

**Wetheral Parish Council**  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday,  
9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm in Wetheral Village Hall  
**PRESENT**

**Chairman – J. Dobson**

**Councillors**

<b>J White</b>	<b>D. Hughes</b>	<b>M. Higginbotham</b>	<b>G. Mitchell</b>	<b>S. Higgs</b>
<b>W van Aswegen (part)</b>		<b>T. Sixsmith (part)</b>		

Also present; County Cllrs Marriner & R Dobson.  
Residents; 7 Residents from Heads Nook, Faugh area. (part)

**98/22 Apologies for absence**

**Resolved** to receive and approve apologies for absence from Cllrs H Hughes, Northman, & Mossop and District Cllrs Christian & Bowman and County Cllr Mallinson.

**99/22 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

- (i) Resolved** to amend min 88/22, correction. **Resolved** to accept Cllr J White resignation for the Aglionby & Warwick on Eden Ward. ( Statutory notices to be posted)
- (ii) Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> October 22.
- (iii) Resolved** to change the order of business Standing order 10.a.(vi) To move agenda item Part B (ii) co-option of Councillors, to follow item 7.

**100/22 Requests for Dispensation**

None were requested.

**101/22 Declarations of Interest**

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

**102/22 Public Participation**

**a. Residents**

(i) Ms Julie Ratcliffe of Heads Nook, addressed the Council regarding County Council application 1/22/9005- Esk Quarry, Sand Pit No.2 Faugh.

Ms Radcliffe spoke on behalf of all the residents present.

Objection to the planning application for an extension to 2032,

Review; the original application stated the quarry will return to agricultural land in 2013, an extension was given to 2023 which is unacceptable to extend to 2032.

The issue is with the number of heavy goods vehicles travelling on the C1026, through Heads Nook and other hamlets. Many vehicles are un- sheeted causing dust/dirt pollution, in particular the contractor vehicles. The road has subsided in many areas due to the weight of these vehicles, as many of 20 movements per day.

(In 2007, County Council Highways deemed that the C1026 was unsuitable for HGVs, what has changed?)

Concerns regarding the results of a traffic survey requested by Wetheral Parish Council in 2021, there was a significant reduction in movements throughout the whole survey period?

The C1026 passes through the centre of Heads Nook bounded on one side by the green and children's play park, these vehicles pose a danger to children, noted a recent incident in Willingham, Cambridge in a rural location similar to Heads Nook where a HGV hit a mother 7 child.

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Cllr Marriner suggested that the residents speak at the County Council Development Control meeting.

ii) Prospective co-option candidates were invited to address the members with a brief personal introduction.

Received from Mrs Tracy Sixsmith & Mr Willem van Aswegen, both resident in Cumwhinton village.

b. Police report – (Not received) Cllr Marriner had attended a meeting of the Local Committee recently and it is the intention for a Police Constable to be available to attend Parish Council meetings. Cllr Mitchell has attended a Stakeholders meeting with the Chief Officers team and there is potential to reintroduce individual beat officers in the local villages, information to follow.

c. Councillor Reports

~Cllr Higgs- City Council events – City of Lights 21-23 October was very successful and the Carlisle firework show, with 40,000 in attendance. The Sands Centre opens to the public next week, with official opening on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Christmas lights switch on 20<sup>th</sup> November and Christmas markets in the city centre.

~ Cllr Bowman – signage sorted at Chestnut Grove, Cumwhinton- ND from the last meeting.

~Cllr R Dobson- De-trunking the A69, high priority, 20mph in Warwick Bridge, desk study being undertaken and feasibility of a pedestrian crossing near the Co-op.

### 103/22 Notification of Councillor Resignation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and reject the resignation of Cllr Tony Lyman as Councillor for the Wetheral ward.

(ii) Noted, the statutory notice was posted, on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022. If notice has not been received of a bye-election, the vacancy shall be filled by co-option.

#### (iii) Candidates considered for co-option.

a. Wetheral Ward (2)

**Resolved** to co-opt Tracy Sixsmith as Wetheral Ward Councillor, the declaration of acceptance of office was signed and Cllr Sixsmith was invited to join the meeting.

b. Cotehill & Cumwhinton Ward (1)

**Resolved** to co-opt Willem van Aswegen as Cumwhinton & Cotehill Ward Councillor, the declaration of acceptance of office was signed and Cllr van Aswegen was invited to join the meeting

c. Great Corby Ward (1)- vacant

d. Aglionby & Warwick on Eden Ward (2)- vacant

e. Durranhill Ward.(1)

**Resolved** to co-opt James White as the Durranhill Ward Councillor, the declaration of acceptance of office will be signed prior to the next meeting and Cllr White was invited to join the meeting.

### 104/22 Order of business

(i) **Resolved** to change the order of business 10.a.(iv) to move agenda item 8(v)

(ii) **1/22/9005 Esk Quarry, Sand Pit no.2 Faugh, Brampton** (incorrect reference noted on the agenda)  
Extension of end date of extraction to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2032 for the continued working of a known mineral reserve, subsequent infilling and ancillary aggregate recycling at Faugh sandpit 2.  
(NB This is not in the Parish however traffic movements are through the Parish)

**Resolved** – Objection

a. Noise, dust and vibration.

