

Wetheral Parish Council

Minutes of the Wetheral Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 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

D Pattinson

M. Higginbotham

G Round

I Evans

D Hughes

M. Somers

Also present,

District Cllrs Bowman & Christian and County Cllr Mallinson.

93/20 Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept and approve the apologies for absence from Cllrs Poole, Searle, Routledge & Oliver, County Cllr Marriner & Graham.

94/20 Minutes of the Meetings.

(i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 9th December 2020.

(ii) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 4th January 2021.

95/20 Declarations of Interest

- (i) Cllrs Bowman, Christian & Higgs declared an interest in items relating to Carlisle City Council
- (ii) Cllr Evans declared an interest under Correspondence –As Governor of Great Corby School; de-registration of Common land.

96/20 Request for dispensation

None were made.

97/20 Public Participation

- a. Residents –
No residents were present.
- b. Police.- Report circulated
- c. Councillor Reports

~ County Cllr Mallinson, apologised on behalf of the County Council for the difficult road and pavement conditions last week, the teams had been depleted due to a number of staff shielding due to COVID and the extreme cold weather was unforeseen. (Noted that the parish Council has initiated its winter gritting of the village estates)

~Cllr Higgs, work on the extension to the footpath at Wetheral to playing fields is due to commence 18th January. Members request that the bollards are retained.

He stated that there were potential issues with the refuse & recycling collections due to staff illness-COVID related.

SWATCH – is in listening mode and “sign posting” those in need, particularly the vulnerable & elderly.

Parish Council website requires updating as some of the information is not up to date. Request for members to check the website and report any anomalies/errors to the Clerk.

~ Cllr Bowman, busy currently with a number of virtual meetings, recently attended a workshop on mental health which was very informative. (To send to the Clerk to circulate)

98/20 Consultations

a. Planning Application considered;

1. App 20/0857 Erection of 1 dwelling

Plot 2, Land to the north of Moor Yeat, Plains Road, Wetheral.

Resolved- No Observations

99/20 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 31st December 2020.

Deposit Account £43,679.56

Current Account £18,721.99

Cumberland BS £67,822.82

Total in the bank **£130,0284.40** (inc. outstanding banking and payments)

(ii) **Resolved** to authorise the Clerk to arrange for the transfer of £30,000 from the Cumberland Building Society Account to the Councils current account until the Precept is received in April 2021.

100/20 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 13th January 2021 (VIN 129-246) Totalling £27,303.98. (£17,430 is for the WPFA car park, this money will be re-paid by the City Council from the S106 agreement for Steeles Bank)

101/20 Village Matters

i) Noted the Winter Gritting Policy has been activated due to the prolonged cold weather. This has been well received by the Parish residents. The Rights of Way Committee will be considering the gritting schedule and if there is a requirement for additional grit bins.

ii) Noted the Crusaders Football Club have agreed to contribute to the legal costs for the renewed car park lease at Wetheral Village Hall. Awaiting confirmation from the Directors of WCA Ltd that there will be unlimited use. There is also potential for this car park to be extended to accommodate more vehicles.

iii) A verbal update on the status of the Footpath/Bridleway Broomfallen Road, Scotby to the Garlands estate due to the many complaints received was given. A stop notice has been served by the City Council, the bridleway was due to be re-instated and open at the weekend, but this is now delayed. There is a site meeting on Friday with the County Council.

102/20. COVID- 19 National Lockdown

Noted the staff will be working from home, but where necessary going into the office separately. The Groundsman will continue lone working in the Cemetery. Members thanked the staff for keeping the Council in operation during these difficult time.

103/20 External Representation

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

(I) Resolved to appoint Cllrs Routledge & Somers to join the Hartley Trust as Parish Council representatives.

104/20 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) Request from a resident of Wetheral Pasture for a speed limit on the road as it is currently 60mph and has no street lighting. Noted there is a planning condition on completion of the 5 self-build dwellings at Wetheral Pasture that the speed limit will reduce to 30mph. Clerk to investigate the street lighting.

(ii) Notification of an application to deregister common land at the Great Corby Primary school. To be considered at the Rights of Way meeting, 20th January 2021.

Councillor Matters*

An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues, not on the agenda, on behalf of residents in their wards.

N.B. No decisions can be taken on these matters but the Clerk may make investigations and / or they may be placed on the agenda of a future Council or committee meeting.

~ Issues at Brampton Community Centre with health & safety – location of COVID vaccinations. Clerk confirmed that this had been raised with the Brampton Parish Council Clerk.

Next meeting (virtually)

February 10th 2021