

Wetheral Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,
8th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Club House, Wetheral

PRESENT

Chairman – C. Dodd

Councillors

B. Earp

J. Melrose -Woodman

J. Searle

R. Nemeth

G. Round

D. Poole

S. Higgs

D. Hughes

D. Pattinson

J. Routledge

I Evans

Also present; District Councillor Parsons.

3 residents of Scotby (part)

84/17 Apologies for absence

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs. L. Graham, Bainbridge, Higginbotham & County Cllrs W. Graham, Marriner & Mallinson.

85/17 Minutes of the Meeting held on of 11th October 2017.

- a. **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th October 2017.

86/17 Request for Dispensation

None were requested

87/17 Declarations of Interest

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

88/17 Public Participation

a. Residents

Mr O'Neil from Scotby raised concerns regarding Application 17/0896 land to the South of A69, erection of 81 dwellings.

It appears on the boundary behind Scotby Rd & Hill Head that land owned by the residents is shown on the development and that the hedges and trees will be removed. (to be investigated further) The residents request a buffer zone between their property and the new development as it affects 30 homes.

Scotby School is at capacity where would the children attend, especially with the proposed development at Durranhill. It would not be acceptable to bus the children to schools elsewhere.

The junction with the A69 is hazardous especially at peaks time and Mr O'Neil questioned why the County Council highways have not objected as they had previously.

b. Councillor Reports

~ Cllr Parsons; noted reports of dog fouling at Broadwath/Burnrigg near the level crossing.

Rory Stewart MP had visited the Corn Mill & Our Lady St Wilfrid at Warwick Bridge recently and he also offered support to de-trunk the A69.

~ Cllr Higgs- litter picking organized for 11th November, at Wetheral from 10.30am. If anyone else is interested in litter picking in their wards to contact him.

89/17 Minutes of Committee Meetings & Working Groups

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

a. **Planning Committee meeting** held on 30th October 2017.

Planning application 17/0896, residents' comments noted.

In addition to Min 17/34(vii) Members have concerns regarding the lack of school places in the locality and request the County Council considers this application in conjunction with Application 17/0669 erection of 198 homes. In total 279 homes which should trigger the provision of a new school.

The proposal to allow only approximately 10 metres between the boundaries of the residents along Scotby Rd and Hill Head and the rear elevations of the proposed houses, will adversely affect the existing residents' amenities by reason of visual intrusion, noise, light and traffic disturbance.

The proposed layout contains no buffer strip between the boundary, despite

Story's own submitted supporting documents which acknowledge that Scotby Rd/ Hill Head residents will be affected by "high sensitivity/visual amenity, a high magnitude of visual impact and substantial impact on view."

Story's original "Site Constraints and Opportunities plan", on which there was a public consultation of 22nd November 2016, shows additional planting along this boundary. This buffer has not been included on the submitted application. Members request that the buffer is included.

b. Planning Applications considered;

a. **17/0927 Land between Heathlands & Broome Close, Wetheral Pasture**

Variation of condition 2

Resolved – no observations

b. **17/0905 Land to the west of Steeles Bank, Wetheral**

Erection of 41 dwellings, open space, landscaping, drainage & road infrastructure.

Resolved – objection

The new development should meet the housing needs Policy HO 10, the POPPO dated July 2017 highlights the significant projected increase in the number of older people aged 65 by 36% to 2030, and this is true of Wetheral village with a need for bungalows for residents wanting to down size. The original application 15/0886 offers 12 x 2 bed dwellings with bungalows along the rear of Ashgate lane. Members request that the developer considers the inclusion of bungalows in this location. A market need has been shown in the area; in Cumwhinton & Great Corby where the bungalows have been sold at a premium, higher than the average of the District.

c. **17/0906 Land to the west of Steeles Bank, Wetheral**

Change of use of agricultural land to Public open space and erection of Suds pond & pumping station.

Resolved – Comments; members are concerned regarding the long-term maintenance of the attenuation pond and the potential flood risk on to the road C1038 Scotby Rd to Wetheral Pasture with the run off from the site.

d. **17/0907 Land to the west of Steeles Bank, Wetheral**

Variation of Condition 22 (visibility splay requirements)

Resolved – No observations

(ii) **Rights of Way Committee** meeting held on Tuesday 24th October 2017.

Disappointment with the attendance, it was stressed if members cannot attend they must find a substitute to ensure a quorum.

Noted all footpaths should be walked this year, ward members to share the responsibility.

- (iii) **Cemetery Committee** meeting held on 2nd November 2017. Specifically;
Cem 17/06 – 5 year plan and Cem 17/09 Wildlife project, members were impressed by the proposals.

90/17 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved to receive the bank reconciliation dated 31st October 2017

Current Account	£7,207.90
Deposit Account	£122,680.67
Cumberland BS	£11,030.04
Total in the bank	£140,057.05 (including outstanding cheques & receipts)

91/17 Payment of Accounts

- (i) Resolved to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 8th November 2017 VIN153-171 totalling £8568.59
- (ii) Noted CCC have received £5000 s106 for the Thornedge development. The playground committee have requested, flat bed swings and a new springer.

92/17 Boundary Commission Review

Resolved to support the proposed Boundary changes to the Constituency of Carlisle and Penrith & the Border. <http://www.bce2018.org.uk/>. (It was noted that this has now been delayed by Central Government)

93/17 External Representation

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

- (i) Neighbourhood Planning meeting held on Monday 6th November 2017.
Cllr Higgs on behalf of the Steering group requests that the Parish Council apply to the District Council to designate the whole Parish as a Neighbourhood Planning Area.
- (ii) **Resolved** to apply to the District Council to designate the whole Parish as a Neighbourhood Planning Area.
- (iii) Scotby Pavilion Project- summary of the steering group issued to members for information.
- (iv) Wetheral Village Hall meeting, minutes issued.

94/17 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.

- i) Request for a grit bin – Holme Meadow, Cumwhinton; **Resolved** to purchase a grit bin, ward members to liaise with the Clerk.

Councillor Matters*

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

~ Cllr Evans, Road to the School, Great Corby; issues with drain cover – gap which is dangerous. (previously reported)

~ Cllr Round – revising the location for the speed gun in Cumwhinton.

~ Cllr Routledge, residents of Durranhill welcome the new footpath and chicane on Durranhill road.

~ members to send comments regarding the structure of the proposed new website to the Clerk.