

## **Wetheral Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Wetheral Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

**In a virtual meeting room commencing at 8.00pm**

(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**

**J. Dobson**

**S. Higgs**

**C. Oliver**

**D Pattinson**

**M. Higginbotham**

**G Round**

**I Evans**

**D Poole**

**D Hughes**

**J Routledge**

**M. Somers**

#### **Also present,**

District Cllrs Bowman & Christian and County Cllr Marriner.

Part – Gary Brady, Census Engagement Manager, North Cumbria.

#### **Prior to the meeting a presentation was given by Gary Brady.**

##### **Key Points**

Engaging with the local community to enable the maximum number of people to participate.

Primarily Census online, paper Census on request, using assistive technology- brail, video & telephone capture; telephone and the operator will complete the form.

Request for the Parish Council to publicise the Census on social media to direct residents to the various methods to complete it.

A postcard will be sent to every household between 22.02.21 and 5.03.21. informing them of the Census date – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021. 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March a Census pack will be sent to every household including an instruction booklet.

Residents can assist neighbours by completing the form for them if they are unable to do so.

Subject to COVID restrictions completion events may be set up to assist with completion of the Census.

Residents have a statutory duty to complete the Census. Reminders will be sent, a fine could be up to £1000 for non-compliance.

Copies of the Census form are available on request. Clerk to arrange for Councillors.

#### **105/20Apologies for absence**

**Resolved** to accept and approve the apologies for absence from Cllr Searle, County Cllrs Mallinson & Graham.

#### **106/20Minutes of the Meetings.**

(i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

(ii) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.

(iii) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### **107/20 Declarations of Interest**

(i) Cllrs Bowman, Christian & Higgs declared an interest in items relating to Carlisle City Council.

(ii) Cllr Evans declared an interest in agenda item 7. (iv) –As a Governor of Great Corby School; de-registration of Common land.

#### **108/20 Request for dispensation**

None were made.

## 109/20 Public Participation

### a. Residents –

Cllr Evans spoke as a resident, as a Parish Councillor for the Great Corby Ward and as a Governor of Great Corby School.

Great Corby School Governors have sent a letter out to parents (previously circulated) informing them why the de-registration of the Common land was necessary. The side door to the playground is insecure and there has been an increase in walkers crossing the playground. Noted that they were not village residents. The Headteacher challenged them and the Police have been involved. (Noted CCTV is in operation on the school site)

The school is not compliant to the DofE currently under safeguarding and that the grounds must be private property. Therefore, the only solution would be to de-register the play area as common land, hence the application for de-registration.

### b. Police.- Report circulated

### c. Councillor Reports

~ Cllr Marriner reported that there was an application to make the Wetheral to Scotby road a 20mph speed limit.

~ Cllr Bowman reported on the Bridleway between the Garlands and Scotby, the City Council have served an injunction for the illegal works, but the developer has ignored it.

Glamping pods have been seen on the land adj. to Inglenook, Wetheral. This has been reported to the City Council.

~Cllr Higgs reported that there has been an increase of litter in the verges lately, possibly due to limited staff directed to other operations within the City Council. Cllr Higgs has the litter picking equipment and anyone requiring it, should contact him.

## 110/20 Village Matters

i) Noted an update on the status of the Footpath/Bridleway Broomfallen Road, Scotby to the Garlands estate was received. The City Council have served an injunction on the developers, the County Council is arranging for the bridleway to be made good and improve the access from the Garlands.

There is a closure notice currently, this is likely to stay in place until March 2021. The bridleway has been tarmaced by the developer, which is an improvement.

ii) **Resolved** to make an application to join footpath 138029 and 138030 Great Corby, to support the application to de-register the common land on the Great Corby Primary School playground. The landowner of the proposed route to be contacted informally to discuss the proposal. The Clerk noted that the County Council are supportive of creating a footpath and have suggested working in partnership with the Parish Council to make improvements to the current footpath as well. (An application to make the Clints Road a 30mph speed limit has been made, Clerk to contact Cllr W Graham)

## 111/20 Consultations

### a. Planning applications considered.

#### (i) App 21/0073 31 Scotby Road, Scotby

Two storey extension and provision of part 1<sup>st</sup> floor to bungalow

**Resolved** – No Observations

#### (ii) App 20/0838 Land to the south of Inglenook cottage, Wetheral

Placement of temporary rural workers caravan for 3 years and retention works of existing track.(Part retrospective)

**Resolved** – No Observations

#### (iii) App 21/0082 Dovedale, Allenwood, Heads Nook

Removal of condition 1(Agricultural workers occupancy restriction) previously approved permission BA6511

**Resolved** – No Observations

**(iv) App CA10/50 Great Corby Common Land 180**

Application to amend the Commons register, to de-register Great Corby School playground.

**Resolved** to support the application to de-register the school playground.

**112/20 Bank Reconciliation**

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Deposit Account        £23,679.56

Current Account        £37,488.59

Cumberland BS        £67,822.82

Total in the bank        **£128,990.97** ( inc. outstanding banking and payments)

(ii) Noted receipt of £6000 from the Hartley Trust towards the Scotby Pavilion (This was a condition of the Thomas Graham Educational Trust)

(iii) Noted receipt of £1000 from Cllr S Higgs for the Scotby pavilion from his small scales grants. (2019)

(iv) Noted a grant of £10,470 has been awarded by Cumbria Waste Management Environmental Trust towards the Scotby Pavilion.

**113/20. Payment of Accounts**

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (VIN247-264) totalling £9112.90

(ii) **Resolved** to approve the amendment to the schedule of cheques dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021, deduction of £17,430 (VIN)244.S106 as this payment was made directly to the contractor by the City Council. New schedule totals £9873.98.

**114/20 S106 Projects**

- (i) Suggestions made by residents of the Parish were received, several of the requests are the responsibility of County Council highways.
- (ii) A MUGA was suggested for Wetheral on the Playing field; awareness to be raised in the village to ascertain support.
- (iii) Scotby, requests to fence the children's play area, this will take place in April, grant from Cllr Christian and S106 monies), also request for toddler play equipment, quotes being arranged.
- (iv) Clerk to re-issue a summary of S106 agreements to Councillors.

**115/20. External Representation**

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

(I) Hartley Trust Committee Meeting- Cllr Hughes reported that the Hartley Trust will significantly change due to the management of the pavilion, they will continue to fundraise, and it is hoped that sponsorship from plaques will be as successful as WPFA. A subgroup is meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to consider the priorities.

**116/20.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) Noted a request from a resident of Wetheral Pasture for a speed limit on the road as it is currently 60mph and has no street lighting from the last meeting, confirmed that the speed limit will be reduced on completion of the latest housing development. This does not include streetlights.

(ii) Noted the Coronavirus Act 2020, the Government are not amending the act which means the legislation regarding remote meeting will expire 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021. (Back to physical meetings) This affects the full council meetings but not the committee meetings. **Resolved**, Clerk to revise the standing orders to allow virtual committee meetings for consideration.

**Next meeting (virtually)**  
**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**