

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,
11th December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Wetheral Village Community Hall
PRESENT

Chairman – B. Earp

Councillors

G. Round

I. Evans

C. Oliver

D. Pattinson

D. Hughes

D. Poole

M. Higginbotham

M. Somers

J. Routledge

T. Lyman

S. Higgs

Also, present; District Cllrs M Bowman & Christian (part) & two Wetheral residents.

98/19 Apologies for absence

- (i) Resolved** to accept and approve the apologies for absence from Parish Cllr Searle & County Cllrs Mallinson & Graham.

99/19 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th November 2019.

- (i) Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 13th November 2019.

100/19 Requests for Dispensation

None were requested.

101/19 Declarations of Interest

- (i)** Cllr Higgs declared an interest in items relating to Carlisle City Council.
- (ii)** Cllrs Higginbotham & Round declared an interest in agenda item 7. (ii) c planning application 19/0898.

102/19 Public Participation

a. Residents –

Mr David Stephenson, Chairman of Wetheral Village Hall addressed members;
The village hall has issues with the lack of car parking for its users and the users of the playing fields and further problems will occur due to the WCA being served notice on the land currently used for overflow car parking. There is a need for both parties to enter into meaningful discussions to find additional car parking, be it on the playing field as suggested by WCA Ltd or elsewhere.

b. Police report circulated.

c. Councillor Reports

~ Cllr Nigel Christian, informed members of Carlisle City Council's Climate Emergency Strategy. The City Council will be working in partnership and obtaining grants to begin implementation of the strategy. This would include;

- (i)** Council Buildings – energy performance and procurement.
- (ii)** Travel & Transport; electric charging points & introduction of a fleet of electric vehicles. Cycleway connections.
- (iii)** Parks & Gardens – planting trees to mitigate climate change. Encouraging landowners to do the same.

- (iv) Recycling and waste management
- (v) The Parish Council can assist by planting trees and maintenance of the same.
~ Cllr Higgs; a local group have tidied up the Wetheral Station car park. Northern Friends of Wetheral Railway station forwarded £150 from Network Rail to support the work.
Issues in Wetheral regarding the felling of a tree in The Glebe.

103/19 Co-option of Councillor for the Great Corby Ward

- (i) **Resolved** to co-opt Julia Dobson as the Ward Councillor for the Great Corby Ward.
- (ii) Cllr Dobson signed the declaration of acceptance of office and was invited to join the meeting.
- (iii) **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Evans as mentor for Cllr Dobson.

104/19 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 2nd December 2019
- (ii) **Planning applications considered;**

a. App 19/0902 Lilac Cottage, Low Cotehill

Single storey extension.

Resolved – No Observations

b. 19/0001SOL Tesco, Warwick Road, Carlisle

Installation of a rooftop solar photovoltaic system.

Resolved No Observations

c. 19/0898 land adjacent to St Johns Hall, Cumwhinton

Erection of self-build dwellings

Resolved – Objection.

The Parish Council considers this to be overdevelopment of the village, especially in light of the planned Garden Village which is supposed to reduce excessive development. The developer's plans do not show other new developments already underway in the village. There is already a problem with drainage in Cumwhinton which is causing flooding in a number of properties. Until this is resolved there should be no further development permitted in the village. The proposed site and surrounding land are already waterlogged and unsuitable for building.

d. 19/0029/TPO 1& 2Meadow View, Plains road, Wetheral

re-pollard 1 Lime tree.

Resolved – No Observations

e. 19/0028/TPO 2 Lime House Gardens, Wetheral

Crown reduction by 4 metres to 1 Birch tree.

Resolved – Objection, members expressed that 4 metres is excessive and lesser reduction e.g. 2 metres.

f. 19/0071/S211 Plains View, 63 Greenacres, Wetheral

Removal of 1 Beech tree.

Resolved – Objection, (the tree has approval for a crown reduction 19/0046/S211), members object to the felling of the tree and recommend that it is crown reduced by 2 metres.

- (iii) **Finance & Grants Committee** meeting held on 19th November 2019.
- a. An update from the Chairman following his meeting with Mr Story. (min F&G 06/19 (ii) a(iii)). Cllr Earp met with a representative of Story Homes, the outcome was that they had no objection to the monies assigned to Wetheral Playing fields, Application 15/0886 being used elsewhere in the Parish subject to a Deed of variation which has cost implications to the Council.
 - b. **Resolved** to refer consideration of the allocation of the £92,393 s106 to a joint meeting of the Wetheral Playing Fields Association and the Councils Finance & Grants Committee.
 - c. **Noted** the Grounds Maintenance Contract has been advertised on the notice boards, Council website & Facebook page. Several companies have expressed an interest.

(iv) Appointment of Councillors to committees in the Aglionby & Warwick on Eden ward.

- (i) **Resolved** to appoint Cllrs Poole to the Planning and Finance Committee and Cllr Lyman to the Cemetery & Rights of Way Committee.

105/19 Parish Precept 2020-21

Resolved to make a request to the District Council for the Parish Council Precept 2019-20 of £150,000 This equates to an increase of 1.3%. Band D property would increase by 70p. £58.68 to £59.47.

106/19 Bank Reconciliation

(I) Resolved to receive the balance at the bank dated 30th November 2019

Current Account	£22,385.24
Deposit Account	£128,468.46
Cumberland BS	£66,854.17
Total in the bank	£219,739.25
Allocated funds	£ 81,384.00

Available funds £138,355.25

107/19 Payment of Accounts.

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 11th December 2019 VIN 175-200 totalling £18,054.00 (e-mailed). Noted the payment to Scotby Cricket Club was a grant offered in 2016.

108/19 Gas Governor

Resolved to approve of the revised proposed location for the gas governor at Scotby following a site meeting.

109/19 Winter Maintenance Schedule

- (i) **Resolved** to issue members with the winter gritting schedule in preparation for the forecasted cold weather. (gritting charged at £26 per hour + grit at cost and snow plough £26 per hour)
- (ii) **Resolved** to nominate the following ward members to report on the conditions in each village to the Clerk in severe weather. Cllr Higgs, Round, Earp, Evans & Poole.

110/19 Wetheral Community Association Proposals

- (i) Shared car park; various views were shared by members and it was **Resolved** to refer the matter to a joint meeting of the WPFA & The Finance & Grants Committee.
- (ii) Office Lease- **Resolved** to accept the lease on the proposed terms.

111/19 External Representation

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

- (i) Cllr Higginbotham attended a Borderland conference (to be circulated)
- (ii) Cllr Higgs & Higginbotham attended a meeting at the Carlisle airport one of the topics discussed was hidden fuel poverty for those on low income, further information to be circulated.
- (iii) Cllr Hughes; Hartley Trust meeting, fundraising is planned for the Pavilion fund; race night, quiz night, sponsored diet.
- (iv) Cllr Higgs, Wetheral Village Hall meeting, minutes to be circulated.

112/19 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) National Trust Ullswater woodlands – Consultation – Wetheral woods
- (ii) Invitation to attend Cumbria Mobility Network (ACT), travel and transport support in rural areas.
- (iii) Wellness Seminar, 28th February 2020. CPCA & Carlisle City Council.

Date of next meeting of the Council January 8th 2020, *Wetheral Village Hall*