

**Wetheral Parish Council**  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,  
8th June 2022 at 7.30pm in Cotehill Village Hall  
**PRESENT**

**Chairman – J. Dobson**

**Councillors**

**S. Mossop      G. Mitchell      T. Lyman      P. Armstrong**  
**D. Hughes      M. Higginbotham**

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

***Prior to the meeting one-minute silence was held in memory of Cllr Geoff Round, Councillor for Cumwhinton & Cotehill.***

**21/22 Apologies for absence**

**Resolved** to receive and approve apologies for absence from Cllrs Higgs, H Hughes & Northman and District Cllr N. Christian.

**22/22 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

- (i) Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- (ii) Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of Part B Meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022, held in private.

**23/22 Requests for Dispensation**

None were requested.

**24/22 Declarations of Interest**

- (i)** Cllr Bowman declared an interest in items relating to Carlisle City Council.

**25/22 Public Participation**

- a. Residents – No residents were present.
- b. Police report – Not received.
- c. Councillor Reports

Cllr Bowman- expressed her enjoyment of the parish Jubilee events, noting a lot of work and effort had been shown and that the funding had been used well for the residents.

Cllr Dobson also reiterated, fantastic events with communities coming together for the events.

~ Local Government reorganisation, noting there was a huge amount of work required over the next 9.5 months to prepare, new Chief Executive for Cumberland – recruitment process underway.

~ 20mph speed limits were mentioned at the latest Local Committee meeting, a consultation will be produced for Parish Council to state views on its introduction to the rural villages, facilitated by CALC.

**26/22 Councillor Vacancy**

- (i) Resolved** to receive notification of Councillor vacancy for the Cumwhinton & Cotehill Ward, due to the death of Cllr Geoff Round.
- (ii)** Noted the statutory notice of by-election was posted 23rd May 2022 with a closing date for requests of 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- (iii)** Noted, the vacancy for the Cumwhinton & Cotehill ward will be filled by co-option if no requests have been made by the above date.
- (iv)** Noted current vacancies – Aglionby & Warwick on Eden (2), Durrant (1), Wetheral (1), Cotehill & Cumwhinton(1). Vacancies to be promoted in the Council's annual report.

## **27/22 Review of and Adoption of Council Procedures**

a. Further to the last meeting, min (11/22) **Resolved** to accept and adopt the following policies and procedures.

(i) Councils procedures for handling requests made under Freedom of Information Act

(ii) Councils Complaints procedure.

(i) General Data Protection Regulations (2022)

(iv) Standing Orders 2022

(v) Financial Regulations 2022

(vi) Document Retention Policy.

(vii) Financial Risk Management & Insurance.

(viii) Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media

## **28/22 Planning Applications considered;**

### **(i) App 22/0344 land adjacent to Wheatsheaf Garden, Wetheral**

Variation to condition 2, amend turning head, reposition garage, plot 3. Amendments to layouts plots 7 & 8.

**Resolved** – No Observations

### **(ii) App 22/0374 land to north of Castle grounds, Wetheral**

Variation of condition 2, elevations on plots 4&5, plots 7,8,9 to be changed from 2 storey houses to bungalows.

**Resolved** – No Observations

### **(iii) App 22/0379 land to the north of Castle grounds, Wetheral**

Variation to condition 2 erection of 2 dwelling and formation of new vehicular access and a roof light to plot 1 & sunroom to plot 2.

**Resolved**- No Observations

### **(iv) App 22/401 Beech Nook, (formerly Celtic Cottage) Wetheral**

Erection of single storey extension to front elevation.

**Resolved** – No Observations

### **(v) App 22/0428 land to the north of Moor Yeat Plains rd, Wetheral**

Erection of 1 dwelling revised application.

**Resolved** – No Observations

### **(vi) App 22/0426 Gill Head, Broomfallen rd, Scotby**

Variation of condition 2, change of agricultural land to domestic- redesign and relocate pool.

**Resolved** – No Observations

## **29/22 Annual Return**

(i) **Resolved** to approve the Annual Governance Statement for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and authorise the Chairman to sign Section 1 of the Annual Return for year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, on behalf of Wetheral Parish Council.

(ii) **Resolved** to approve the Statement of Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and authorise the Chairman to sign Section 2 of the Annual Return for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 on behalf of Wetheral Parish Council.

(iii) **Resolved** to receive notification of Public Rights & Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return for accounts year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

## **30/22 Internal Auditors Report**

(i) **Resolved** to accept the Internal Auditor's report of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and recommendations therein.

