(to be e-mailed)

A request was made for the parish Council to consider objecting to 15/0712 a non-material amendment of the configuration of the sky lights in the building. (noted that there is no previous permission for these) Also to request that this is dealt with as a retrospective material amendment.

(ii) Councilor Reports;

~ Cllr Marriner reported funds are now available for small businesses, cultural heritage and rural tourism- European Leaders Fund. To contact him for further information.

~ Cllr Higgs reported that the Border Rambler rural bus is now in operation on a Tuesday & Friday.

If there are any other rural communities who could benefit from a similar service, please contact the operators.

76/15 Planning Applications Considered;

(i) App **15/0561** **Former Warwick Bridge post Office, Warwick Bridge**

Continuation of use of Premises as Café

Resolved - No Observations

(ii) App **15/0455** **Land between Lambley Bank House & White House, Scotby**

Amended details/further information

Resolved – No Observations

(iii) App **15/0735** **Land adj 3 Holme Park, Holme Lane, Aglionby**

Erection of Terrace dwelling (Outline/Revised App)

Resolved – Objection to the lack of car parking spaces for the cottages as the proposed site is the current parking area. Adequate safe provision should be made for parking.

77/15 Tree Applications Considered

(i) 15/0012 TPO Scotby Green Steading, Scotby

Prune 2x beech & 2 x Sycamore to clear building by 1.5m.

Fell 3x sycamore due to damage to retaining wall

Remove 2x beech & 1 ash due to poor condition

Resolved to support this application – as per the submission from Cllr Earp.

(ii) 15/0033 S211 Queens Arms Inn, Warwick on Eden

Fell one Tree and crown thin 2 trees

Resolved – ward members to meet and consider the application once the tree has been identified.

(iii) 15/0032 S211 1 Geltsdale Gardens, Wetheral

Fell 2x holly, a cherry, 2 birch and a maple

Resolved – ward members to meet and inspect the trees, comments to the Clerk

iv) 15/0027 S211 Quarry House, Sandy Lane, Gt Corby

Fell Sycamore

Resolved to support this application.

(v) 15/0039 S211 The Orchard, Great Corby

fell conifer.

Resolved to support this application.

78/15 Village Matters

(i) Proposed free school at Aglionby-

Following a lengthy discussion no resolution was made; Members acknowledged the need for additional school places and this free school could fulfil this with the benefit of “wrap around care” for the pupils, however further information would be required before an informed decision could be made. Cllr Earp & Cllr Dodd to meet with Mr Farrell, the owner of Stone Eden Nursery (The proposer of a free school) and report back.

(ii) Growing concerns over the development of Rural Areas (Written by Cllr N Holmes)

Members supported the concept of “new rural villages” in the right location with appropriate infrastructure.

(iii) Skelton House, Wetheral, update following recent correspondence from Wetheral residents.

Resolved to request a meeting with Jane Meek, Director of Economic Development, Carlisle City Council to discuss the current issues, how to prevent a similar occurrences in the future and proposed developments in the Parish, this discussion would include the concept of new villages.

(vi) Proposed housing development, Steele Bank, Wetheral

Resolved to write to the Church Commissioners alerting them to the village residents fear of developments following the Skelton House problems and to request that the views of the residents are considered regarding the type and density of housing on the site. There is a potential to hold a public meeting or survey the village residents for their views. (Cllr Higgs offered to assist with the preparation of the questionnaire).

79/15 Club House

Members were informed that the concrete slab in both shower areas in the changing rooms has been replaced. Early indications show that the problem of inadequate draining has not been resolved. QS, has been contacted for his comments. Clerk to report back on any developments.

80/15 Bank Reconciliation

(i) Resolved to receive and note the bank balances to 31st August 2015 of;

Current Account £41,884.65

Deposit Account £ 106,342.12

Gratuity Account £ 3,174.41

Cumberland BS £ 1,000.00

Balance at the bank £152,379.67 (to be reconciled)

(ii) Noted receipt of £825 donation from the “Wetheral Rounder’s Day” towards the renovation of the Maypole.

81/15 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 9th September 2015, (VIN 111-127) totalling £35,400.06.

82/15. External Representation

~ Cllr Earp noted that there are upcoming meetings at Scotby Village Hall & Hartley Trust – to report at the next meeting.

83/15 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications

- a. Mr Jamieson, Alders Edge Scotby- recycling. Residents to receive a letter from the Director of Open Spaces, Angela Cullerton explaining the situation regarding the card/plastic re-cycling. The builder has offered compost bins to those who request them. Clerk to keep members apprised of the situation.
- b. Himalayan Balsam on the Wetheral riverbank becoming out of control. Clerk to progress with its removal by the Probation service.

84/15 Councillor Matters

- ~ Gullies blocked at the Lowther green, Cumwhinton and the C road past Murray House.
- ~ Cllr Round to speak if required at the Development Control meeting, supporting the council's planning application – Cumwhinton play area.

Signed

Date of the next meeting – 14th October 2015.