

## **Wetheral Parish Council**

Minutes of the Wetheral Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 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 (part)**

**I. Evans**

**D. Hughes**

**M. Higginbotham**

**S. Higgs**

**J. Routledge**

#### **Also present**

District Cllr Bowman, County Cllrs Mallinson & Marriner.

#### **14/20Apologies for absence**

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

#### **15/20Minutes of the Meetings.**

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- (ii) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign the collated responses for the Planning Committee meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

#### **16/20 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

#### **17/20 Request for dispensation**

None made.

#### **18/20 Public Participation**

##### **a. Residents –**

No residents were present

##### **b. Police report to be circulated on receipt.**

##### **c. Councillor Reports**

~Cllr Bowman reported that the City Councils services are running well, some staff are self-isolating, all staff are working from home, not in the Civic Centre.

Grants from the Government to small businesses issued within Carlisle City Council area totaled 2078.

The Local Enterprise Partnership will receive and manage £10 million to “kick start” the Cumbria tourist industry.

Funeral attendees (crematorium) increased to 24, still limited to 20 minutes.

Offered grants to Warwick on Eden, Great Corby & Cotehill village halls for essential work.

~ Cllr Higgs, Wetheral to Scotby Rd, due to close for resurfacing for 1 day Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, residents have been asked to move all vehicles along this road( Pleasant View to Methodist chapel)

Attended a meeting at Down-a-Gate; issues with dog fouling and rubbish being dumped at the recycling site. Finance is healthy.

Planning- Gladman and Cumwhinton applications likely to be considered at the August meeting of Development Control, not July.

Enforcement team visited Wetheral due to fly tipping and litter. CCTV may be used in this area.

SWATCH group still operating however demand has reduced.

### **19/20 Delegated Powers due to HCID**

Noted the HCID delegated powers policy should no-longer be used as Covid-19 has been downgraded and the policy is therefore no longer applicable. The Council is meeting virtually therefore the decision making powers have returned to it as a body.

### **20/20 Section 106 Payments**

**Resolved** to receive the Planning Obligation Annual report 2018-19 from Carlisle City Council. Following consideration.

**Resolved** to write to Jane Meek with regard to the following-

- (i) A number of S106 agreements have been made with developers and the parish councils are not aware of them, who controls this money?
- (ii) Obtain a clear definition of "open spaces" within a stated village. The wording sometimes is ambiguous.
- (iii) How is the S106 payments determined and by whom.
- (iv) What is the mechanism to inform the Parishes that monies have been allocated to one of its villages/town?
- (v) It is noted that the monies cannot be used for any other purpose or changed as it is in a legal agreement so for example £14,300 allocated to provision and maintenance of play equipment in Scotby, why was the Parish Council not aware and why can it, not manage this fund appropriately?
- (vi) Its apparent that contribution to affordable housing is often included in the agreements however allocated to other areas in the Carlisle District not necessarily in the village where the development is, why is this.
- (vii) Section 106 for Barley Edge has been allocated to urban play areas and its stated that the development was in Botcherby. The residents pay the precept to Wetheral Parish and its within the Parish boundary as with Meadowbrook, the Taylor Wimpey development.
- (viii) Request a copy of the Planning Obligations report 2019-20.

### **21/20 Scotby Pavilion**

A verbal update on the construction of the Scotby pavilion was given.

- (i) Pre-start meetings have been held with the contractor.
- (ii) Start date was 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020, delayed due to border travel restriction (COVID 19) for the work force and potential infection. Undergoing testing and self-isolating.
- (iii) Parkett Hill to be strimmed prior to the work commencing.

## 22/20COVID 19 Update

Noted;

- (i) Advised not to hold actual meetings, continue to meet virtually, this will include the planning meetings.
- (ii) Play areas have been risk assessed for re-opening, and temporary signage arranged. Permanent signage to be erected.
- (iii) **Resolved** for the Clerk & Assistant Clerk to work separately in the office, morning and afternoon as soon as practicable. Note the Clerk has been working from the office for the past 6 weeks as the centre has not been operating.

## 23/20 Balances at the Bank

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Deposit Account       £218,655.00

Current Account       £20,834.30

Cumberland BS       £67,822.82

Total in the bank       £304,270.84 (to be reconciled)

(ii) Noted receipt of £1620.00 from Cummersdale Parish Council, the signatories are able to sign cheques therefore the Wetheral Parish Council shall no longer pay invoices on behalf of Cummersdale Parish Council.

## 24/20 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (VIN 77-108) Totalling £11,159.63.

## 25/20Schedule 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) Letter of thanks from Cummersdale Parish Council Chairman for the support given by Wetheral Parish Council during the pandemic.
- (ii) Castle & Coast Housing requesting a meeting to discuss affordable housing in Cumwhinton. **Resolved** to forward questions raised by Cllrs Round & Higginbotham for their consideration and to arrange a virtual meeting to discuss the potential development.
- (iii) Cllr Higgs & Christian intend to support the local rights of way by funding maintenance and footpath improvements in the Parish.

## Councillor Matters\*

Cllr Round, speed gun is with the Police, its location is yet to be found.

30 mph speed indicator signs for villages appear to be in one village only, Clerk to contact the County Council to ask for it to be moved.

**Next meeting August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (virtually)**