

## **Wetheral Parish Council**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,  
14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Wetheral Village Community Hall

### **PRESENT**

**Chairman – M. Somers**

#### **Councillors**

**S. Mossop    B. Earp                    C. Oliver                    D. Pattinson**  
**S. Higgs    D. Hughes                    H. Hughes                    M. Higginbotham    J. Dobson**

Also present; District Cllr Christian & County Cllr Marriner.

#### **34/21 Apologies for absence**

Cllr G Round, District Cllr M Bowman & County Cllr J Mallinson.

#### **35/21 Resignation of Councillor**

- (i) **Resolved** to receive the resignation of Cllr Ivor Evans as Councillor for the Great Corby Ward.
- (ii) Noted the statutory notice of by-election was posted 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 with a closing date for requests of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
- (iii) Noted the vacancy for the Great Corby ward will be filled by co-option if no requests have been made. Members thanked Cllr Evans for his time as a Councillor, his kindness and considerate attitude to others.

#### **36/21 Minutes of the Previous Meetings.**

- a. **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

#### **37/21 Request for Dispensation**

**Resolved** – none requested

#### **38/21 Declarations of Interest**

**Resolved to accept the declarations of interest;**

- (i) Cllrs Higgs & Christian declared an interest in items relating to Carlisle City Council.
- (ii) Cllr C Oliver declared an interest in item 14(ii), planning application 21/0646.

#### **39/21 Public Participation**

##### a. Residents

No residents were present

##### b. Police report- to be circulated

##### c. Councillor Reports

Cllr Higgs: Planning applications, Gladman (Scotby) 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal will be decided before the next Council meeting and Holme Meadow, Cumwhinton has been resubmitted, original application was refused.

The Governments response to the local government reorganisation is expected prior to the summer recess. Funds still available in the small scales budget, applications welcomed.

Carlisle City Council have Community event support team, this offers financial support as well as loan of equipment e.g gazebos etc. Cllr Higgs has the contact details.

Cllr Christian: Scotby- the bridleway 138049 is being re-instated by the land owner and it should be re-opened shortly.

Cllr Marriner: LCWIP's (Cycle routes East) – no response from the team.

Local flooding last weekend and the County Council are not planning to plant any trees in celebration of the Queens platinum jubilee.

#### **40/21 Minutes of Committee Meetings & Working Groups**

- a. **Resolved** to receive the minutes of the following Committee meetings/ working groups and to consider any recommendations contained therein;
- (i) **Planning Committee** meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
  - (ii) **Jubilee 70 working group** meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Noted funding for tree planting will be required this financial year as well as in next year.
- b. **Resolved** for the Great Corby Cllrs to share committee responsibility until a replacement for Cllr Evans is appointed.

#### **41/21 Bank Reconciliation**

- (i) **Resolved** to receive the balance reconciliation dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- |                   |                                                   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Current Account   | £12,949.94                                        |
| Deposit Account   | £151,810.14                                       |
| Cumberland BS     | £38,238.54                                        |
| Total in the bank | £202,998.62 (in outstanding banking and payments) |

#### **42/21 Payment of Accounts.**

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 VIN 69-102 totalling £10,879.91.

#### **43/21. Clerks Report**

**Resolved** to receive and accept the Clerks report.

#### **44/21 Code of Conduct**

- (i) **Resolved** to adopt the Members Code of Conduct 2020. Section 27,28,289 of the Localism Act 2011 provides that a Parish Council comply with its obligation to adopt a Code by adopting the code of its principal authority, in this case the City Council.

#### **45/21 Project update**

**Resolved** to receive an update on the following projects;

- (i) Scotby Pavilion  
Practical completion issues Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, the building now belongs to the Parish Council.  
Internal fittings and painting of the toilets and kitchen arranged by the Hartley Trust.
- (ii) MUGA, Wetheral  
Planned installation for 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, subject to planning approval (23.07.21)

*“ Cllr Pattinson again expressed his concerns over proceeding with the MUGA installation without the agreement of the playing fields user groups, or without the required 3 month notice period having been served. He did not agree with the clerks interpretation of the separate one month notice clause. Cllr Pattinson stated that there is a risk of legal action as explicitly stated by the Crusaders Football Club at the recent WPFA meeting. He stated that if that occurred after construction of the MUGA had commenced, then Parish council funds could be put at risk.*

