

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held on Tuesday,
20th October 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at Wetheral Village Community Hall

Present: Cllr. M Murray (Chairman) Cllr Nelson, Cllr Nemeth (sub for Cllr Holmes), Cllr Bainbridge, Cllr Yates

ROW 15/11 Apologies – Cllr Holmes, Cllr. M Higginbotham.

ROW 15/12 - Declarations of Interest – None

ROW/15/13 Minutes – **Resolved** members approved the minutes of the meeting **21st July 2015** and authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record.

ROW/15/14. General issues from the Villages

Wetheral

(i) Maypole - renovation project – Clerk advised meeting that the Planning Application had been submitted, (Drawings produced at the cost of £450) Grant funding secured :-

Cumbria CC (£1000 Granted)

Cllr. Marriner (£500 Agreed)

Cllr Higgs (£250 Agreed)

Cllr Earp (£250)

Resident Fundraising has raised £825 from rounders match & £1121 from Curry Evening, plus an extra donation of £40 to be added to the Curry Evening funds.

(ii) Himalayan Balsam – Wetheral Riverbank – Members discussed a letter sent by Mr. Barnes (emailed. 25/9/15). **Resolved** Cllr Murray to write an article for the local magazine in April 2016, requesting help in organising teams to clear designated areas along the riverbank. Clerk to contact the Probation Service to ask for their help. Cllr Nemeth offered to help with clearance of Great Corby side of the river, Clerk to write to land owner to gain permission for access.

(iii) Footpath to the Club House- Resolved members agreed a footpath was necessary from the new community centre to the club house. Clerk to seek advice from Highways, to put forward their request.

iv) Methodist Chapel seat – Clerk advised contractor has been appointed to renovate seat at cost of £60

Scotby

i) Scotby Notice board base – Clerk advised contractor has been appointed to commence work. Quote £380.

ii) Washbeck Green Parking –Members considered the parking problem and damage to the green at Washbeck Green, **Resolved** to recommend to the Full Council that a small chain & post link fence be erected to prevent parking on the green at a cost of £1600 (Quote Brunstock Eng. £1600 +VAT)

iii) Direction Sign to the play area at Scotby – Resolved – Clerk to laminate A4 sheets to be displayed around the village, and request Hartley Trust Committee consider erecting a sign/signs, showing the location.

Great Corby – Telephone box – Clerk advised a reply had been received from BT who will not authorise the removal of the phone box on the village green.

Aglionby - Clerk advised work would go ahead and easement funding £50 would be given to the Council, towards a bus shelter for the village

Cumwhinton Play area – Clerk advised work to commence at the end of November

Cotehill Noticeboard Alby Terrace – Resident has advised the board requires repair/renewal. **Resolved** Clerk has appointed contractor to repair the board at a cost of £70

ROW/15/15 Bulb Planting – Clerk advised planting has commenced in all areas except Cotehill, who still have to collect their bulbs, areas to be planted are as follows:-

i) Great Corby – Roadside of Playing Field

ii) Wetheral – Cemetery & around new Community Centre & Playing Field

- iii) Cotehill – H Kennedy & M Martin agreed to plant around village
- iv) Warwick on Eden – Cllrs D Poole & M Strickland agreed to plant
- v) Warwick Bridge - Downagate

ROW/15/16 Footpath Reports -

- i) **Wetheral completed** – records updated by clerk, problems reported
- ii) **Scotby**- Cllr Nelson reported Scotby now completed and records would be handed to office soon.
- iii) **Gt. Corby** – Clerk advised a resident has been provided with local maps and is undertaking the walks.

ROW/15/17 Interpretation Panels

- (i) Cumwhinton – Ward members to discuss and bring to the next meeting. It was felt a board similar in size, layout and design to Cotehill, would be required
- (ii) Warwick on Eden – Clerk produced a rough layout for members to consider. Members were asked to consider a suitable location and size of board required. Cllr Strickland has volunteered to co-ordinate this project.
- (iii) Wetheral Maypole – Members agreed if funding was available a small panel could be located adjacent to the monument once the renovation work was completed.

ROW/15/18 Clerk Reported:-

- i) Cotehill Noticeboard – Completed
- ii) Tree survey – Northern Tree Services survey in progress
- iii) Great Corby Common – Fence removed
- iv) Scotby Notice board – Contractor to commence work
- v) Cumwhinton – Top village notice board – Contractor appointed
- vi) Scotby Playarea – Completed
- vii) Great Corby Playarea – Completed
- viii) Interpretation Panel Brackenbank – Damaged Panel has been re- erected temporarily. New panel ordered (insurance payment claim in confirmed, less £100 excess)
- ix) St Cuthberts Well area - Clerk met with Probation Service, work completed.
- (x) Path clearance/weed control – Plains Rd Railway Bridge, cleared by resident. Scotby V Hall - groundsman cleared.
- xi) St Constantine's caves sign – Contractor appointed to put new sign in place.
- xii) Footpath request at Quentin Gardens, Cumwhinton – Clerk to contact Highways department.

ROW/15/19 Correspondence

- i) Great Corby Street Lighting – Cllr Nemeth raised the issue of poor lighting in the village, Clerk to seek further information from County Council.
- ii) Great Corby Litter bins – A resident has reported the lack of litter bins provision and collection in the village. Clerk to investigate
- iii) Great Corby – Play area – report of slippery surface at roundabout, requires cleaning. Clerk to request groundsman or contractor investigate as soon as possible.
Scotby Oakbank – A request has been received for the grass to be cut.
- iv) Scotby Village Green – Damaged sleepers have been reported, Clerk has spoken with contractor and is awaiting a price.
- v) Footpath 138009 leading to Wetheral Churchyard – Fencing is damaged, this land belongs to Church, Cllr Murray to speak with Church.
- vi) Footpath 138057 River Rd Wetheral to St Cuthberts Well – Path wet and muddy, remnants of old wooden steps need replacing. Clerk to speak with Footpath Officer, with the possibility of re-routing to old road path a few yards farther along the road.
- vii) Cllr Bainbridge raised the issue of overgrown land behind the sub-station backing on to the new development at Quentin Gardens. Clerk to investigate ownership of land.
- viii) Cllr Holmes has 3 apple trees which could be planted around the villages. Clerk to speak with WCA to see if they could use them around the new centre.

Future meeting date 26th January 2016

Signed

Date