

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,
9th January 2019 7.30pm in the Wetheral Village Community Hall
PRESENT

Chairman – S Higgs

Councillors

**B. Earp
J. Routledge
D. Poole**

**G. Round
P. Bainbridge
J. Searle**

**S. Higgs
I. Evans**

**M. Higginbotham
J. Melrose-Woodman**

Also, County Cllr N Marriner

110/18 Apologies for absence

- (i)** **Resolved** to accept and approve the apologies for absence from Parish Cllrs Dodd, Pattinson, Hughes, Oliver and County Cllrs Graham & Mallinson & District Cllr Parsons.

111/18 Councillor Resignation

- (i)** **Resolved** to accept the resignation of Cllr C Dodd as Councillor for the Great Corby Ward and Chairman of the Parish Council. Clerk to send a note to Cllr Dodd thanking him for his contribution to the Parish Council and with regret the Council accepts his resignation.
- (ii)** **Resolved** to hold an election for the casual vacancy of Chairman to the Parish Council at the next full Council meeting. This shall proceed in the same manner as a normal election of Chairman as at an annual meeting of the Council.

112/18 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December 2018.

- (i)** **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th December 2018, with an amendment to 107/18, the meeting was CALC not CPCA.

113/18 Declarations of Interest

- (i)** Cllr. Earp & Cllr. Higgs declared an interest in items relating to Carlisle City Council.

114/18 Public Participation

- a. **Residents** – No residents were present
- b. **Police report** –circulated previously
- c. **Councillor Reports**

~ Cllr Marriner; The local committee have given the authority for Parish Councils to employ a lengths man (from March 2019) Funding is available from the County Council, however the details are not available as yet. Cllr Marriner to further investigate and report back.

~Cllr Earp; Attended a site meeting at Durranhill, proposed access to woodland. Concerns regarding H&S, the application will be considered at the Development Control Committee (11.1.19)

~Cllr Higgs, concerns regarding the potential loss of the Royal Oak, public house in Scotby. It was proposed that it may be considered as registering the pub as a community asset.

116/18 Minutes of Committee Meetings & Working Groups

a. **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 7th January 2019,
Resolved with the following amendments
 - (i) 18/1104 Land at How Croft, Cumwhinton
 - a. Objection not Observation.
 - b. Further detailed information required regarding the drainage system and more emphasis on traffic management.

117/18 Bank Reconciliation

(I) **Resolved** to receive the balance at the bank dated 31st December 2018

Deposit Account	£80,993.26
Current Account	£19,499.56
Cumberland BS	£66,106.30
Total in the bank	£166,740.65
Allocated funds	£81,565.00

Available funds £85,175.65

118/18 Payment of Accounts.

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 9th January 2019 VIN 233-257 totalling £8757.21

119/18 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Higgs reported that some progress has been made, a housing need survey is no longer required as it soon becomes out of date. It has been suggested that the Council uses a method that gauges housing needs via statistical information. This would include; sales & market growth, age of purchasers, price variations, housing type purchased. These factors are analyzed real-time to produce the report.

It has been suggested that the Consultant used in South Cumbria for a similar exercise meets with members to explain the process (fees to be paid by Carlisle City Council). Date to be confirmed.

120/18 External Representation

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

- (i) Update on the Pavilion project at Scotby-Cllr Hughes & Clerk met with Bingham Yates to review the proposed building structure and scheme, possible savings can be made, currently £80k short. The building work will not commence until all funds for the project have been confirmed.
- (ii) Meeting with Forestry Commission, North East Cumbria Investment Pilot- Very informative meeting, emphasis tree planting to reduce flooding.

121/18. 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) Noted -Confirmation received from Scotby Village Hall Committee to contribute £5000 towards the hall roof replacement.
- (ii) Additional quote to survey the Parish Trees as suggested at the last meeting from Arbmap- £6900. **Resolved** to appoint Treewise Ltd to undertake the tree survey on behalf of the Parish Council at a cost of £1400.

122/18 Ward Reports

(i) **Resolved** to continue with the ward reports for a further month, members had mixed reviews regarding their success. It is important that any issues should be reported immediately to the Clerk rather than wait until a Council meeting. Members to review the process and make suggestions of how it can be improved at the next meeting.

(ii) **Resolved** to receive and consider the ward reports.

Further comments- Youths cycling in Wetheral with no lights or his vis. Joggers not lights and wearing high viz clothing, concerns regarding potential road accident.

Cllr Round, new signs produced for Cumwhinton "Community Speed Watch" a further 2 required. Clerk to contact CCC, Cllr Higgs has some funds available from his small-scale budget towards this.

Date of next meeting of the Council February 13th 2019 *In Wetheral Village Community Hall*