

**Wetheral Parish Council**  
Minutes of the Annual Meeting with Electors held on Wednesday,  
10th May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Scotby

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor Mike Higginbotham – Chairman**

**Councillors**

**B. Earp**

**G. Round**

**R. Nemeth**

**L. Graham**

**C. Dodd**

**I. Evans**

**J. Melrose-Woodman**

**S. Higgs**

**D. Pattinson**

**J. Searle**

**D. Hughes**

**Also present: 10 residents of the Parish, Roger Higgins; Heritage Officer, Carlisle City Council.**

**1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 11th May 2016**

The minutes of the previous meeting were available for inspection and approved for signing by the Chairman as a true record.

**2. Chairman's report given by Mike Higginbotham;**

The Parish Council has had another busy year I have tried to list some of the more significant happenings in the last 12 months;

~ Defibrillators installed in Cumwhinton, Scotby & Cotehill on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 as part of beat the Clock campaign mentioned in the last Annual report.

~ Bus shelter installed at Aglionby Grange on the A69

~ Scotby Pavilion project is underway and close to the planning application stage. The football pitch has had improved drainage and levelling carried out. These improvements seem to be strongly supported locally.

~ Notice boards with interpretation panels have been installed in Cumwhinton and Warwick on Eden.

~ The parish survey mailed to every house in the Parish- 31% return. The returned data will be analysed and will be used to update the Community Plan and will feed into the Neighbourhood plan procedure. More detail will be available in the Councils Annual report.

~ Steve Bamber our Cemetery groundsman for 15 years has retired, we wish him the best for his retirement and thank him for his dedication and service to the Parish Council. Mick Frost has now taken on the role.

~ There are number of newly appointed Councillors this year, we welcomed; Jonquil Melrose-Woodman, Janet Searle, Lee Graham and Ivor Evans.

~ Pauline Sidgwick, Assistant Clerk of 15 years will be leaving us in the next few weeks to start her retirement. We wish her the best and many thanks for her hard work and dedication.

~ Finally I would like to thank all of my fellow Parish Councillors and the Parish staff in helping to keep the wheels of the Parish Council turning for the benefit of the local residents.

**3. Roger Higgins, Heritage Officer**

Conservation Area- The Carlisle to Settle railway is 78 miles long with conservation areas mainly connected to the railway; Scotby is different as it takes in other parts of the village. Some parts have been left out such as the steading, masters house & All Saints Church( these are protected under listed building)

The City Council are reviewing whether Scotby should have its own designated Conservation area, changing the focus to incorporate; design quality and better mechanisms for control of building and demolition. There will be an information gathering process with a full consultation of which the residents and Parish Council will be involved.

#### **4. Open Session**

Question raised by Mr I Yates regarding the repairs to the Aglionby bus shelter roof. The Chairman informed him, that the Council were aware and that the work would be carried out but did not confirm the timescale.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm