

Wetheral Parish Council

Minutes of the Wetheral Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th August 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

G. round

I. Evans

D. Hughes

M. Higginbotham (part)

J. Routledge

Also present

District Cllr Bowman & County Cllr Mallinson.

26/20Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept and approve the apologies for absence from Parish Cllrs Searle & Higgs, District Cllr Christian & County Cllrs Graham & Marriner.

27/20Minutes of the Meetings.

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 8th July 2020.
- (ii) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 27th July 2020.

28/20 Declarations of Interest

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

29/20 Request for dispensation

None made.

30/20 Public Participation

- a. Residents –
No residents were present
- b. Police – It was noted that currently was little available online regarding police and crime reports currently.
- c. Councillor Reports
~Cllr Bowman reported that the City Contact centre is re-opening for appointment only with officers returning if they feel it's safe otherwise they can continue to work from home.
Cllr Higgs is unable to "speak" at the Development Control meeting regarding application 19/0898
Cllr Bowman offered to speak on behalf of the ward. Members thanked Cllr Bowman for her intervention.
Cllr Mallinson, the County Council members are now meeting virtually.

31/20Project updates

(i) Scotby pavilion.

Noted; the build is progressing, the foundations in and the walls will be up within the next 2 weeks.

Site meeting planned for Thursday 13th August 2020, a further update will be made available.

The verges up to the car park entrance will be cut along Parkett Hill (as a one off) and the lane to the old Pavilion.

(ii) *The Strand*

Photos of the work so far have been circulated, spraying, weeding, pulling balsam and ground works. Support by volunteers has reduced to two residents of Williams pasture, predominantly due to the age and vulnerability of other volunteers to Covid-19.

The opposite side of the road was very overgrown with weeds, nettles and balsam which has made it difficult work.

Need to encourage younger volunteers, members suggested an update on the notice board and request for assistance or leaflets.

Cllr Dobson, although not the ward Councillor for Aglionby has worked throughout lock down on the project and she was thanked for her work, assistance from other Council members was requested as the work is very physical.

Resolved – Chairman to send a letter of thanks to the two volunteers.

32/20 Council Committees

(i) **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Dobson as Great Corby ward member on the Planning Committee, Cllr Evans was thanked for his time as the representative.

(ii) **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Dobson as the Council representative on the Great Corby Village Committee. (This committee includes the playing field and play area)

33/20 Review of and Adoption of Council Procedures

Resolved to adopt the following policies and procedures.

(i) Councils procedures for handling requests made under Freedom of Information Act

(ii) Councils Complaints procedure.

(iii) General Data Protection Regulations (2020)

(iv) Document Retention Policy. **Resolved** to add the Cemetery documentation to the policy.

(v) Financial Risk Management & Insurance.

(vi) Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media

34/20 Clerks Report

Received and noted the Clerks report.

(NB – Grass cutting, Issue with the length of grass at the Down-a-Gate play area, Cllr Somers to raise at next weeks AGM)

35/20 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 31st July 2020

Deposit Account £209,816.36

Current Account £21,816.36

Cumberland BS £67,822.82

Total in the bank £299,455.54

36/20 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 12th August 2020 (VIN0109-131) Totalling £47,979.30 (valuation 1 Scotby Pavilion was approved)

(ii) Noted Cumbria Waste management had overcharged the Council for refuse collection at the Playing field, credit received.

(iii) Noted payment from Sedgwick Insurance Assessors on behalf of Zurich Insurance, flood damage £3936.00 – Scotby Village Hall. (Excess paid by the village hall)- this has been included in the schedule of payments.

37/20. External Representation

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

- (i) Down-a-Gate AGM planned for 18.08.20, Cllr Somers to attend. Re-opened with bookings from Slimming world and Karate.

- (ii) Scotby Village Hall – reopening, all current users have been contacted to ascertain their return. Maintenance is being undertaken and there is potential for new fitness classes.
- (iii) Cumwhinton Village Hall – due to hold a meeting regarding re-opening.
- (iv) SWATCH group, scaled down but still collecting prescriptions for the most vulnerable in the Parish.
- (v) CPCA AGM to be held in September.
- (vi) CALC AGM to be held in October.

38/20.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) District Church Council All Saints Church Scotby request a grant to re-roof the Scotby Parish Centre of £300. **Resolved** to approve the grant .
- (ii) Works relating to flood defense – Wetheral Riverbank, Clerk to contact UU representative regarding the diversion through Cote House Tower Farm as there have been a number of recent issues with disrespectful walkers and dog owners on local footpaths.

Councillor Matters*

An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues, not on the agenda, on behalf of residents in their wards.

- ~ Rubbish on footpaths has increased, masks, gloves, etc
- ~ Request for a remainder of a fence to be removed at Cotehill, Members didn't have any objection. (E-mail to be forwarded to members)
- ~ Issue with wasps at Warwick on Eden Village Hall.
- ~ Cllr Round, met with developers of the land adj St Johns Hall, suggestion made that a 25 space car park could be created.
- Turnmire Play area – problem with litter/location of the litter bin, teenagers riding bikes over the play equipment and damage to a swing.
- ~ Changes in planning legislation.
- ~ Update on Section 106 allocation and payments.

Next meeting September 9th, 2020 (virtually)

