

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,
11th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Club House, Wetheral

PRESENT

Chairman – M. Higginbotham

Councillors

B. Earp	C. Dodd	D. Hughes
J. Melrose-Woodman	R. Nemeth	
J. Searle		

Also present; County Cllr. N. Marriner and District Cllr. Parsons.

Mr I Evans; Gt Corby,

Ms J Carruthers; Allenwood , Ms McGlasson ; Chapel Close (Hayton Parish), Ms S Dugdale (Hayton Parish) (Part)

121/16 Apologies for absence

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs L. Graham, Poole, Higgs, Round, Pattinson, County Cllrs Mallinson & W. Graham.

No apology was given by Cllr Bainbridge.

122/16 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, 14th December 2016.

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th December 2016.

123/16 Request for Dispensation

None were requested

124/16 Declarations of Interest

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

125/16 Public Participation

a. Residents

Ms McGlasson; reported an issue with the footpath opposite Warwick Bridge School, pot holes and in dis-repair also concerns regarding the grass cuttings placed at the corner of the field near the path- these may attract rats. Clerk to forward the comments to the DaG Committee and to confirm the land owner.

Ms Carruthers (as resident not as a Hayton Parish Councillor) raised a number of her concerns relating to the management of the DaG Community Centre and playing fields. Local residents who want to use the centre would like more information regarding its re-building and the use of the playing fields.

The Clerk informed Ms Carruthers that as a Parish Council it has no power to address any of the issues raised and that the Charity Commission and District Council were content that the Committee were managing the centre adequately in their view. It was agreed that communication could be improved, Clerk to contact the committee.

Councillor Reports-

Cllr Marriner is expecting the feasibility study on the A69 shortly. Also, he has funds available in both his CC budget and Community Grants.

Cllr Parson, Executive meeting of the City Council on 19th December 2016 agreed to extend the lease for the Down-a-Gate Community Centre. (for 30 years).

126/16 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 9th January 2017, noted that the date of the next meeting shall be 30th January not 6th Feb. as stated.

- (ii) **Attendance at Committee Meetings**

The Chairman reminded members and for the benefit of the new Cllrs;

Councillors are welcome to attend any committee meeting however if they are not the nominated ward representative they will be present as an observer and have no voting rights. If they have a particular interest or comment to make, this must be made through the ward representative and should be discussed prior to the meeting.

If the ward representative is not available and as a councillor you are acting as a substitute, then all rights transfer.

127/16 Bank Reconciliation

- (i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank reconciliation to 31st December of

HSBC Current Account	£49,882.85
Cumberland BS	£ 6000.00
Barclays Bank	£64,375.52
Balance at the bank	£120,223.50

128/16 Payment of Accounts

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 11th January 2017 VIN 179-195 £9212.07.

129/16 Community Plan

- (i) **Resolved** to approve of the Community plan survey version 4 in principal, members were requested to review the survey and return comments by Sunday 15th January 2017.

- (ii) **Resolved** for members to review the covering letter to accompany the survey and return comments by Sunday 15th January 2017.

130/16 Community Assets

Resolved for the review and nomination of community assets to be on-going; members to notify the Clerk of any assets which to be considered when required.

131/16. External Representation

Reports received from Parish Council representatives on outside bodies.

- (i) Cllr Hughes, meeting of the Scotby Playing Field Steering Group; update on the proposed new pavilion and field drainage.
- (ii) Cllr Searle, Warwick on Eden playground committee; the lease has not been re-newed. Clerk to contact landowner to request that the Parish Council take over the lease. New committee to be formed.

132/16 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications

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

- (i) Cllr Higgs – request to set up an Emergency Response working group;
Resolved to appoint the following ward representatives to the group- Cllr L Graham, Cllr C Dodd, Cllr B Earp, Cllr P Bainbridge & Cllr S Higgs. Clerk to arrange a meeting.

133/16 Clerks Report

The Clerk gave a verbal update on Council Matters;

- ❖ Club house showers now complete; funding for the floor covering from the QS & Architect, PC for the fitting.
- ❖ Scotby Drainage works due to commence 30th Jan. 2017.
- ❖ Club House lease prepared, awaiting comments from members.
- ❖ Fields in Trust application made for the Cotehill playing field.
- ❖ Cllr Round, awaiting speed gun training.
- ❖ Litter pickers organised for the “Big Clean” 2-6 March 2017.
- ❖ HSBC bank closing asap.
- ❖ Change of date for the next planning meeting – 30th Jan.2017

134/16 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.***

Lighting in Gt Corby near the Beeches

Wetheral Notice board all posters removed?

Overgrown hedge over footpath, Wetheral- Article in village link/Focus on Eden

Church yard Wetheral, grass cutting

Horse muck, footpaths ; Scotby

Leaves – slip hazard, Lambley Bank entrance to Scotby Playing Field

Monitoring grass cutting next season.

Cumwhinton – ditch debris.

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm

Date of next meeting of the Council – February 8th 2017