The issue is the traffic associated with the quarry extraction and the aggregate recycling vehicles using the C1026, through Heads Nook.

Residents who live close to roads are affected by noise and vibration.

Consideration should be given to limit the permitted hours of work and number of vehicles to protect any nearby residents from possible noise nuisance, including vibration.

Dust, It is necessary to protect any nearby residents from nuisance being caused by dust pollution from the site. Many vehicles travel un-sheeted, all vehicles carrying materials to and off site **must** be sheeted or otherwise contained. (Wheel wash facilities should be made available for vehicles leaving site.) The road surfaces are damaged due to the continued vehicle movements, subsidence has also been caused. All roads should be made good, repair to potholes and subsided areas, with a request to install footpaths for pedestrians by the applicant. Generally, there is concern about safety. C1035, 1191 and 1192 are narrow roads and in places where it is difficult for two vehicles to pass, also Broadwath & Burnrigg when the traffic is diverted.. There are very few sections of pavement, and the roads are frequently used by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

### 105/22 Minutes of Committee Meetings & Working Groups

**Resolved** to receive the minutes of committee's and working groups and to approve the recommendation made therein.

- (i) **Resolved** to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.
- (ii) **Resolved** to receive the minutes of the **Rights of Way & General Purposes** Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- (iii) **Cemetery Committee** meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022, verbal update given by Cllr D Hughes, minutes to be circulated and budget request to be considered by the Finance & Grants Committee. Note, demonstration planned for Atlantic geomatics, cemetery system on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1pm 2023.

### 106/22 Planning Applications considered;

- (i) **22/0802 Hillside Great Corby**  
Erection of single storey extension to provide orangery.  
**Resolved** – No Observations
- (ii) **22/0775 Former Methodist Chapel, Cumwhinton**  
Variation of conditions, to allow solar panels on the roof and installation of log burner  
**Resolved** – No Observations.
- (iii) **22/0814 Plots 1&2 Land at Wetheral Pasture**  
Variation of condition, removal of chimney, insert- additional solar panels, provision of outside WC, erection of detached summer house.  
**Resolved** – No Observations
- (iv) **22/0818 Plot3 land at Wetheral Pasture**  
Change of use plot 3 into garden and formation of tennis court plus fencing. (retrospective)  
**Resolved** – No Observations
- (v) Noted, Cllr Higgs has made a request for an extension to the planning consultation, App 21/1068 Land to the south of A69, Scotby as 37 amendments have been submitted.

### 107/22 Bank Reconciliation

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

Current Account        £26,531.90

Deposit Account       £162,091.03

Cumberland BS        £38,487.09

**Total in the bank       £ 227,110.02 (to be reconciled)**

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

### 108/22 Payment of Accounts.

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022. (VIN 201-230 Totalling £14,787.30.

### **109/22 Low Carbon Communities in Wetheral Parish**

(i) Community Energy webinar- Attended by Cllrs J Dobson & H Hughes, circulated. Intention to work with Phil Furneaux and Tim Combe from Brampton 2 Zero group to share initiatives.

(ii) Zero carbon communities noted, circulated.

(iii) Update on Parish Council initiatives- Wetheral Clubhouse, Solar panel installation confirmed, date to be arranged.

Scotby village hall, panels to be included in the design for the new roof planned for summer 2023.

Scotby Community Pavilion, planned for 2023.

### **110/22 CALC AGM**

(i) Following the CALC AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

“Proposed change to the legal structure of CALC”

Recommendation: The AGM approves the draft constitution for future implementation by CALC and agrees that it may be used to support an application to the Charity Commission for Cumbria Association of Local Councils to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.”

- (ii) **Resolved** to write to the Chief Executive Of CALC, Ms Sonia Hutchinson expressing concerns regarding the proposed change to charitable status with the Trustees being selected rather than elected members, not necessarily serving Councillors.

Councillors attended the AGM were concerned that the motion to adopt the charity status was voted by a minority, with few participants representing the Parish & Town Councils. The members stated the process had not been transparent and request that a proper consultation of all Cumbrian councils is undertaken, with all the facts available.

CALC currently is an important source of information, training and advice supported by subscription, the Parish Council subscription may be reviewed if appropriate action is not taken to reassure members.

### **111/22 Clerks Report**

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

- (ii) Item 9, Scotby playing field, works to improve access. **Resolved** to consider a grant application from the Hartley trust for these work (retrospectively) at the Finance & Grant committee meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2022.

- (iii) Item 6, National pay awards, **Resolved** to adjust the individual members staff pay to agree with the Nationally agreed scales.(5% increase had been given in April 2022 to all staff)

### **112/22 External Representation.**

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

- (i) Cllrs Higgs & Higginbotham attended the WPFA meeting, 10% increase on fees agreed, projected deficit annually of £2000, fundraising events to be arranged to make up shortfall. (7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – planned)
- (ii) Cllr Higginbotham, meeting of the CPCA request for grants for green issues from village halls. (£3000 budget)- Clerk to promote.

### **113/22 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) Request to hold a carol service on Wetheral village green. Wetheral PCC. **Resolved** to approve.

**Next meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> 2022, in Wetheral Village Community Hall.**