### 31/22 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022

Current Account	£21,886.27
Deposit Account	£235,509.06
Cumberland BS	£38,487.09
<b>Total in the bank</b>	<b>£295,882.42</b>

(ii) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign the bank statements. (April & May 2022)

### 32/22 Payment of Accounts

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022. (VIN60-86) Totalling £17,595.37.
- (ii) VIN 83, the fitting of the Jubilee benches, **Resolved** for the Clerk to request that the plinths are re-laid for the benches (exc Cotehill).

### 33/22 Village Matters

An update was received on village matters and issues of interest.

- (i) Jubilee events, members supported that Chairman in thanking all those who organised the jubilee events of 2-5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. **Resolved** to send a letter of thanks to the organisers and to Holme Eden Church for the support of the Eden Wild Goose Choir which performed at a number of village events.

**Scotby**- whole community came together, 300 at the beacons lighting, over 500 at the sports & activity day, 120 picnics sold for the big lunch on the Sunday. Everyone had positive comments, thanks to all the volunteers and the grant support from, Parish, County & District Councils.

**Cotehill**- Held a Rose Queen event and children sports day, noted the greatest attendance in the 50 years of the event, residents new and old joined together for a family friendly picnic.

**Great Corby** – Well attended big lunch, special thanks to Helen Dodd as the main organiser and grant support from the parish council & Cllr Bowman.

**Cumwhinton**- successful event on the Lowther green, thanks to the parish council for the grant support.

**Wetheral** – Big lunch picnic on the playing fields , every well attended over 500 and supported event.

**Broadwath** – Afternoon tea, bringing the residents together.

**Warwick Bridge**- Family picnic and activities, well attended and supported.

- (ii) Cairn Beck & Heads Nook wastewater- Cllrs Dobson & Northman, sewerage discharged into the water course, referred to the Environment Agency by United Utilities. **Resolved** to write to the Steve Mogford, Chief Executive, United Utilities, with a follow up letter on the pollution incident. Cllrs to inform the Clerk of any other areas along the parish watercourses that have other discharge.
- (iii) Noted -Wetheral overflow car park will cease operating on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. WPFA Chairman to confirm contingency plan for field users due to reduced parking spaces following the next meeting. WPFA working with the village hall using the booking system for weekend parking.
- (iv) Noted- line markings are in place on the Wetheral playing fields car park, MUGA sports lines due week commencing 6th June 2022.
- (v) **Resolved** to commercially print the annual report and arrange for its distribution throughout the Parish 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

### 34/22 Low Carbon Communities in Wetheral Parish

(i) **Resolved** to form a working group, with the aim of introducing low carbon initiatives in the Wetheral villages including Parish Council functions, buildings and land.

(ii) Resolved to appoint Cllrs H Hughes, Dobson & District Cllr Christian to the new working group.

### **35/22 Memorial Plaques & remembrance**

(i) **Resolved** to approve the provision of bench plaque in memory of Cllrs Geoff Round & Somers. (Families have approved, wording to be agreed)

(ii) **Resolved** to ratify the decision to name the Scotby Pavilion in memory of Cllr Barry Earp, 46 years as a Parish council and instrumental in the provision of both Scotby & Wetheral playing fields and his invaluable contribution to community life in Wetheral Parish. ( Cllrs support was given via-email to enable to the official opening to take place 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022)

### **36/22 External Representation**

None attended.

### **37/22 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) Resident of Low Cotehill, village signs with village names missing – Cotehill & Low Cotehill. Cllr Marriner to investigate. Note, any other damaged or missing signs to be reported to the Clerk.
- (ii) Speeding complaints, Alby Terrace (Cotehill to Cumwhinton – Peter Gate) – Excessive speeding along this road (60mph) members suggested a 40mph limit between Cotehill & Cumwhinton, Cllr Marriner to raise as a serious issue with the County Council.

### **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.***

Speed indicator device- agenda item, Clerk to price.

Committee meetings will be arranged shortly for the forthcoming year- due Cemetery & Rights of Way.

[Outstanding – Jubilee projects- Notice boards ready for installation

[Benches – location of the Warwick on Eden bench? TBC, Gt Corby bench to be installed, contact Cllr Armstrong.

[Jubilee footpath maps

[Tree planting – *these can all be dealt with by Rights of way committee*

Speeding issues Rosehill to Scotby- suggest 20mph.

Great Corby Street light repairs – update required.