

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,
8th September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Wetheral Village Community Hall

Chairman – C. Oliver

Councillors

B. Earp S. Higgs S Mossop
D. Hughes H. Hughes M. Higginbotham J. Dobson P. Armstrong (part)

Also present; District Cllr M Bowman & County Cllr N Marriner.

65/21 Apologies for absence

Resolved to receive and approve apologies for absence from Cllrs D Pattinson, G Round & M Somers, District Cllr N. Christian & County Cllrs J Mallinson & Dobson

66/21 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a. **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2021.

67/21 Request for Dispensation

Resolved – none requested

68/21 Declarations of Interest

Resolved - Cllrs Bowman & Higgs declared an interest in matters relating to Carlisle City Council.

69/21 Public Participation

a. **Residents**

No residents present wished to speak.

b. **Police report**- to be circulated on receipt, Cllr Higgs to forward a link to obtain the police report.

c. **Councillor Reports**

~ Cllr Higgs; Carlisle TRIBE in Bitts Park is open 7 days a week, with almost all the stands being occupied. Cllr Mossop commented that there was a lack of signage and access was quite restricted.

Tullie House has a new exhibition; Costumes, The Old Fire Station is under new management and there are many events planned.

City of Light 14th – 16th October 2021, in the Cathedral & Castle, tickets on sale now from the Town hall.

Archaeological dig at the Carlisle Cricket Ground is open to the public. Hadrian's Wall 1900 festival, many events have been planned January 24th – December 23rd, 2022.

Congratulations to Great Corby Village Hall & The Royal Oak, Scotby for organizing excellent community events over the bank holiday weekend.

~Cllr Bowman reiterated that Great Corby had excellent entertainment, stalls and it was well supported.

Carlisle City Council, Customer Service team are moving back to the Civic Centre, accessed by a new entrance at the front not the portacabin. The telephone service is a little slow currently but should improve.

~Cllr Marriner – disappointed that no progress has been made engaging the LCWIP's Cycle routes East. To follow up.

70/21 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 31st August 2021. Noted that the Appeal APP/E0915/W/21/3269898 – Land at Rookery Park, Scotby has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

(ii) **Thomas Graham Educational Trust – Resolved** to appoint Cllr J Dobson & Cllr Higgs as the Wetheral Parish Council Trustees (Min 59/21)

71/21 Resignation of Councillor for the Great Corby Ward

- (i) **Resolved** to receive the resignation of Cllr Barry Earp for the Great Corby Ward effective 8th September 2021. (amended)
- (ii) Noted the statutory notice of by-election will be posted 8th September 2021 with a closing date for requests of 29th September 2021.
- (iii) **Resolved** that the vacancy for the ward will be filled by co-option if no requests have been made.

72/21 Co-option of Councillor for the Great Corby Ward

- (i) **Resolved** to co-opt Paul Armstrong as the ward Councillor for Great Corby.
- (ii) Cllr Armstrong was invited to join the members and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of office.
- (iii) **Resolved** to appoint Cllr J Dobson as mentor for Cllr Armstrong.

73/21 Co-option of Councillor for Aglionby & Warwick on Eden Ward (currently 2 vacancies)

- (i) **Resolved** to co-opt Barry Earp as the ward Councillor for the Aglionby & Warwick on Eden.

74/21 Bank Reconciliation

(i) Resolved to receive the bank reconciliation dated 31st August 2021

Current Account £19,440.31

Deposit Account £127,876.16

Cumberland BS £38,238.54

Total in the bank £183,593.69 (inc outstanding banking and payments)

75/21 Payment of Accounts.

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 8th September 2021 VIN 130-151 totalling £20,262.41

(ii) Noted that Cllrs Christian & Bowman approve that the funding allocated to a defibrillator case for Scotby Pavilion be changed to the purchase of tables & extractor fan.

(iii) Noted payment of s106 Kinmont Rise 17/0995 is due to be paid for the toddler unit and repairs to play equipment at Scotby playing field of £9267.51.

76/21 External Audit

- (i) **Resolved** to accept the Notice of Conclusion of Audit received from the External Auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP, no matters arising.
- (ii) Noted that all Statutory documents have been uploaded to the Parish Councils website as per the Local Government Transparency Code 2014.

77/21 External Representation

Resolved receive reports from Parish Council representatives on outside bodies.

- (i) CPCA AGM held on 1st September 2021- Cllr Dobson issued a summary of the meeting. (part A) Cllr Higginbotham also attended (part B) and confirmed that he would be continuing as Chairman of the CPCA.
- (ii) Cllr Earp attended a meeting of the Hartley Trust, the defibrillator is now stored in the officials changing room, request that the grass cutter strims around the new trees, 2nd October – volunteer day.
- (iii) Cllr H Hughes attended a meeting of Warwick on Eden village hall committee – planning the Jubilee 70 events.

78/21 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) Request from a Scotby resident to plant a tree in memory of his late wife in Scotby. Lady Steps was suggested.

Resolved to approve the planting of a Rowan tree on Lady Steps green, location to be determined.

Date of next meeting of the Council October 13th, 2021, *In Wetheral Village Community Hall.*