*Cllr Pattinson asked the Chairman if he would agree to delay signing the contract for the MUGA until this situation was resolved. The Chairman refused this request and stated that the contract would be signed as soon as the planning permission is approved, which is expected on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.*

*Cllr Pattinson stated that in that case, as chair of the Finance + Grants committee he intended to take this up with the City Council for clarification, as the money to pay for the MUGA would be coming from them. “*

*"The Chair noted Cllr Pattinsons concerns but as it was only his opinion that there may be legal implications and not the view of the Council. To date no legal representation has been made to Parish council to request a delay, until this is received formally from an organised legal body. there is no valid reason to delay this project any further.*

*The Chair stated there has been ample time since the unanimous decision made by The Council at its meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for any legal representation to be made."*

*Following the meeting the Clerk circulated an extract from the Crusaders agreement, it clearly stated that one month notice must be given for any non-emergency works.*

- (iii) The Strand, Aglionby  
Shortage of volunteers, 2000 plugs require planting; suggested Duke of Edinburgh students and Army Cadets (Cllr H Hughes to follow up)

#### **46/21 Wetheral Playing Fields- response to requests made by the Council.**

##### **Cllr Higginbotham responded as Chairman of the WPFA.**

- (i) The long-term disabled access to the playing fields. – *suggest restructuring the kissing gate to create a larger access, (£600) concerns were expressed regarding the locking of the gate especially as the public access defibrillator is now sited at the club house. Cllr Higginbotham confirmed that the gate would only be locked at times when the car park was required for a specific event.*
- (ii) Siting of the milk vending machine- *no support from the WPFA for this vending machine.*
- (iii) Donation to Scotby Pavilion using COVID grant monies. - *deferred until an assessment of WPFA expenditure has been made. Cllr Oliver to action.*
- (iv) Cllr Higginbotham confirmed that notice will be given to all user groups of the impending installation of a multi-use games area. (Subject to planning approval) planned 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021.
- (v) Request for 8 cycle racks. *WPFA to fund or City Council small scales budget.*

#### **47/21 Consultations considered**

- (i) **App 21/0629 LBC & 21/0628** Cote House Farm, Welton Road, Wetheral  
Change of use from agricultural barn to 1no. dwelling.

**Resolved** – Observations; members request the use of lime mortar.

Suggest an electric charging point and the use of PV cells or other green energy.

- (ii) **App 21/0646 168 Greenacres, Wetheral**

Erection of a single storey rear extension.

**Resolved** – No observations

- (iii) **App 21/0655 Land to the west of Steeles Bank, Wetheral**

Residential development (outline)

**Resolved** – Observations

- (i) This application was considered however, further information was received relating to the drainage scheme, it was reconsidered at the Planning meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

#### **48/21 External Representation**

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

~ Cllr Mossop has met with the Cotehill Village Committee, request for traffic calming has been made, results of last years village questionnaire to be re-viewed. Playing field would benefit from a hard standing – MUGA The playing field needs some groundwork to fill the ruts.

~Cllr Round, has arranged a Cumwhinton village meeting to discuss the 70 Jubilee celebrations.

4 volunteers for speed watch ( 2 in Wetheral), training is being arranged.

~ Cllr D Hughes, meeting of the Hartley Trust, next year 3 11v11 teams, 9v9 Harraby girls have joined with Crusaders U12 girls. Hope to have Crusaders 7v7 pitch also. Approx 28 plaques from local businesses.

New toddler play equipment being installed 2<sup>nd</sup> August (positive response on social media)

Parkett hill access road requires reinstatement.

~Cllr Dobson, issues with speeding traffic in Heads Nook, offered to train for speed watch.

Attended a seminar on Decarbonisation and Climate Change – to be included on the next agenda.

#### **49/21. Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications**

Received and noted the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not on this agenda.

- (i) Cairn Beck renovations, deferred from the last meeting. **Resolved** to offer a donation to cover the waste removal of £500.
- (ii) LCWIP's update (Cycle routes East) No update, Clerk to pursue.
- (iii) Cllr Earp suggested that the Parish Council send a letter of thanks to the Wetheral Brownies for litter picking in the village.

**Date of next meeting of the Council August 11th, *In the Community Pavilion, Scotby.***

#### **NOTE**

***The Chairman would like to remind members of their duty to support decisions made by the Council, that they are bound by the meetings conclusions, even if you opposed them in discussion.***