

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,
21st September 2022 at 7.30pm in Wetheral Village Hall
PRESENT

Chairman – J. Dobson

Councillors

N. Northman	J White	T. Lyman	G. Mitchell
D. Hughes	M. Higginbotham	H. Hughes	

Also present; District Cllr Bowman(part), County Cllrs Marriner & R Dobson.
Residents; Mrs & Mrs Culley, Mr Bacon, Mrs Sixsmith & Mr Van Aswegen.

Prior to the meeting commencing members and residents present observed one-minute silence to pay tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and reflect on her life and legacy following her death on September 8th, 2022.

67/22 Apologies for absence

Resolved to receive and approve apologies for absence from Cllrs Higgs & Mossop and District Cllr Christian, County Cllr Mallinson.

68/22 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10th August 2022

- (i) Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 10th August 2022.

69/22 Requests for Dispensation

None were requested.

70/22 Declarations of Interest

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

71/22 Public Participation

a. **Residents**

Mr Culley spoke on behalf of the Eden Hall Management Committee and land owner Mr Tim Bacon.
Application 22/0643 1 The Steading ,Warwick Bridge.

Objection to the planning application, due to the access being in close proximity to the A69 junction which is highly dangerous and problematic. Previously highlighted in applications for Holme Eden Hall (2001) and Holme Eden Farm Cottages (2018).

Other concerns – Environmental – otters, salmon & trout in the river Eden, presence of bats and currently under investigation by the Environment Agency for unapproved works on the watercourse.

Member thanked Mr Culley for his statement.

b. **Police report –** Not received.

c. **Councillor Reports**

~Cllr Bowman- issues at Chestnut grove, Cumwhinton with sat nav directing vehicles onto the road rather than Wetheral Pasture. Carlisle City Council arranging for no through roagh signage.

~ Concerned residents in Greenacres, Wetheral regarding the sale of land surrounding the homes. Noted it was going to auction.

~Cllr R Dobson- Informed members that the Fire Service would now be reporting the the Polic & Crime Commissioner, causing a major reorganisation.

Local committee presentation on the development opportunities of the Southern Gateway- consultation under way

~Cumberland – new authority has appointed the Chief Executive – Andrew Seekings.

72/22 Notification of Councillor Resignation

- (i) **Resolved** to receive and accept the resignation of Cllr Paul Armstrong as Councillor for the Great Corby Ward. Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Mr Armstrong.
- (ii) Noted, the statutory notice was posted on 12th August 2022. If notice has not been received of a bye-election, the vacancy shall be filled by co-option.

73/22 Order of Business

Resolved to change the order of business – Standing order 10a.(vi) to allow item 7 to be deferred to later in the meeting bringing forward item 8 minutes of committee meetings and 9 planning applications, 22/0643 to be considered first.

74/22 Minutes of Committee Meetings & Working Groups

- a. **Resolved** to receive the minutes of the **Planning Committee** meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022, the minutes shall be considered at the next planning committee meeting for authorisation of accuracy.

75/22 Planning Applications to consider;

i) App 22/0643 land to the east of 1 The Steading & Holme Eden farm, Warwick Bridge.

Formation of vehicular access and parking area. Planning 18/0239.

Resolved – Objection.

Members have significant concerns that the proposed vehicle access to the development is in very close proximity to the junction of the A69. This junction has a history of being highly problematic and dangerous, highlighted recently when the school patrol person was involved in a collision with a vehicle. The increase in the volume of traffic once the development has been completed, is anticipated to cause considerable road traffic safety issues. Members request that the application is refused on these grounds.

(ii) App 22/0667 Land to Southeast of Durrhill Road, adj Barley Edge

Variation of condition 2 17/0669 - re-align turning head adj. Plots 148-149.

Members could not consider this application as it was not clear what the application was for. Clerk to seek clarification.

(iii) App 22/0696 Wood House, Warwick Bridge

Variation to condition 2, 21/0339 To Amend Design to Reduce Roof Height to a Single-Storey Structure, Omit Loft Room and Incorporate Garden Room at Ground Floor Level.

Resolved – No Observations

8.00pm Cllr Bowman left the meeting.

76/22 Bank Reconciliation

- (i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 31st August 2022.

Current Account £22,382.62

Deposit Account £197,446.71

Cumberland BS £38487.09

Total in the bank £264,751.75 (in outstanding payments and banking)

- (ii) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign the bank statements.

77/22. Payment of Accounts

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 21st September 2022. (VIN 147-177) Totalling £32,243.98

- (ii) **Resolved** to authorise the amended Schedule of cheques dated 10th August 2022 to include previously omitted payments (VIN 122-146) Totalling £10,747.16.

78/22 Clerks Report

(I) **Resolved** to receive and accept the Clerks report.

(ii) *Items arising considered-*

a. **Resolved** to adopt of the lease between the Parish Council and the Hartley Trust previously prepared by MinihanMcAlister, and to authorise the signing of the lease on behalf of the Council.

b.(i)**Resolved** to accept the Scotby Village Hall committees' contribution towards the cost of the boiler replacement, by funding; the deep clean, re-decoration and additional works, inc new radiator.

(ii) **Resolved** for the additional work to be paid by the Parish Council as it was invoiced.

C(i). **Resolved** to place the order for the cricket practise nets for the playing field at Wetheral and the wicket refurbishment using s106 funds, the shortfall to be paid by the Wetheral Cricket Club (WCC) or WPFA.

(ii)**Resolved**, Clerk to confirm the order in writing with the stipulation that the WCC must arrange a long term maintenance contract for both the cricket nets and wicket.

d.**Resolved** to support the Friends of the Lake District – Common land.(This will be by promoting the information produced by FoLD)

e. **Resolved** to accept the appointment made by the County Council for the contract of the External Auditor 2023-27.

f. **Resolved** to support the 20mph speed restriction consultation, Clerk to submit all comments.

79/22. Personnel Update

(i) Noted Cllr Mossop & County Councillor R Dobson, met with the Clerk to evaluate the role of the Parish Clerk & RFO (as recommended by the Internal Auditor).

(ii) **Resolved** approve the proposed job description. (Date of acceptance to be added to the document)

(iii) **Resolved** to defer consideration of the salary banding for the Clerk & RFO position (not the employee) in line with the NALC/SLCC role evaluation to the Personnel Committee. Clerk to arrange a meeting.

(iv) **Resolved** Cllr H Hughes to be appointed to the personnel committee.

80/22 External Representation.

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

Cllr Higginbotham – attended the Carlisle Partnership discussing the future CALC district associations under the new Cumberland Council. Minutes to follow.

CALC AGM delayed until the end of October, Cllr Higginbotham encouraged members to attend the meeting.

81/22Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications

Resolved to receive and note schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not the agenda.

(i) Volunteers from Wetheral Station, request for funding. Cllr Higgs. **Resolved** to grant £150 from the payment made by Network Rail in 2019 to the Parish Council via Cllr Higgs towards the upkeep of the railway station.

82/22 Notification of Councillor request for a leave of absence.

(i) **Resolved** to accept the request from Cllr Mossop for a leave of absence due to personal and work reasons for a period of no longer than 6 months.

16. Councillor matters

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

Grit bin locations and addition bins

Winter maintenance

Missing Scotby village sign from Cumwhinton

Washbeck overgrown, Parkett Hill, Scotby

County Council piloting new machine for pothole filling in the Parish

Slow signs on the road missing.

Suggestion to mark disabled bays in the Parish villages.

40mph sign knocked over – entrance to Wetheral from Cumwhinton.

Next meeting October 12th, 2022, in Wetheral Village Community Hall.