

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,
8th June 2016 at 7.30pm in the Club House, Wetheral

PRESENT

Chairman – M. Higginbotham

Councillors

B. Earp	J. Melrose -Woodman
P. Bainbridge	D. Hughes
G. Round	C. Dodd

Also present; County Cllr N Marriner & B Hebson a Cotehill resident & Community Development Officer of Cumbria County Council, I Blaylock & S Beattie residents of Cotehill & organisers of the Cotehill Pig Fest

22/16 Apologies for absence

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

23/16 Minutes of the Meeting held on Annual Meeting of the Council of 11th May 2016.

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 11th May 2016.

24/16 Request for Dispensation

None were requested

25/16 Declarations of Interest

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

26/16 Public Participation

a. Residents

(i) Residents of Cotehill addressed the members requesting that the Council gives permission to hold the event on the Cotehill playing field/James Anderson Memorial field. They reassured members that all licences and permissions had been obtained for the event, with the music switched off at 11.30pm. The event is in its 5th year, and last year it has successfully raised £1800 for the Animal Refuge, North Air Ambulance and the Cotehill play area.

The organisers will re-position the marquee to the furthest point from St Johns Close (Complaint from 2015), they would be using a silent generator. They would be distributing event information to all of the homes in the village.

Mrs Hebson, who lives in the village at the closest point to the event had no objections to the Pig Fest going ahead.

(ii) Mrs Hebson; Cotehill resident gave her opinion on the potential sale of the land behind St Johns Close and felt strongly that an asset of the village should not be sold. The green should be protected and it could cause an unwelcome precedent for the future and urged the Council not to proceed.

S Beattie & I Blaylock left the meeting.

b. Councillor Reports

Cllr Marriner, at a meeting to discuss the A69 raised his concerns that it was reported that Cllrs had been consulted on the proposals, this had not been the case, undertaken. There is need for a full consultation and awaiting the feasibility study.

27/16 Appointment of Vice Chairman

- (i) Cllr Hughes declined to accept the position of Vice Chairman, (min 03/16)
- (ii) **Resolved** to appoint Cllr. B. Earp as Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. Cllr Earp signed the declaration of acceptance of office of vice chairman

28/16 Co-option of Candidates

- (i) Noted that the vacancies for the Great Corby Ward will be filled by co-option at the next meeting. (subject to suitable candidates)
- (ii) Noted that the vacancy for the Warwick on Eden & Aglionby Ward will be filled by co-option at the next meeting. (subject to suitable candidates)
- (iii) Noted that the vacancy for the Durranhill Ward will be filled by co-option at the next meeting. (subject to suitable candidates)

29/16. Minutes of Committee Meetings & Working Groups

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

- (i) **Planning Committee** meeting held on Monday 1st June 2016.
- (ii) App 16/0160 Land to the rear of Rosegate and the Strand, Aglionby
"Members of the Development Control Committee resolved to give authority to the Director (Economic Development) to issue approval for the proposal subject to the receipt of confirmation from the Parish Council that they agree to allow the applicant to maintain the land under their ownership within the visibility splays at a level less than 1m high and to include the removal of the single tree. Should their consent not be forthcoming the application will go back before the Committee at the next meeting recommended for refusal."

Resolved to grant permission to the applicant to carry out the work in accordance to above.

30/16 Councils Review of Insurance

Insurance due for renewal 1st June 2016.

Resolved to appoint Zurich Town and Parish as the council's insurers for a term of 5 years at an annual cost of £3589.

31/16 Bank Reconciliation

- (i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank reconciliation and balances to 31st May 2016 of;

Current Account £ 30,983.21

Deposit Account £ 149,280.89

Gratuity Account £ 3176.08

Cumberland BS £ 6000.00

Total £189,315.18 (Inc. outstanding banking and payments)

- (ii) Noted receipt of the Precept and the CTRS grant totalling £142,500.00.

