

Wetheral Parish Council

Minutes of the Wetheral Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 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

J. Dobson

C. Oliver

D Pattinson

G Round

S. Higgs

J. Searle

M. Higginbotham I Evans

D Hughes

Also present

District Cllrs Bowman & Christian and County Cllr Marriner

67/20 Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept and approve the apologies for absence from Parish Cllrs Routledge & Somers, & County Cllrs Mallinson & Graham.

68/20 Minutes of the Meetings.

(i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 14th October 2020.

(ii) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting of 3rd November 2020.

69/20 Declarations of Interest

- (i) Cllr Bowman & Cllr Higgs declared an interest in items relating to Carlisle City Council
- (ii) Cllr Earp declared an interest in tree application 20/0085/S211

70/20 Request for dispensation

None were made.

71/20 Public Participation

a. Residents –

No residents were present

b. Police.- No report was available

c. Councillor Reports

~ Cllr Higgs, has taken part in an online Remembrance service at Holme Eden church.

Bulb planting has taken place in Wetheral village with 3 teams of residents.

Problem with litter on the verges.

SWATCH group is back in operation during this phase of lockdown.

~Cllr Bowman, laid a wreath on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of Carlisle City Council at the Cenotaph, Green Market, War memorial. Also present the Lord Lieutenant and an armed forces bugler.

Noted a large number of fly tipping incidents in the Parish have been reported.

Cllr Marriner, has reported the redundant lighting columns in Scotby to the County Council to be removed.

72/20 Project updates

(i) *Scotby pavilion.*

Noted;

Site meeting held Tuesday 3rd November 2020, completion scheduled for mid-December. Issues with the proposed soakaway and a new water supply pipe had to be laid.

Potential sponsor for the landscaping and paving, Cllr Hughes to confirm.

(ii) **Resolved** to receive the expenditure summary for the Scotby pavilion to 11th November 2020. Uncertain of the final costs as yet, to be confirmed in December 2020.

73/20 Consultations

a. Planning Applications considered

(i) App 19/0216 Cascade steps, Corby Castle, Great Corby

Structural works part retrospective. Amended detail

Resolved Observations- the Members support Historic England, The Georgian Group and the Garden Trust. The proposed variation does not go nearly far enough to address the concerns raised by these three groups. The applicant should be encouraged to have further discussions with the groups about a more suitable way to resolve this situation.

(ii) App20/0698 6 Alby Terrace, Cumwhinton

Variation of condition 2

Resolved No observations

(iii) App20/0729 Barncroft, Cumwhinton

Erection of single storey front extension

Resolved – No observations

(iv) App20/0709 Land to the rear of 46 Broomfallen Road, Scotby

Erection of 1 dwelling

Resolved – Objection, the committee does not believe that the developer's proposal takes adequate account of the existing drainage problems on the site in addition to the problems created by the development itself. Since the commencement of the development 18/0907 and the preparation and levelling of the site, there has been surface water flooding of the rear garden at 44 Broomfallen Road. In order for the building of site 1 (bungalow), a bund was erected at the rear of number 44 to prevent this happening. This bund has now been removed and the problem has recurred.

The current application is at the rear of plot 1 and due to the elevation of the site and the dumping of compacted soil further up the incline, this will increase surface water drainage flooding. The County Council drainage engineer, Peter Allan, recently recommended the installation of a filter drain between plot 1 and number 44 as soon as possible. The decision therefore should be deferred until this work has been carried out.

The development is contrary to policy SP6 of the local plan and not in keeping with the surrounding properties.

(v) App 20/0715 Land to the rear of 44 Scotby Rd, Scotby

Variation of condition 2

Resolved – No observations.

b. Tree Applications to consider;

(i) 20/0081/S211 1 Wentworth Terrace, Great Corby

Removal of 1 sycamore & 3 Holly trees & Removal of lower limbs 1 Conifer

Resolved – observations, members were concerned that the trees are healthy, and the removal is cosmetic.

(ii) 20/0085/S211 The Clints, Clints Road, Great Corby

Removal of 1 no Cherry Tree

Resolved – no observations

74/20 Bank Reconciliation

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

Deposit Account £57,903.26

Current Account £90,875.45

Cumberland BS £67,822.82

Total in the bank £213,185.54 (inc. outstanding banking and payments)

(ii) Noted receipt of £20,000 grant from the Thomas Graham Trust towards the Scotby Pavilion project.

75/20 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 11th November 2020 (VIN181-200) Totalling £71,172.97.

(ii) **Resolved** to allow the Clerk to allocate monies from the contingency fund for any urgent tree work in consultation with the Chairman/Vice Chairman, for the remainder of this financial year.

76/20 Village Matters

(i) Request from the landlord of the Queen Inn, Great Corby to site the Christmas tree on the top green Great Corby, this year. **Resolved** to place the Christmas tree on the lower green as previous years opposite the village school. Permission granted for the landlord to supply and site a Christmas tree on the top green at his expense.

(ii) **Resolved** to approve the tree work in the Parish- Great Corby; Lime tree-£300, Willow tree-£400 (members requested that the ground clearance for the Lime tree was reduced to 2m)

(iii) Noted, COVID restrictions, Organised sports will not be permitted on the Wetheral Playing fields and Scotby playing fields from 5th November 2020, until the Parish Council gives permission to re-open (exercise will be permitted). Playgrounds will remain open.

77/20 Precept 2021-22

Resolved to defer consideration of the Councils precept request to the District Council for 2021-22, until the number of dwellings are confirmed by the Valuation officer at the end of November. To be considered 9th December 2020.

78/20 External Representation

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

(i) Cllr Evans – attended a virtual meeting of the TVRUP, unsure of the future as the partnership have done very little this year. Suggestions requested on how to encourage more travellers to stop off at Wetheral?

(ii) Cllr Dobson- CNLP Nature Recovery seminar, discussing wildlife numbers inc trees/plants across Cumbria. To encourage the Parish Councils to include nature diversity when responding to planning applications. Notes to be circulated.

79/20 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) Request from a Scotby resident to plant cherry trees on the banking from the Scotby playing fields to the Wash Beck. **Resolved** to approve the request.
- (ii) St Cuthbert's Garden Village Consultation commenced 10th November until 22nd December 2020, all encouraged to respond.
- (iii) Resident complaint regarding the fly tipping and spoil dumped on a bridleway (Scotby village to the Garlands). Cllr Christian to raise the issue with the Neighbourhood service team of the City Council.

Councillor Matters*

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

Flooding in Cumwhinton- survey being undertaken by Cumbria County Council

Coast & Castle meeting – Cumwhinton to be arranged virtually.

Next meeting 9th December 2020.