

Wetheral Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,
13th July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Scotby

PRESENT

Chairman – M. Higginbotham

Councillors

B. Earp	J. Melrose -Woodman	D Pattinson	R. Nemeth (part)
D. Hughes	D. Poole	S. Higgs	
G. Round	M. Strickland	L. Graham (part)	

Also present; County Cllr Graham and District Councillor Parsons, 3 residents,

37/16 Apologies for absence

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs Dodd & Bainbridge, County Cllrs J Mallinson & N Marriner.

38/16 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, 8th June 2016.

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th June 2016.

39/16 Request for Dispensation

None were requested

40/16 Declarations of Interest

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

All members declared an interest in agenda item 8(iii) planning application 16/0586 as the Council has submitted the application.

41/16 Public Participation

a. Residents

Ms. McGlasson; raised her concern regarding the Down-a-Gate Community Centre at Warwick Bridge, as a village resident she stated that there had been a lack of communication with the villagers regarding the re-opening and no public meeting has been held. She felt that there was a conflict of interests between Warwick Wanderers and the current committee as officials are the same. Also that the villagers have had no say in the new plans for the development of the centre as it was focused around football. *Cllr Parson informed the members that there had been a public meeting with 50-60 in attendance to discuss the new plans which made the building flood resilient, the majority supported them with only 5 against. Also that there were a number of other centre users not just football.*

Mr. Wright made a similar statement.

Mr. Foster asked who gave the instruction for the planning application- Warwick Wanderers or the committee?

The Chairman informed the residents that there had been a meeting of Wetheral & Hayton Parish Councils to discuss the centre and that there had been procedural issues namely an AGM had not been held for 18 months, which is not in accordance to the 1978 deed. An AGM is now planned for August 4th 2016 and a new committee will be appointed.

The planning application was submitted by the Parish Council to support the committee as it has done previously with other organisations within the Parish as it receives a 50% discount on the application.

b. Councillor Reports

~Cllr Parsons reported that there had been a meeting in Warwick on Eden village hall to discuss the recent flooding with a very poor attendance, the flood report is available; Clerk to upload it to the Councils website.

~Cllr Graham stated that he felt Wetheral Parish Council had let the residents of Warwick bridge down as it submitted the planning application on behalf of the committee, he also spoke about the history of when the centre was built as he has done on previous occasions.

~Cllr Earp reported that he had been visiting areas affected by the flooding with drainage engineers from the County Council.

42/16 Co-option of Councillor

(i) **Resolved** to co-opt Rebecca Nemeth as the ward Councillor for the Great Corby Ward.

Cllr Nemeth was asked to join members of the council and the declaration of acceptance of office was signed.

(ii) **Resolved** to co-opt Lee Graham as the ward Councillor for the Aglionby and Warwick on Eden ward. Cllr Graham was asked to join members of the council and the declaration of acceptance of office was signed.

(iii) **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Poole as mentor for Cllr Graham. As Cllr Nemeth is a returning Councillor a mentor was felt un-necessary.

(iv) **Resolved** to defer consideration of the appointment of members to Council Committees to allow the new Councillors to attend the Councils Committees.

43/16 Minutes of Committee Meetings & Working Groups

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

(i) **Planning Committee** meeting held on Monday 27th June 2016.

(ii) **Finance and Grants Committee** held on Wednesday 29th June 2016. NB to amend the bank reconciliation as it was incorrectly stated Min F&G 06/16 (i)

(iii) **Cemetery Committee** held on Wednesday 22nd June 2016

44/16 Planning Applications to Considered

Noted- the limit is 21 days to respond to planning application consultations, many applications have expired when the planning meeting is held therefore the ones received part way through the month will be considered at the full council meeting.

(i) 16/0592 Windhover Barn, Low Cotehill

Change of use from barn to Holiday letting.

Resolved – NO OBSERVATIONS

(ii) 16/0583 Wandales, Plains rd, Wetheral

Demolition of garage & extension; erection of single storey extension and detached garage.

Resolved – NO OBSERVATIONS

(iii) 16/0586 Down-a-Gate Community centre, Warwick Bridge

Erections of first floor function room above existing, together with internal alterations.