32/16 Payment of Accounts

- (i) Resolved to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 8th June 2016, (VIN 41-58) totalling £9894.39

33/16 External Representation

Noted to receive reports from Parish Council representatives on outside bodies.

~ Cllr Dodd attended meetings of the Down-a-Gate Committee, he reported that at the meetings there appeared to be a degree vitriol between the incumbent committee and members of Hayton Parish Council; allegations of misappropriation of funds- this was investigated with no questions to answer.

The Clerk has also received a letter from the Charity Commission regarding allegation made, who will respond in due course.

The personal attacks by individuals on members of the committee is now subject to a County Court judgment.

The proposals for the refurbishment of the centre is to raise the hall/kitchen area creating changing rooms underneath.

Resolved for Cllr Higginbotham, Chairman to attend the Down-a-Gate AGM on 16th June 2016 to support the centre.

34/16 Village Matters

- (i) Request to hold the annual pig fest on Cotehill playing fields. – **Resolved** members unanimously approved the request to hold the Pig Fest on the Cotehill Playing Field/James Anderson memorial Field on 23rd July 2016. It was noted Cllr Round & Higginbotham would be in attendance.
- (ii) Sale of the land behind St Johns Close, Cotehill. **Resolved** to defer consideration until all the residents of Cotehill & Low Cotehill have been balloted for their opinions.
- (iii) Funding the fence around the Wetheral Village Hall Car park at a cost of £1,000. (min 11.05.16 16/16(a) & F&G 45/15 (ii)) **Resolved** to grant £750 as the specification has been reduced from the original grant application.
- (iv) Parking on Wetheral Village Green- **Resolved** to consult with village residents for their opinions to prevent parking on the village green e.g. small bollards, posts etc.
- (v) Request from Warwick Bridge local history group to place a plaque showing the flood water level in the bus shelter. **Resolved** to permit the erection of a plaque, Clerk to liaise with the Local History Group on design.
- (vi) Request from the Down-a-Gate management committee for the Parish Council to submit a planning application on their behalf. **Resolved** to submit the planning application on their behalf.
- (vii) The removal of the hedge to the left of the playing field at Wetheral. **Resolved** to retain the hawthorn hedge and trim it.

35/16 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications

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

(i). Drowning Prevention Awareness week - noted

(ii) Tree vandalism – Wetheral riverbank, a number of trees along the bank had been vandalised with an axe, the Police have been informed and now being dealt with by the Rural Crime Officer.

(iii) Tic Toc – Beat the clock reminder – 18th June 2016, Cotehill, Cumwhinton & Scotby Village halls. An electrician will be installing the power sockets ready for the event, responsible members have been informed.

(iv) Nigel Holmes, Pennines across the Pennines.-noted.

36/16 Councillor Matters*

An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues, not on this agenda, on behalf of residents in their wards.

- ***N.B. No decisions can be taken on these matters but the Clerk may make investigations and / or they may be placed on the agenda of a future Council or committee meeting.***

Cumwhinton – drop kerbs have been fitted in some areas but not others?

Manhole cover that had been reported had not been repaired.

Water leak adjacent to the war memorial no action being taken?

Scotby- Anchor housing are removing trees but now have to submit an application for listed building consent to remove and re-build the wall. Additional trees will be removed if it is believed that they would be problematic in the future.

Park Road , Scotby, Complaints of school parking- 20mph?

Complaints regarding the new posts and chains at Washbeck – possibly lower the posts and change the chains to black ones.

Parkett Hill – un-adopted road, residents have a fund to maintain this road but have asked if the PC could tarmac a strip at the entrance to the car park, Cllr Hughes to progress.

Wetheral – Church yard to the rear is overgrown and many saplings are growing with ivy moving the lid off the Howard Grave.

The fence and rail at the rear of the church needs repaired due to H&S, Clerk to investigate whether it is the Parish Councils responsibility.

Yew tree to the rear requires cutting back.

Great Corby- Cllr Parsons has secured funding for the halls refurbishment from Corby Castle Estates.

Date of next meeting of the Council – July 13th 2016.