

Wetheral Parish Council

Minutes of the Wetheral Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th June 2020

In a virtual meeting room commencing at 7.30pm

(This meeting was a virtual meeting and therefore did not take place at a physical location following guidelines set out in Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020.)

PRESENT

Chairman – B Earp

Councillors

D. Poole

C. Oliver

J. Dobson

D Pattinson

M. Somers

I. Evans

D. Hughes

M. Higginbotham

S. Higgs

J. Routledge

Also present

District Cllr Bowman

01/20 Apologies for absence

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

02/20 Declarations of Interest

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

03/20 Request for dispensation

None made.

04/20 Public Participation

- a. Residents –

No residents were present

- b. Police report to be circulated.

- c. Councillor Reports

~ Cllr Higgs, in March several residents took part in an excellent litter pick which was supported by the City Council promptly picking up the bags of rubbish. Thanks to the City Council for swift action on the recent fly tipping incidents and to the Parish Council for the loan of the litter picking equipment.

Co-op community fund is open for bids, information to be circulated to village halls and local community groups.

SWATCH group has approximately 50 volunteers to assist during the peak of the Covid-19 virus to help residents in the villages, thanks to Wetheral Parish Council for volunteer insurance.

~ Cllr Bowman, who will remain Mayor of Carlisle until May 2021, thanked the Parish Council for her invitation to attend.

Noted many City Council meetings are being held virtually these can be viewed by clicking the associated link on the agenda. Carlisle being the first in the County to hold them.

05/20 Minutes of the Meetings.

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 11th March 2020.

06/20 Ratification of Decisions made due to the COVID-19 situation.

Resolved to approve & ratify all decisions made under delegated powers.

- (i) Extraordinary meeting held on 20th March 2020
 - (ii) Update of 6th May 2020
 - (iii) Update of 1st April 2020
 - (iv) Meeting of the Finance & Grants Committee held on 30th April 2020
 - (v) Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2nd March 2020.

 - (vi) Planning submissions – Collated responses of;
 - a. 30th March 2020
 - b. 27th April 2020
 - c. 26th May 2020
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07/20 Under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Noted

- (i) Appointment of Councillors to Council Committees – will remain unchanged until the Annual General Meeting of the Council, May 2021.
- (ii) Appointment of Representatives on Other Bodies- will remain unchanged until the Annual General Meeting of the Council, May 2021.

08/20 Council Meetings Dates for the Year 2020-21

- (i) **Resolved** to accept the proposed dates for the full council meetings for the forthcoming year. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

09/20 Annual Return

- (i) **Resolved** to approve the Annual Governance Statement for year ending 31st March 2020 and the Chairman was authorised to sign Section 1 of the Annual Return for year ending March 31st, 2019 on behalf of Wetheral Parish Council.
- (ii) **Resolved** to approve the Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March 2020 and the Chairman was authorised to sign Section 2 of the Annual Return for year ending 31st March 2020 on behalf of Wetheral Parish Council.
- (iii) **Resolved** receipt of the notification of Public Rights & Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return for accounts year ending 31st March 2020 as Monday 22nd June to Friday 31st July 2020.
- (iv) **Resolved** to accept the Internal Auditors report of 14th May 2020 and recommendations made therein.

10/20 Balances at the Bank

- (i) **Resolved** to receive the bank reconciliation to 31st May 2020

Deposit Account	£233,567.17
Current Account	£13,275.06
Cumberland BS	£67,822.82
Total in the bank	£316,027.34

- (ii) Noted receipt of the Precept totalling £150,000.
- (iii) Noted receipt of £3266.95 from Cummersdale Parish Council
- (iv) Noted receipt of the bank interest from the Cumberland BS of £968.65

11/20 Payment of Accounts

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated June 10th, 2020 (VIN 47-76) Totalling £9402.67
- (ii) **Resolved** to authorise the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated April 6th, 2020 (VIN 1-16) £23,618.37 re-stated.
- (iii) **Resolved** to authorise the accounted listed in the schedule dated May 6th 2020 (VIN 17-46) £19,724.15

12/20 Banking Arrangements

- (i) **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Stephen Higgs, Cllr David Hughes & The Clerk Susan Tarrant as the signatories for the council's bank accounts;
- (ii) Cumberland Building Society account; 52240941 – in addition, Cllr Geoffrey Round.
- (iii) Barclays Accounts -20-45-45 23384225 & 63837629.
(NB The Clerk is required to be listed as a signatory to be able to access the Councils accounts)

13/20 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications

Resolved to receive and note schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting.

- a. Mr Dirom, Cotehouse Tower farm, request to fence common land at Brackenbank (Council installed the original fence 30 years ago) – **Resolved** to install the front section of the damaged fence plus kissing gate.
- b. Cllr Pattinson submitted a report of 3 trees blocking the public footpath in the same area- RM Lowther have been instructed to inspect the trees and to obtain a price.
- c. CALC – Delegated powers and the hosting of virtual meetings, an advisory note that in CALCs' opinion where virtual meetings can be held then the delegated powers should be revoked. To consider at the next meeting of the Council.
- d. J Melrose Woodman- Giant Hog Weed opposite Mill House, Wetheral. This has been removed by the Church Commissioners agent.
- e. Coast & Castle housing proposed affordable housing development on Peter Gate, Cumwhinton- details to be forwarded to the ward reps.

Cllr Matters

Chairman and Clerk to consider how the press and the public can be effectively included in virtual meetings held by the Parish Council.

Next meeting July 8th 2020 – Virtually.