

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,
9th June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Wetheral Village Community Hall
PRESENT

Chairman – M. Somers

Councillors

I.Evans	S. Mossop	B.Earp	C. Oliver	D.Pattinson	G. Round
S. Higgs	D. Hughes	H. Hughes	M. Higginbotham	J. Dobson	S. Higgs

Also present; District Cllr Christian & County Cllr Marriner.

22/21 Apologies for absence

None

23/21 Appointment of Vice Chairman

Cllr Somers proposed Cllr Oliver as Vice Chair. Seconded by Cllr Earp.

Resolved Cllr Oliver was unanimously confirmed as Vice Chair.

24/21 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th May 2021

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 19th May 2021.

25/21 Requests for Dispensation

None were requested.

26/21 Declarations of Interest

- (i) Cllrs Higgs & Christian declared an interest in items relating to Carlisle City Council.
(ii) Cllr Somers declared an interest in item 10(i), Woodland Creation Consultation

27/21 Public Participation

- a. Residents – No residents were present.
b. Police report – Not received.
c. Councillor Reports

~ Cllr Higgs – There are plans for a container village in Bitts Park. A Hawker Festival will take place in the city centre this week. In 2022 there will be a special event on 2nd June for the Queen's Jubilee. Beacons will be lit along Hadrian's Wall, at the special request of Her Majesty.

Cllr Earp asked about the plans for the keeper's cottage in Bitts Park. The project has proved cost prohibitive. The residential interior cannot be readily converted to commercial use without significant structural work.

~ Cllr Christian – The roadwork signs near Scotby railway bridge are to do with the retaining wall. Highways are talking with the wall owner re: the repairs. Cllr Earp thanked Cllr Christian for the information and noted that a lot of residents had been enquiring.

~ Cllr Marriner – Has been speaking with MPs to find out what is happening with the A69 improvements. Funding has gone to the A66 instead. Cllr Marriner is hopeful that funding may be forthcoming from the Borderlands Project, of which Carlisle is the hub. Councillors are encouraged to mention it to their MPs should the opportunity arise.

Re: the cycling route from the east of the city into Carlisle, Cllr Marriner has been pressing for progress. The east is the only area not to have a good cycle route. Cllr Christian encouraged Councillors to send their comments to the County Council's Highways department and said that government funding should be available. Cllr H. Hughes proposed that the item be added to the next meeting agenda. Cllr Higginbotham suggested a virtual presentation from a County Council official. Other Parish Councils

to the east of the city could be invited to attend. **Resolved** To add the cycling route to the next agenda and invite a representative from the County Council to attend the Full Council meeting.

28/21 Minutes of Committee Meetings & Working Groups

(i) Planning committee – No contentious matters. There are proposals to extend the 30mph speed limits at Plains Road and Wetheral Pastures, and to impose a 30mph speed limit in Aglionby. The Planning committee has suggested a slight extension to the zone at Plains Road, so the signs will not be sited on a sharp bend.

(ii) Finance & Grants committee ~ Scotby pavilion, potential overspend, possibly in the region of £30,000, largely due to drainage problems and unresolved issues with the builders. There are no payments due to go out this month, so the situation will become clearer. A substantial donation will be requested from the WPFA & Scotby Village hall, Parish Council reserves may be required for the shortfall.

~ Jubilee 70 project. There is ongoing work to cost up ideas. Any expenditure would be in the next financial year and will be taken into account when setting the precept.

~ Cumwhinton Village Hall – Cllr Round raised the need for additional outdoor space, which could be used for a community garden project. **Resolved** To defer to the next Finance & Grants meeting.

29/21 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances

Current Account	£51,535.25
Deposit Account	£147,826.13
Cumberland BS	£38,238.54
Total in the bank	£215,360.84

30/21 Payment of Accounts.

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 9th June 2021 VIN 50-68 totalling £13,738.33.

31/21 Consultations to Consider

(i) Woodland creation consultation, Scotby – Comments were unanimously in favour. Cllr Earp suggested the name 'Jubilee Woodland', to mark the platinum jubilee in 2022.

32/21 External Representation

~ Cllr Hughes provided an update on the Hartley Trust. The pavilion sponsor board has had a good response. A local joiner will quote for the changing room benches. Hygiene equipment needs to be purchased. It was noted that the line of sight when turning into the field could be improved by the addition of a mirror. Cllr Christian noted that small-scale funding could be used to fund the purchase of smaller items for the pavilion.

Signs have been ordered for the play area, as people are still taking dogs in, despite the new fencing.

~ Cllr Earp provided an update from Downagate. The entrance is to be improved by a local firm which teaches students how to fill potholes. The CCTV has worked very well, and more cameras are to be purchased. A cheque for £500 was received from the gardening club towards the new projector.

33/21 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) Letter received from a Broadwath resident – Residents have been clearing and restoring the beck. A donation was requested from the Parish Council towards the cost of removing a large amount of material to the tip. Letter will be circulated to Councillors.

(ii) Street naming (Acolaid Case 21/0040/SNBN) – The suggested names are 1-2 Hay Close and 1-4 Pasture Close. Councillors agreed that Pasture Close could cause confusion, as Wetheral Pastures is at the opposite end of the village. 1-6 Hay Close would be preferable.

Date of next meeting July 14th 2021