

## **Wetheral Parish Council**

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

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**

**J. Dobson**

**S. Higgs**

**C. Oliver**

**G Round**

**M. Higginbotham**

**D Poole**

**I Evans**

**J Routledge**

**D Hughes**

**M. Somers**

#### **Also present,**

District Cllrs Bowman & Christian and County Cllr Marriner.

Part – Mrs. Hanson & Mrs. Ball, Wetheral residents

#### **117/20 Apologies for absence**

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

#### **118/20 Minutes of the Meetings.**

(i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

(ii) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of March 2021.

#### **119/20 Declarations of Interest**

- (i) Cllrs Bowman, Christian & Higgs declared an interest in items relating to Carlisle City Council.
- (ii) Cllr Earp declared an interest in agenda item 7. (i) a. Planning application 21/0158.

#### **120/20 Requests for dispensation**

None were made.

#### **121/20 Public Participation**

- a. Residents – Mrs Diana Hanson, Wetheral village resident requested that the Parish Council consider the installation of a Multi-use Games Area on the playing field in the village.

This has been discussed for the past 6 years on and off by various committees and it appears to have been blocked by the Cricket and Football clubs who use the field.

80% of the time the field is unused, a MUGA would be a great facility for residents of all ages, particularly 9–16-year-olds, including girls. During lockdown, the children have been playing in the estates with nowhere else to go. The younger age group is catered for at Turnmire Common, but the older children do not have any facilities. Many residents take their children to similar facilities in Warwick Bridge and Scotby.

Mrs Ball supported the request; noting, many new families moving into the village, it would be really good to have a MUGA.

Cllr Earp briefed the members and residents on the planning process which including Section 106 agreements (dependent on the scale of the application), this is a legal obligation made by the contractor to pay an agreed sum of money for an agreed purpose on completion of the development or at an agreed trigger point. In the case of the playing fields there are funds available under a Section 106 agreement from the Priory Grange development for this purpose.

b. Police.- Report circulated

c. Councillor Reports

(i) Cllr Marriner – informed members that the elections planned for May 2021 have been postponed due to the proposed local Government reorganisation. Council tax increase overall by 4% , Wetheral Parish Council, precept -1.3% for the forthcoming year.

(ii) Cllr Bowman- noted there would be two bye-elections held this year and for the Police & Crime Commissioner.(6<sup>th</sup> May 2021)

(iii) Cllr Higgs, litter picking was undertaken on the Wetheral roads. City Council have a snooper van (all electric) for the area to help deal with the fly tipping issues and dog fouling.

Bus route 74/75 remains suspended.

A grant application has been made to the lottery to provide summer activities for children, hopefully they will be in the Parishes as well as the City.

### **122/20 Order of business to be transacted**

**Resolved** to amend the order of business, bringing forward item 10 on the agenda. Standing order 10a.(iv).

### **123/20 S106 Projects**

- (i) A request was considered from Wetheral village residents, to improve the play provision (MUGA) for 8-16 years old in the village.
- (ii) **Resolved** to install a Multi-use games area on the Wetheral playing field by July 2021 with funding from the s106 agreement from App. 15/0866/17/0905. To be a free facility for all ages, not restricted to youths.
- (iii) **Resolved** to have an independent person (suggested, Stephen Bamber), having experience of managing the playing fields for many years and not currently involved with either the Parish Council or WPFA to make a recommendation on the potential siting of the MUGA with the least disruption to the current pitch arrangements.
- (iv) **Resolved** to request that the WPFA decide on the siting of the Multi use games area following this recommendation, meeting to be arranged by Cllr Higginbotham (Chairman of WPFA)
- (v) Resident survey in Wetheral to be undertaken to ascertain the most popular sports for the MUGA line markings. (Clerk to arrange)

### **124/20 Village Matters**

i) **Resolved** to receive an update on the status of the Footpath/Bridleway Broomfallen Road, Scotby to the Garlands estate. The City Council has served an injunction on the developer and are due back at court on 28<sup>th</sup> March. The Police and other authorities are involved, but unfortunately the developer is ignoring all action taken. The bridleway/footpath will be reinstated once the situation has been resolved.

ii) **Resolved** to receive an update on the potential footpath diversion/creation in Great Corby Quarry following a site meeting. Cllrs Earp & Evans met with the Clerk to inspect the footpath. There are options to create a circular route, however permission from the landowner is required. Clerk to continue dialogue with the County Council Access Officer to pursue this.

### **125/20 Consultations**

#### **(i) Planning Applications considered**

a. App 21/0158 Wellholme Lea, 35 Scotby Village

Conversion of barn to provide 1 dwelling (LBC)

**Resolved** – Observations

- (i) uPVC windows and frames, members request that these should be replaced with timber in keeping with the Grade II listed building.
- (ii) Request a condition, that the contractor's vehicles are retained within the curtilage of Wellholme Lea grounds, no access or parking in Sutton Court when the work is being undertaken.

- (iii) Request that the gates which access the proposed conversion through Sutton Court, are inward opening, as this will reduce the impact on the parking spaces/ garages of the court on completion.
- (iv) Refuse bins/recycling should be retained within the Wellholme Lea site and not be placed in Sutton Court.

**(ii)Resolved** to receive notification of Cumbria Local Government re-organisation.

**<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-for-locally-led-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset>**

Members are requested to consider its response at the next meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

#### **126/20 Bank Reconciliation**

(i)**Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Deposit Account       £55,825.15

Current Account       £29480.30

Cumberland BS       £37,797.82

Total in the bank     £ 123,488.91 ( inc. outstanding banking and payments)

(ii) Noted a grant of £8,000 has been awarded to the Hartley Trust towards the Scotby Pavilion.

(iii) Noted parish Council reserves will be £123,500 at the end of the year due to the grant payment from the Hartley Trust.

#### **127/20 Payment of Accounts**

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (VIN261-284) totalling £9199.76

#### **128/20. Statutory Annual Meeting with Electors and Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council**

- (i) **Resolved** to hold the Annual Meeting with Electors virtually, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00pm, followed by the Full Council meeting, the agenda will include items normally considered at the Annual General Meeting of the Council.
- (ii) **Resolved** to receive notification that the Annual General Meeting of the Council, will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021, commencing at 7.30pm. (This may be a physical meeting, awaiting an update from MHCLG)

#### **129/20. Notification of Parish Council Elections**

**Resolved** to receive notification that Wetheral Parish Council Elections will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Associated nomination forms etc will be distributed by the Clerk.

#### **130/20 External Representation**

No reports were received.

#### **131/20Schedule 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 the landlord of the Queens Inn, Great Corby to use the village green as last year for a small number of tables and chairs to allow the serving of drinks and food.  
**Resolved** to grant permission to the landlord of The Queens, Great Corby to use the village green for the serving of food and drinks subject to the conditions of the "use of village greens agreement" from 12<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Times of operation to be confirmed, Ward members to visit the site to make a recommendation on the number of tables permitted. This would also apply to the Royal Oak, Scotby.

**Next meeting (virtually)**  
**April 14th 2021**