

Minutes of the Meeting of Wetheral Parish Council held on Wednesday,
14th October 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
D. Hughes	R. Nemeth	D. Pattinson
G. Round	N. Holmes	

Also present; County Cllrs N Marriner & Graham, District Cllr Parsons, 10 residents of the Parish

85/15 Apologies for absence

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs Strickland & Dodd, and, County Cllr. J Mallinson.

86/15 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 9th September 2015.

87/15 Request for Dispensation

None were requested

88/15 Declarations of Interest

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

89/15 Public Participation

a. Residents

(i) Mrs. A Cameron-McIntosh acted as spokesperson for the residents regarding planning application 15/0886 development on land to the West of Steels Bank.

The local plan stipulates an additional 100 homes for Wetheral however a question was raised that this is in addition to the other planned properties in the village, what effect will this have on the sewerage capacity, increased traffic, parking issues currently experienced in the village and lack of cycle paths. The development should include a majority of bungalows to allow down- sizing for village residents. The infrastructure requires improvement and there is a need for an additional local primary school.

(ii) Councilor Reports;

~ Cllr Graham- noted there are issues with parking on Sandy lane due to school traffic, land to the right of the road has been donated to create additional parking. A request was made to the Parish Council to offer its land for additional parking. Clerk to respond.

~ Cllr Marriner reported that the Community Grants panel meeting had been cancelled due to lack of applications. Grants to be advertised for the next meeting as money is available.

~Cllr Earp met with Mr Farrell, Stone Eden Nursery regarding the application for a Free School. The main concerns were highway issues and the need for a roundabout. Mr Farrell will be attending the next council meeting.

90/15 Minutes of Committee Meetings & Working Groups

Resolved to receive the minutes of the following Committee meetings/ working groups and to accept any recommendations contained therein;

(i) **Planning Committee** meeting held on Monday 5th October 2015.

a. Planning Applications Considered;

Application 15/0886 Land to the West of Steele's bank, Wetheral.

Erection of up to 50 dwellings with associated amenity space, hard standing and ancillary works, (Outline)

Resolved to object to this application

(i) The development should comply to the Carlisle & District Local Plan 2015-30, Policy HO-1 Housing Strategy & Delivery which states 40 dwellings not 50 dwellings.

(ii) The District Councils most recent SHMA (Sept 2014) identified the need for 295 affordable homes, 68 in the rural areas. 70% 1-2 bed and 30% 3/3+ properties. There is also a specific need for more bungalows for elderly identified as a priority due to the ageing population, sited particularly backing on to the dwellings bordering the development. It was projected 36% increase in the population aged 65 plus between 2014-30; it is important this is taken in to consideration for this development.

(iii) Noted a public meeting will be held if ward residents feel necessary before 13th November 2015 alternatively to wait until the full planning application has been received for consideration.

Resolved to write to the Church Commissioners emphasising the need to bungalows and limit the number of dwellings to 40.

(ii) **Minutes of the Finance & Grants Committee** held on Tuesday 29th September 2015.

a. **Resolved** - Min 10/15 (ii) Consideration to purchase a ride on mower shall be deferred until the Cemetery Committee meet on Tuesday 20th October 2015.

b. **Resolved** – Min 12/15 Donations for the churchyard upkeep to remain at £250 this year, to be reviewed next year. If the churches require additional funding a grant application must be submitted to the Council.

(iii) **Resolved** to receive the **Minutes of the Wetheral Playing Field Association** AGM held on Tuesday 22nd September 2015 and to accept & support all decisions contained therein.

Noted that the official opening was a huge success with 250 in attendance.

Resolved to proceed with a 20 year lease, Clerk to produce for consideration at the next Finance & Grants meeting. To include a break clause, that the landlord cancel the agreement at any time.

91/15 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** the receipt of the bank balances to 30th September 2015 of;

Current Account	£58,311.90
Deposit Account	£ 106,367.53
Gratuity Account	£ 3,174.60
Cumberland BS	£ 1000.00

Balance at the bank £ 143,951.76

(ii) Noted receipt of £20,000 from the Thomas Graham Trust towards the payment for Scotby & Great Corby play area refurbishment.(over paid by £3000.00 to be carried forward to the Cumwhinton project)

(iii) Noted receipt of £1,121.02 raised for the Maypole renovation by the Wetheral Curry Night.

92/15 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 14th October 2015, (VIN 128-155) totalling £22,304.12.

93/15 Clerks Report

Noted receipt of the Clerks report and everything therein.

94/15 External Representation

Reports from Parish Council representatives on outside bodies.

(i) Cllrs Higginbotham. Dodd & Murray report following a meeting with Jane Meek, Director of Economic Development of Carlisle City Council held on 1st October 2015.

The meeting had been valuable, Mrs Meek explained the constraints under which the planning department operates and how these affected the Skelton House applications.

The outcome is a trial system; in future any application likely to be problematic/sensitive, the Clerk/Chairman to contact Mrs Meek alerting her and Chris Hardman. The Chairman requested that the Parish Council was involved at the early stages of any pre application discussion for large developments,

Mrs Meek informed him that this was not possible however the planning officers ask the developers to contact the Parish Council for their views. Some developers do others don't – this cannot be enforced.

(ii) Cllr Dodd attended a meeting of Down-a-Gate Community centre; request for grant funding to replace the central heating boiler. An application to be received.

(iv) Cllr Earp- to report on Hartley Trust AGM,- the MUGA and play equipment have been well received and thanks were given to the Parish Council. The Beehive football team have left due to moving leagues. The pitch and pavilion require maintenance to attract other teams.

Scotby Village Hall- a new floor and painting will be under taken between now and Christmas. A new cooker is also required. Funded by themselves.

The damaged drain cover replacement is being pursued.

~ Tyne Valley Rail Partnership.

Noted that the franchise will end shortly, Rail North will control the lines; with 120 new trains and planned station/path improvements. By 2017 there will be 1 express and 1 stopping train between Carlisle and Newcastle per hour. The viaduct plaques will be cleaned within 6 months.

95/15 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications

Received and noted schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not on this agenda.

96/15. Councillor Matters*

~ Cllr Higgs attended a meeting of Save Wetheral Group. He will be writing to the Church Commissioners in response to the proposed development. Copy to the Clerk.

~ Cllr Higginbotham – issues with the width of the access road to Thornedge, Cumwhinton. Passed to Highways.

~ Cllr Nemeth – an additional gate required in the Great Corby play area fence.

~ Cllr Round – power socket for Cumwhinton village hall.

Signed Chairman

Date of next meeting November 11th 2015