

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,
14th June 2017 at 7.30pm in the Club House, Wetheral

PRESENT

Chairman – C. Dodd

Councillors

B. Earp	J. Melrose -Woodman	I. Evans
P. Bainbridge	D. Hughes	J. Searle
G. Round	D. Pattinson	

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

21/17 Apologies for absence

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs Poole, Higgs, Higginbotham, L. Graham & Nemeth, County Cllrs J Mallinson & B Graham.

22/17 Minutes of the Meeting held on Annual Meeting of the Council of 10th May 2017.

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 10th May 2017.

23/17 Request for Dispensation

None were requested

24/17 Declarations of Interest

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

25/17 Public Participation

a. Residents

No residents were present.

b. Councillor Reports

Cllr Marriner; major upgrade of the A69 introducing an extra lane on Warwick Road. The B6263 work will have been delayed until September/October.

There is no Administration currently in the County Council so no decisions are being made.

Cllr Parsons; issue with speeding tractors in the villages.

26/17 Co-option of Councillor to the Durnahill Ward.

- (i) **Resolved** to co-opt Joanne Routledge as Councillor for the Durrnashill Ward effective 12th July 2017. (Mrs. Routledge will be present at the next meeting)
- (ii) **Resolved** to defer consideration of mentor for newly co-opted Councillor until the next meeting.

27/17 Wetheral Speed Watch Update

An update from Cllr Round;

Cllrs Round & Higginbotham have undertaken 38 hours of speed watch, observed 120 vehicles speeding in the village up to 52mph. All have been sent letters from the police, if they receive 2 letters, the 3rd offence will result in a court appearance – Driving without due care and attention.

We now have a good relationship with Police. Further training to take place on 28th June in the Clubhouse, Wetheral for 10 volunteers from Wetheral. (6 confirmed).

The Police Sergeant will be forwarding the costing for the purchase of a speed gun.

(Signs to be removed at the motor way directing drivers towards the A69 through Cumwhinton & Wetheral)

28/17 Minutes of Committee Meetings & Working Groups

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

- (i) **Planning Committee** held on 5th June.
- (ii) **Finance & Grants Committee** held on 13th June 2017
 - (i) The Chairman asked members of the other committees to review the 5th year of the plan on an annual basis to keep it “rolling”
 - (ii) Down-a-Gate; grant funding towards the re-building of the community centre , **Resolved** to grant £15,000 over 3 years(flexible)

b. **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Poole the ward representative on the Finance & Grants Committee.

c. **Resolved** to reduce the number of Councillors on the Wetheral Playing Fields Association from 6 to 2. The revised constitution to be produced for the AGM.

29/17 Bank Balances

Resolved to receive the balance at the bank dated 31st May 2017.

Current Account	£46,061.82
Deposit Account	£128,843.79
Cumberland BS	£6,0030.40
Total in the bank	£181,516.27

30/17 Payment of Accounts

(i)**Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 14th June 2017 VIN43-70 £18,427.31.

31/17 Centenary Fields Deed of Dedication

- i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the Deed of Dedication for the James Anderson Memorial Field, Cotehill. This protects the field in perpetuity.

32/17 External Representation

Noted to receive reports from Parish Council representatives on outside bodies; NB as the WPFA and Hartley Trust Steering group are not sub-committees of the Council, they shall be minuted under external representation to avoid confusion.

(i)Cllr Earp attended the **AGM of the Hartley Trust**, new chairman – Jonny Raffles. Changes to be made to the patronage scheme, a letter to be issued to village residents requesting future donations to be made by standing order.

(ii)Cllr Evans attended a meeting of the **TVRUG**; no plans to have driver only trains on the Newcastle to Carlisle and Settle lines. By 2019 the rolling stock will be replaced by refurbished trains, a faster service will be introduced in 2019 – Carlisle to Newcastle (1 stop) and a ticket machine installed at Wetheral Station.

Anyone experiencing unsocial behavior on trains should report it to Ariva and they will place Travel-safe officers on the trains. (specially trained conductors)

- (iii) **Wetheral Playing Fields Association** held on 6th June 2017 –
Resume; All users agreed the fees for 2017-18 apart from the Crusaders who pay approximately £2 per player per year from the £115 signing in fee and the increase would be £5 per player per year from the new signing fee £120. A counter proposal was made but we have had no response. Concerns have been raised as the Crusaders Chairman stated that a loss of £4000 has been made from the income of £25,000 this year. (It is a condition that users submit their accounts; they have been requested.)

Social media- issues with the Crusaders Face book page with posts not differentiating between the Parish Council and the Wetheral Playing Field Association. A clause will be added to the agreements regarding the miss-use of Social Media.

A meeting was proposed to invite the Crusaders managers to meet with Cllrs Dodd, Hughes & Giles Vasey to make a clear distinction between WPC & WPFA and to clarify the situation that at no time was the Chairman told that they could not use the playing fields.

- (iv) **Hartley Trust Steering Group** meeting held on 7th June 2017, an update was given by Cllr Hughes, plans to be submitted to the City Council, the pitch upgrade is delayed by 8 weeks due to the weather. Fundraising is under way for the new Pavilion. (noted 2 members of the steering group are now members of the Hartley Trust)

33/17 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) NALC briefing – Data Protection legislation

ii) Cllr Dodd met with David Stephenson, new Chairman of the Wetheral village community hall; reconfirmed that the playing fields will not accommodate any additional car parking and that the two building would work together e.g. corporate events.

Councillor Matters*

White lights in Warwick on Eden

Road slip- river road, Wetheral

Scotby school, dangerous parking

Peter Gate- fence on the verge near the new development

Date of next meeting of the Council – July 12th 2017