

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,
9th February 2022 at 7.30pm in the Wetheral Village Community Hall

Chairman – S. Higgs

Councillors

J. Dobson S. Mossop P Armstrong M. Higginbotham

Also present: District Cllr Bowman & County Cllrs Marriner, Dobson & Mallinson.

128/21 Apologies for absence

Resolved to receive and approve apologies for absence from Cllrs G.Round, D Pattinson, H Hughes, D Hughes and District Cllr Christian.

129/21 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2021

130/21 Request for Dispensation

Resolved – none requested

131/21 Declarations of Interest

(i) **Resolved** – Cllr Higgs declared an interest in matters relating to Carlisle City Council.

(ii) **Resolved** – Cllr Bowman declared an interest in matters relating to Carlisle City Council.

132/21 Public Participation

- a. Residents – none present
- b. Police report - none present
- c. Councillor Reports

~ Cllr Bowman – Attended the monthly coffee morning at Great Corby village hall, well organised and pleased for the community.

~ Cllr Dobson- letter circulated regarding the incident with the Lollipop man being knocked over at Warwick Bridge and the need for de-trunking the A69, written to the Chief Executive of Highways England and to the local MPs.

Resolved for the Chairman and Clerk to write a letter of support for the de-trunking of the A69 to be sent to local MP's including Guy Opperman (Tynedale & Ponteland).

Noted – the application for Esk Quarry was due to be withdrawn therefore not considered at the County Council Development Control meeting of 19.01.22. (Both Hayton PC and Wetheral PC objected to the retrospective application). Recycling is continuing on the site, another application is expected- CCC site meeting 23.02.22.

Concerns regarding the County Council budget for road maintenance, the Highway network budget has reduced to £707 million. (reduction of £480 million).

~ Cllr Mallinson- currently meeting with 7 leaders of the District Councils weekly in preparation for the Local Government reorganisation.

~ Cllr Marriner, reiterated the concerns of Cllr Dobson –re A69 and stated that the plans for the upgrade had been drawn up some years ago, but unfortunately the funding was allocated to the A66 upgrade. He suggested that the Parish Council include this in the letter to the MP's for further consideration.

Noted – Community grants committee will meet early March, applications to be promoted.

~ Cllr Higgs- The speed restriction in Aglionby was passed in August 21, still awaiting signage CCC in the process of installing.

Cycle, walking infrastructure plan will be out for consultation shortly. No support in the rural areas for cycle ways east of the city!

Continued working with Mark Brierley in discussion for Wetheral Parish to be a pilot for 20mph speed restrictions in the rural villages.

City of light event planned in Carlisle for the weekend of 18th Feb, lights will illuminate architectural structures with a special show planned for Hadrian 1900 in October.

Attended a meeting with local police to discuss the issues on Wetheral viaduct (suicides predominantly), CCTV has been installed temporarily, suggested funding for a permanent camera. As there are other issues such as items being thrown off the viaduct onto properties below. (bottles/TV's/fireworks)

Issues at Broomfallen Road, Scotby due to the delivery of a static caravan to the Washbeck Paddock site, this caused damage to properties and the removal of a protected hedgerow. Chris Hardman (Carlisle City Council) working with the Police on this matter.

133/21 Councillor Vacancy

(i) **Resolved** to receive notification of a Councillor vacancy for the Wetheral ward due to the resignation of Cllr Oliver.

(ii) Noted the statutory notice of by-election will be posted 10th February 2022 with a closing date for requests of 1st March 2022.

(iii) Noted the vacancy for the Wetheral ward will be filled by co-option if no requests have been made by the above date.

(iv) **Resolved** to approve the promotion flyer for the ward Councillor vacancies, and to arrange its distribution to all homes in the Parish including the estates in Durranhill.

134/21 Appointment of Vice Chairman

Resolved to appoint Cllr Julia Dobson as Vice Chairman to the Parish Council following the resignation of Cllr Oliver.

135/21 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) **Rights of Way Committee** meeting held on 26th January 2022.

Noted additional requests have been received for Jubilee benches and tree planting since the meeting, **Resolved** to consider at the next full council meeting.

(ii) **Planning Committee** meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022. **Resolved** to ratify the Planning Committee meeting minutes and submit comments to the Planning Authority.

136/21 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive the balance at the bank dated 31st January 2022

Current Account £19,900.73

Deposit Account £106,901.52

Cumberland BS £38,238.54

Total in the bank £ 165,040.79(To be reconciled)

137/21 Payment of Accounts.

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 9th February 2022, VIN 251-276 totalling £11,938.64.

138/21 Parish Council Committee Meeting

- (i) **Resolved** to hold the Full Council and Planning Committee meetings face to face.
- (ii) **Resolved** to hold all other meetings subject to the view of the committee Chairman virtually and must be ratified at the meeting of the Full Council.

Above subject to the agreement of other Parish Council members not present.

139/21 External Representation

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

- (i) Cllr Mossop, attended meeting of Cotehill village hall and playing fields (newly formed) committees.
 - ~ Jubilee; Rose Queen, sports day, bring and share and a trail of decorated gardens. (R/w/B)
 - ~ Request for a basketball/ball hoop for the play area and to move the seat in the playing field to a more appropriate location.
 - ~ Tree planting for the Queens green canopy at the far end of the field.
 - ~ Request for Jubilee bench for the play area.
 - ~ 1st Wednesday of the month "Soup, Roll and Cake" in the village hall.
 - ~ Quotes being obtained for a new boiler.
- (ii) Cllr Armstrong attended a meeting of Great Corby village association, a lot of enthusiasm for an event on Sunday 5th June.
 - ~ Request for a jubilee bench.
 - ~ Request to plant flowers along the rear wall of the top green.
 - ~ Request for a petanque court on the top green.To be considered at the next meeting of the full council.
- (iii) Cllr Higginbotham attended a meeting of the CALC Executive, minutes to be circulated.
 - ~ Joint presentation with Eden -Country Wildlife sites- invite circulated.
- (iv) Cllr Higgs attended a meeting of the Community Support Group to formalise the group set up in the 1st lockdown.
 - ~ Noted, Cumbria Wildlife Trust Campaign Keep Cumbria Buzzing.

140/21 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 for an easement, 11 Scotby Village to allow access over the Parish Council owned land.
Resolved to grant the easement, all costs to be met by the owner of 11 Scotby Village.

Cllr matters

Lighting issues at Great Corby, noted the County Council are replacing the heritage lamps.

Issues with parking near Great Corby school, teachers and parents.

Conserving Lakeland – light pollution, to be circulated for interest.

Broadwath to hold a jubilee meeting shortly, Cllr Dobson to report.

Date of next meeting 9th March 2022, to be held in Wetheral Village Community Hall.