Resolved – NO OBSERVATIONS

(iv) 16/0582 1 Bridge End Cottage, Warwick on Eden

Resolved – NO OBSERVATIONS

Installation of dormers and an external staircase

(v) 16/0468 Myrtle House, Cotehill

Erection of detached garage, (part retrospective)

Resolved – NO OBSERVATIONS

(vi) 16/0552 Meridale, Riverside Road, Wetheral

Variation of condition 2

Resolved – NO OBSERVATIONS

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Sue Tarrant

13.07.16

45/16 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 30th June 2016 of;

Current Account	£17,014.42
Deposit Account	£ 149,300.01
Gratuity Account	£ 3,176.27
Cumberland BS	£6,000.00

Balance at the bank £181,803.35

(ii) **Resolved** to transfer the Parish Councils banking to Barclays Bank due to the closure by HSBC of its bank accounts.

(iii) **Resolved** to appoint the following signatories to the new accounts held with Barclays Bank;

Cllr David Hughes, Cllr Michael Higginbotham, Cllr Barry Earp, Cllr Christopher Dodd & Cllr Stephen Higgs.

46/16 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 13th July 2016, (VIN59-79) totalling £19,785.37 (e-mailed)

(ii) **Resolved** to defer consideration of funding the cost of the "All Risks" Insurance for the specified management committees until the Clerk has investigated further, using an alternative insurer/broker.

47/16 National Pay increase

Noted- The National Joint Councils for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached an agreement on the following;

- New pay scales for 2016-17 to be implemented immediately and back dated to 1 April 2016.
 - New pay scales for 2017-2018 to be implemented from 1 April 2017.
- Cumbria Payroll has been notified of these changes to the staff pay scales.

48/16 Village Issues

(i) Speeding vehicles in Cumwhinton and Cotehill.
Vehicles speeding in all villages is an issue, with no real solution as the County Council have limited resources, permanent speed cameras would be ideal or speed bumps/rumble strips. Cllr Round has arranged training for the use of a speed gun for village residents and himself. Members were asked to consider local solutions to this problem. Cllr Earp is working with the local PCSO's and the County Council looking for ways to tackle this problem, an attempt to reduce the speed near schools to 20mph is being considered

(ii) **Resolved** to appoint the current Chairman – Cllr Higginbotham and the Warwick Bridge ward member – Cllr Dodd as the Parish Councils representatives on the Down-a-gate Community Association. This shall be reviewed at the AGM of the Council each year.

49/16 Clerks Report

(i) Noted to receive the Clerks report.

50/16 External Representation

Resolved to receive reports from Parish Council representatives on outside bodies

(i) Hartley Trust AGM. -Cllr Hughes, the committee have lost 3 members recently and noted that Cllr Earp & Hughes are now trustees.

(ii) Scotby Cricket Club. - Cllr Hughes, had a positive meeting with the cricket club who are enthusiastic about the development of the fields & clubhouse. They are setting up a focus group for all users to develop a plan and fund raising towards the project. They complimented the grass cutting.

(iv) CPCA. Cllr Higginbotham, minutes to be circulated. Volunteers required to pull Himalayan Balsam on the river bank; anyone interested to contact Eden's River Trust.

- (v) Cotehill Village Meeting. Cllr Round attended a village meeting to discuss the sale of the land at Cotehill, a petition was signed with 34 objections to the sale. As previously resolved the Council will letter drop the whole village for their opinion.

51/16 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications

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

- (i) Valuation office – request for information regarding the Club House lease. Note a lease is not in place currently, however when it is implemented the Valuation office must be informed.
- (i) UU- notification of planned works on the main trunk refurbishment – It effects Scotby Village Green and Rookery Green, Clerk to obtain a start date.

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.***

~At the next meeting – 10th August, Zoe Sutton & Bryan Craig will be taking Q & A regarding Neighbourhood planning. The save Wetheral group leaflet is miss-leading as it could be construed as the PC had given the go ahead for a plan. The Parish Council is the qualifying body and only it can instigate a plan, the PC has not resolved to produce a plan to date.

~Community Assets

~Debris from the flood damage at the base of the 99 steps, concerned that they may be undermined

~Flooding of Linton Bowls club Great Corby- ditch to be dug. Cllr Parsons to provide a contact for the land agent – Re Corby Castle.

Eden Brows, repairs costing 23 million should be open March 2017.

TicToc training date 26th July in Scotby village hall.

Date of next meeting of the Council – August 10th 2016 commencing at 7.00pm with Neighbourhood Planning Q&A's.