

Wetheral Parish Council

Minutes of the Wetheral Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 21st April 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

G Round

M. Higginbotham

J. Searle

D Poole

I Evans

J Routledge

D Hughes

M. Somers

Also present,

District Cllr Christian and County Cllr Marriner.

Mrs S Mossop, Mrs H Hughes & Ms. G Wyatt (residents of the Parish)

Prior to the meeting, a minute silence was held in honour of the HRH, Late Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip.

132/20 Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept and approve the apologies for absence from Cllr Oliver, County Cllrs Mallinson & Graham.

133/20 Minutes of the Meetings.

(i) . **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 10th March 2021.

(ii) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29th March 2021.

(iii) **Resolved** to receive the minutes from the 70 Jubilee working group held on 23rd March 2021.

(iv) **Resolved** to receive the minutes of the Planning meeting held on Monday 19th April 2021. (to be emailed)

134/20 Declarations of Interest

(i) Cllrs Christian & Higgs declared an interest in items relating to Carlisle City Council.

135/20 Requests for dispensation

(i) None were made.

136/20 Public Participation

a. Residents- Three present, no comments made

b. Police report- circulated

c. Councillor Reports

~ Cllr Higgs reported that the Co-op at Warwick Bridge have surplus fresh food on the best before date and this is currently being thrown away. If anyone knows of people who could benefit from this, contact him for the details.

The Co-op also has its next funding round, open to local organisations and activities.

Litter pick planned for Saturday 24th April at 9.00-12, meeting at the Queens, Warwick on Eden.

Bus 74/75 recommenced, bus timetables requested.

Ice cream van visiting Wetheral village.

Thanks to Lynsey Forrester for keeping the website/facebook up to date with local news.

~Cllr Marriner, noted that there had been a number of burglaries in the local area.

137/20 Consultations

Consultation considered;

(i) **Local Government reorganisation in Cumbria**; members will await the news on which enhanced powers are to be given to Parish Councils.

(ii) **Ability to continue holding virtual meetings**

Members, accept that meetings will change to face to face, however, wish to continue with virtual meetings where possible.

138/20. Bank Reconciliation

- (i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 31st March 2021.

Deposit Account £55,826.13

Current Account £27,168.68

Cumberland BS £38,238.54

Total in the bank **£126,439.78** (inc. outstanding banking and payments)

(ii) Noted a grant of £1000 has been paid to the Council from Friends of the Lake District for the Strand project.

(iii) Noted receipt of £500 from Cllr Christian, small scales fund for the fencing of the Scotby play area.

(iv) Noted the payment for the easement on Scotby green by Northern Gas Networks has not yet been received, Clerk to contact the Councils agent.

139/20 Payment of Accounts

(i) Resolved to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 21st April 2021 (VIN 1-27) totalling £31,422.77.

140/20 S106 Projects

(i) **Resolved** to locate the multi-use games area on the playing field at Wetheral along the car park fence line.

(ii) **Resolved** to receive feedback on the activities requested for the games area following a consultation of Wetheral residents. Popular activities; football, basketball, climbing & tennis. It was suggested that a drop down netball net be included. Other comments the MUGA is a playground, facility for the community, open access.

(iii) **Resolved** to confirm the size of the multi-use games area as 25m x 15m with a tarmac surface.

(iv) **Resolved** to authorise the installation of new play equipment for under 5s at the Scotby Play area with the addition of an adult health walker subject to sufficient funds.

141/20 Internal Auditor

(i) **Resolved** to confirm the appointment of Mr D Johnson as the Internal Auditor for the Parish Council for a period of three years. Members thanked Mr Johnson for his work.

(ii) Noted an increase in his fees to £30.00 per hour, this includes inspection, travel and report production.

142/20 Face to Face meetings

As the COVID emergency legislation has not been extended, to consider.

- (i) Noted face to face meetings will commence with the Annual General Meeting of the Council after 17th May 2021 (previously stated as after 7th May). **Resolved** to hold the AGM on Wednesday 19th May 2021, in the main hall, Down-a-Gate Community Centre.

- (ii) **Resolved** to give delegated responsibility to the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman to ensure the payment of accounts are not disrupted if meetings are not held.

- (iii) **Resolved** to hold Annual meeting with Electors on Wednesday 19th May 2021 followed by the AGM.

143/20 Village Matters

(i) Noted a submersible pump is to be replaced in the pumping station which provides water treatment for the village hall and Club house at Wetheral. **Resolved** to invoice the WPFA.

(ii) Noted a survey of the Clubhouse building, Wetheral was arranged, no damp is rising, advised that it is algae.

144/20. External Representation

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

- (i) Hartley Trust- hopefully, handover of the new pavilion will be late this week or early next. The committee have met and produced a list of priority items, further fundraising underway. Issues with the road and visibility, investigating options for cars and pedestrians.

145/20 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) Complaint received regarding access to Wetheral Playing Field when the gate is locked. (1 disabled and 1 with a push chair) – suggest a swing gate on the entrance – **Resolved**, refer to WPFA for consideration.
- (ii) Request to site a milk vending machine on Parish Council owned land- **Resolved**, refer to WPFA for consideration.
- (iii) Speed watch – noted that the article will be in the next issue of the Pow Maughan.

Councillor Matters*

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

- Extending the lay-by on Washbeck Green.
- Near miss with a child running onto Clints Rd, improve driver awareness of the school.
- Cumwhinton Village hall, plan to celebrate the Jubilee 70 next year with events.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Routledge, Poole & Searle for their work as Parish Councillors as all are standing down in the forthcoming election.

Next meeting

May 19th 2021, Annual Meeting with Electors and AGM of the Parish Council, at the Down-a-Gate Community Centre, Warwick Bridge commencing at 7.00pm

