

Wetheral Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,
14th February 2018 at 8.15pm in the Wetheral Village Community Hall

PRESENT

Chairman – C. Dodd

Councillors

B. Earp

J. Searle

D. Pattinson

P. Bainbridge

G. Round

J. Routledge

S. Higgs

I Evans

J. Melrose-Woodman

D. Hughes

Also, Present County Cllr Marriner

11 residents of the Parish (Part)

Ms Oliver, potential Councillor.

Richard Wood, Planning Officer (Policy) Carlisle City Council (part)

Prior to the meeting a presentation was given by Richard Wood;

The development of Carlisle South currently is a broad location and will take 10-30 years to deliver the infrastructure and building to a high standard. There could be between 1500 and 10,000 new homes. It's in the early stages, a consultant has been appointed to provide Stage 1 of the master plan and vision.

This would examine various options: Should be one settlement or a number of villages. (May use existing villages).

It is a long-term project and the infrastructure is the challenge e.g. schools, local services etc.

The draft "Concept" is planned for summer 2018. A new local plan is required specifically for this development.

A resident was concerned that the Garden Village would affect the town centre, it was confirmed that this would not be the case and the road connections to the city would also require improving.

The consultations for both the Garden Village and the Southern Link Road 26th January – 9th March 2018.

120/17 Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept and approve the apologies for absence from Parish Cllrs Higginbotham & Poole, District Cllr Parsons, County Cllrs Mallinson & Graham.

121/17 Minutes of the Meeting held on of 10th January 2018.

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th January 2018.

122/17 Declarations of Interest

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

123/17 Public Participation

a. Residents

Residents were present prior to the meeting commencing

b. Councillor Reports

~ Cllr Earp & Higgs attended a flood meeting at Crosby on Eden village hall for a presentation on the proposed defenses for Warwick Bridge & Low Crosby. (If members would like copies, to contact the Clerk)

~ Cllr Higgs has organized a litter pick in Wetheral 3rd March, he will be collecting the litter pickers etc from the City Council. If anyone would like to use the equipment and arrange a litter pick in their wards to contact him. (1-4th March 2018)

~ Cllr Higgs spoke on behalf of the Parish Council at the Development Control Meeting of the City Council, Friday 9th Feb. 2018 in an attempt to challenge the re-allocation of the s106 fund of £30,000 currently assigned to the Parish Council. This was due to the City Councils independent viability appraiser stating the scheme cannot accommodate the level of affordable housing provision and a contribution towards open space. (App 16/0159 Land to the rear of 55-65 Scotby Rd, Scotby)

Concerns are that this would set a precedent and that in future s106 could be at risk. The decision was deferred by the City Council until the next meeting.

124/17 Councillor Resignation

(i) **Resolved** to receive & accept the resignation of Cllr Rebecca Nemeth, of the Great Corby Ward.

(ii) Noted the statutory notice of bye election was posted 1st February 2018.

125/17 Neighbourhood Planning

Noted the application to designate Wetheral Parish as a Neighbourhood Area. (Town & Country Act 1990 Neighbourhood Planning (general) Regulation 2012 has been submitted to Carlisle City Council.

126/17 Minutes of Committee Meetings & Working Groups

a. **Resolved** to receive the minutes of the following Committee meetings and to accept any recommendations contained therein;

(i) **Planning Committee** meeting held on 5th February 2018

a. Cllr Round requested to speak at the Development Control meeting authorised by the Chairman of the Planning Committee 9.02.18. His request was refused on the grounds that there weren't any objections to the application. The application was subsequently refused on the recommendation from the officer. Members require clarification on the procedure, Clerk to contact the planning authority.

(ii) **Rights of Way Committee** meeting held on 31st January 2018

a. ROW/66 a. (i) Flight of Fancy would require Environment Agency consent prior to any works on the enlargement of the concrete base.

127/17 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved to receive the bank reconciliation dated 31st January 2018

Current Account £15,921.99

Deposit Account £100,94.74

Cumberland BS £11,030.04

Total in the bank £126,951.35 (including outstanding banking and payments)

128/17 Payment of Accounts

(i) Resolved to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 14th February 2018 VIN 211-227 totalling £12,032.56. (The amendment was due to an invoice arising from the installation of new play equipment at Cumwhinton. This was funded from a s106 grant from Thoredge)

129/17 Consultations & Notifications

(i) Cumbria County Council, St Cuthbert's Garden Village and Southern Bypass Route – Options- Parish Consultation. **Resolved** to consider the Councils response to the consultation at the next meeting.

(ii) Noted, Carlisle City Council, Notification of Intention to prepare a St Cuthbert's Local Plan.

130/17 General Data Protection Regulations

(i) **Resolved** to defer consideration of the additional costs associated with the new Data Protection Legislation.

(ii) **Resolved** to defer consideration of the appointment of an external Data Protection Officer for the Council at a cost of £590.00 until the Clerk has made further enquiries.

131/17 External Representation

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

Cllr Dodd attended a site visit at Down-a-Gate, the opening is delayed until June, there is a shortfall of £30,000 currently.

Cllr Searle, to attend a meeting of Wetheral Village Hall on Monday 19th February, sub for Cllr Higgs.

132/17 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications

Resolved to receive and note schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not on the agenda.

- (i) **WCA Ltd**, request to merge the car parking facilities; Wetheral Village Hall & The Club House.
Resolved to write to the WCA Ltd stating that the WPFA operates the playing fields not the Council and that the request should be sent to the committee who hold the lease for the field and club house (pending)
- (ii) Request from Wetheral Community Association for 3rd party funding to secure CWMET grant
Resolved to decline the request for funding due to the uncertainty of the s106 grants earmarked for the Parish projects.
- (iii) **Utility Priority Services Register- Resolved** to support the request for increased registration. Clerk to contact the Rural Service network.
- (iv) **Mr & Mrs Hanson/ Mr & Mrs Forrester, Ashgate Lane, Wetheral**, request for improvements to the surface of Ashgate lane to the Cemetery (pot holes & broken tarmac). Clerk to write to all residents stressing that this is not the responsibility of the Council. However, the potholes will be filled in due course and it is proposed that a committee be formed to manage the long-term maintenance of the lane, prior to potential adoption. Clerk to make enquiries.

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**
Cllr Round – speed watch, still waiting for the equipment. He has been contacted by a concerned resident in Scotby due to speeding vehicles, Cllr Round volunteered to meet and set up a speed watch in the village.

New equipment installed at the Cumwhinton play area.

Road signage issues at Thornedge, Cumwhinton- the developer addressing the problem.

Great Corby – issues with street lamps as previously reported.

3 Lime House Gardens, request to fell Maple tree (TPO), members to view and make comment. (This had been refused previously)

Request for road sweeper in Cumwhinton

Warwick on Eden village hall have agreed to house the plaques from St Leonards church.