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Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of Rights of Way Committee to be held **on Tuesday 15 January 2019 at 7pm**, in the Parish Council office at the **Wetheral Village Community Hall**.

Yours faithfully,

Lynsey Forrester
Assistant Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Apologies** - To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest** - Members are invited to declare any personal and /or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2018.**
To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting.

4. General issues from the Villages

An opportunity for members to raise issues relating to their wards

a. Wetheral –

- i) The fingerpost on the River Road is still broken, some considerable time after it being reported to the County Council.
- ii) The noticeboard on Plains Road is looking very worn. The contractor has provided a quote of £150 to refurbish and repair it.

b. Scotby –

- i) Village green – There is a possibility that the daffodil bulbs were damaged or destroyed during the recent United Utilities works. Reports have also been received of a dip in the ground since the works, where water is pooling.
- ii) Washbeck Green – Reports were received of broken metal posts. Brunswick Engineering will visit to assess.

Chairman – Chris Dodd

Sue Tarrant - Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

c. Great Corby –

i) A report was received of a tree overhanging the school playground, and staff are concerned that the branches are becoming a safety hazard. Cllr Evans to confirm the exact location, to determine whether it falls under the County or Parish Council's responsibility.

d. Aglionby -

i) Play area – Further attempts to contact the originator of the play area request have failed, although an email was received from a different resident asking for an update. Cllr Oliver to contact her, in case she would be willing to become the contact for the project.

e. Warwick on Eden –

i) Land next to the pub – reports of damage due to cars parking on the grass.

f. Cumwhinton –

i) There is a broken chain on the village green. Brunswick Engineering have been asked to look at it.
ii) There is a broken fingerpost on Dog Lonning, 138059.

g. Cotehill –

i) Inaccessible footpath – A resident has reported that a landowner has blocked a public right of way and removed the footpath sign. Needs further investigation to establish exact location.

h. Warwick Bridge –

i) A manager from the Environment Agency's Flood Risk Management Scheme at Warwick Bridge has asked if any environmental enhancements can be delivered to the Downagate site. Possibilities include screening of recycling areas with trees and shrubs, bulb planting around the periphery of the grounds, outdoor seating or wildflower seeding, but they are open to other suggestions for improvements they could deliver whilst on site.

i. Durranhill -

i) The contractor has provided a price of £200 to make a new noticeboard. This is a fraction of the cost of a new one. The process of applying for planning permission from the City Council will commence.

5. Footpaths

i) There is some money in the budget for refurbishment of fingerposts, if Councillors are aware of any in their areas which are looking worn. One suggestion is the post opposite the Lowther Arms pub in Cumwhinton.
ii) A resident has reported safety concerns on the 138063 footpath between Wetheral and Armathwaite, due to fallen trees, eroding soil, overgrown areas and missing small bridges over streams.

6. Play areas

i) The new ROSPA reports have been received and any action points should be attended to by the play area committees. Hard copies to be distributed at the meeting.

7. Projects

i) The Clerk has suggested a bee conservation project as an initiative for 2019, involving local primary schools and groups. Wildflower seeds would be provided to be scattered in gardens to encourage bees. Initial investigations suggest £500 would cover the costs of seeds, packaging and promotional materials, though it may be possible to obtain funding support. 4g of seeds is enough to cover 4sqm.

8. Clerk's Report

i) Wetheral village hall/clubhouse hedge – It is coming up to the right time of year to plant the new laurel hedge. The contractor will be asked to do it once the expected severe weather is over.
ii) Scotby Pavillion – Planning permission for the car park has been granted. Cllr Earp has spoken to the City Council's Development Manager to find out if some S106 money from the Wetheral Story development could be used. Awaiting response. A second quote will be needed for the car park work, as the first was higher than expected.

- iii) Tree survey contract – The tree survey can be carried out using drones for around £1500.
- iv) Dog control on Wetheral playing fields – The Assistant Clerk has completed the paperwork and returned it to the City Council. Their legal department will look at it in January. The next step is that some form of public consultation should be carried out. WPGA committee to consider what methods would be best.
- v) Great Corby hickory tree – The dangerous branches have been removed.
- vi) Warwick on Eden fruit trees – The trees will be planted in early spring, after the worst of the frosts.
- vii) Christmas trees – There have been very positive comments about the trees from residents of Scotby and Cotehill.
- viii) Steele's Bank, Wetheral – A resident has complained about the 'Steele's Bank' name being applied to the entire length of the B6263 rather than just the section past the bowling club. It appears that this is an error originating with Ordnance Survey which has now been picked up by Google Maps, satnavs etc.

9. Future meeting date – Suggest 7th March 2019, 7pm.