

**Wetheral Parish Council**  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,  
7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 8.00pm in the Wetheral Village Community Hall  
**PRESENT**

**Chairman – B. Earp**

**Councillors**

**D. Hughes**

**I. Evans**

**G. Round**

**M. Somers**

**M. Higginbotham**

**Also, Present; County Cllr N Marriner & District Cllr Bowman, Mr. R Ingham (part)**

Prior to the meeting a presentation was given by resident Mr. R Ingham, Bicycle Mayor of Cumbria. National Traffic Survey 2017 indicated 24% of trips were under 1 mile, and 68% under 5 miles, with a very small % by cycle. In Carlisle 80% of the workforce travel less than 6 miles, only 2% by cycle. The aim is to encourage residents to cycle or walk on shorter journeys reducing the carbon footprint and improved health benefits.

Mr. Ingham requests that the Parish Council considers a pilot scheme to identify how residents are travelling, mode of transport, impact on the village and what can be done to promote cycling/walking. This will be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

**45/19 Apologies for absence**

- (i) **Resolved** to accept and approve the apologies for absence from Parish Cllrs D. Pattinson, Poole, Higgs, Searle, Oliver & Routledge. District Cllr Christian & County Cllr Mallinson.

**46/19 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**47/19 Requests for Dispensation**

None were requested.

**48/19 Declarations of Interest**

- (i) Cllr Bowman declared an interest in items relating to Carlisle City Council, Development Control.

**49/19 Public Participation**

a. **Residents** – No residents were present.

b. Police report circulated.

c. **Councillor Reports**

Cllr Marriner reported that there had been lack of progress with the improvements to cycle routes in the East of the city.

Cllr Bowman reported major fly tipping again at High Stand and Cumwhinton Rd. Also reports of dog fouling on Ghyll Rd, Scotby, this has been reported to the dog wardens.

**50/19 Notification of Councillor disqualification**

(i) **Resolved** to receive notification of the disqualification of Cllr Bainbridge for failure to attend any meeting for six consecutive months relating to the discharge of Council functions since January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Under the Local Government Act 1972 s 85.

(ii) **Resolved** to declare the office of the Cotehill & Cumwhinton ward vacant.

## **51/19 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 29th July 2019.(e-mailed)
- (ii) **Personnel Committee** meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019.(e-mailed)

**Resolved** to accept the Personnel Committees recommendations with immediate effect.

## **52/19 Planning Applications considered;**

### **(i) 19/0374 Land to rear of 48-52 Broomfallen Rd, Scotby**

Erection of 1 dwelling and refuse bin access point.

**Resolved** No Observations

### **(ii)19/0561 Rose Cottage, Great Corby**

Demolition of kitchen, bathroom and garage. Erection of 2 storey side extension with additional Accommodation.

**Resolved** No Observations

### **(iii)19/0037/S211 The Steading, Great Corby**

Works on 1 yew, 2 silver birch & 1 Lawson cypress (deferred from Planning committee meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019)

**Resolved** No Observations

### **(iv)19/0346 Land to the south of Croft Villa, Wetheral**

Amendment; Alternative bungalow design of Plots 7&8 and alterations to Plot 1.

**Resolved** No Observations

## **53/19 Bank Reconciliation**

(i) **Resolved** to receive the bank reconciliation dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Current Account        £20,479.43

Deposit Account       £177,246.40

Cumberland BS        £66,854.17

Total in the bank       £264,726.59

Allocated funds brought forward   £81,384 .00

**Available funds        £183,470.17 (inc capital expenditure 19/20)**

## **54/19 Payment of Accounts.**

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 VIN76-102 totalling £17,274.79

(ii) Noted the receipt of £290 from United utilities for compensation for disruption and for daffodils in Scotby.

(iii) Request from the Wetheral PCC for the Parish Council to undertake repairs required on the Lych Gate, Holy Trinity & St Constantine Church. Resolved to undertake the repairs on the Lych Gate, grant funding is available.

(iv) **Resolved** to fund a condition survey of the Lych Gate to ascertain the scope of the work at a cost of £625, Cllr Bowman offered to grant funds towards this from the City Council small scales grant scheme.

## **55/19 External Audit**

- (i) **Resolved** to receive the Notice of Conclusion of Audit from the External Auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP, no matters arising.
- (ii) Noted all Statutory documents have been uploaded to the Councils website as per the Local Government Transparency Code 2014.

#### **56/19 Aglionby, The Strand improvements**

- (i) **Resolved** to receive the proposed improvements at the Strand, Aglionby for consideration at the next Finance & Grants meeting.
- (ii) Warwick on Eden & Aglionby ward members to comment on the proposal

#### **57/19 Speed watch**

- (i) **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Round as the guardian of the speed watch equipment to ensure that anyone using/requesting the equipment follows the code of practice set by Cumbria Constabulary.
- (ii) **Resolved** to make a formal request for permanent measures to reduce speeding vehicles in Cumwhinton to Cumbria Constabulary with the County Councils support. Members expressed concern that the CRaSH group had not inspected the site, Cllr Marriner to investigate from the County Councils perspective.

#### **58/19 External Representation**

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

- Cllr Higginbotham attended a meeting of the CPCA, minutes to be circulated.
- Cllr Round attended a meeting of the proposed Cotehill Sports Field Committee, they will be formalising the committee at the inaugural meeting in September. The members are hoping to raise funds to improve the facilities on the playing fields.

#### **59/19. Employment Policy & Procedures**

- (i) **Resolved** to undertake a review of the Councils Employment Policies and Procedures.
- (ii) **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Oliver to oversee this process with the Clerk.
- (iii) Clerk to provide further information on employment law and grievance & disciplinary training seminars.

#### **60/19 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications**

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

- (i) Closure of the Queens Inn, Great Corby- hopefully re-opening at the end of August.
- (ii) E-mail from Suckley Parish Council, Worcestershire – request for further information on the Council's Let it Bee campaign.
- (iii) Request for speed watch in Cotehill, Cllr Round to co-ordinate.

**Date of next meeting of the Council September 11th 2019, *In Wetheral Village Community Hall***