

**Wetheral Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held on Tuesday,**  
**18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30p.m. at Wetheral Village Community Hall**

**Present:** Cllr. B Earp ,Chairman,  
Cllr M Higginbotham, Cllr L Graham(part), Cllr, S Higgs(part), Cllr J Melrose Woodman  
Also present resident: Mrs K McLellan (part)

**ROW/16/11 - Apologies –** Cllr Dodd, Cllr Nemeth, Cllr Poole,

Mrs McLellan came to speak to the Council on the “ Finding Lost Ways” project, she advised the Council of the following :-

*Cumbria Bridleways Society, of which I am a member, has been carrying out historical research into 'Lost Ways': rights of way which existed in the past but which have been lost or under-recorded on the County Council Definitive Map. We believe that we have good historical evidence for several routes in Wetheral Parish.*

*I hope that the Parish Council might support applications to the County Council to reinstate these Rights of Way.*

*The Paths noted to date are:-*

- i) Miry Lonning, Cumwhinton 138040*
- ii) Dog Lonning, Cumwhinton 138059*
- iii) Cow Lonning, Scotby 138010*

*Listed as footpaths at present, her evidence shows that these paths should be listed as Bridleways.*

Chairman thanked Mrs McLellan for attending and advised that members would be discussing this matter later in the meeting. Mrs McLellan, Cllr Graham and Cllr Higgs left the meeting.

**ROW/16/12 Declarations of Interest –** None

**ROW 16/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – Resolved** - Members authorised the Chairman to sign the minutes as a correct record.

**ROW 16/14 Members raised issues relating to their wards:-**

**Wetheral** – (i) Flight of fancy – no need for underpinning but will be inspected by Askins & Little.

**Resolved** - Members to re-assess in the Spring following any winter storms.

**ii) Wetheral Noticeboard** – The new noticeboard is suffering from condensation making it difficult to read notices inside the cabinet. **Resolved** Clerk to speak with a different contractor for a solution to this problem.

**Scotby** – **i)** A request had been received for a directional sign showing the location of the Hartley Trust Playing Field due to the number of away teams playing at the site. **Resolved** to recommend to Finance Committee a sign be purchased, Scotby members to discuss a suitable location and type of sign required.

**ii)** A request had been received for the entrance to the play area to be tarmac'd as the hardcore/stone is drifting down the road in wet weather. Clerk has met with contractors requesting quotes. Members felt there was insufficient detail provided and requested a full spec prior to making any decision. **Resolved** -To seek required information and advise members. Clerk to liaise with the Chairman.

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| (i) £4600 Tarmac & Pothole repair | - | Blackstone Drives |
| (ii) £XXXXXX                      | - | Tolson awaiting   |
| (iii) £1000 Tarmac                | - | Roberts           |
| (iv) £600 Potholes                | - | Roberts           |

**Great Corby** – i) A request had been received for improvement work for the village green now the telephone kiosk has been removed. Clerk requested Contractor to price for job, rolling and re-seeding the green. Finance Committee has set aside £1000 (work to commence Spring 2017)  
ii) Crown lifting the willow on the village green, Planning Consent has been received.  
**Resolved** tree to be crown lifted to 2m from ground at a cost of £285.00

iii) Damaged verges Allenwood – Heads Nook – Clerk reported to Highways 6.10.16 **Resolved** - Clerk to ask Cllr Nemeth to monitor.

**Aglionby** - The Strand and verges over grown, Clerk met with the developer who has agreed to work with the parish council to keep the area of land behind Rosegate tidy. Additional funding may be required to help with the clearing of this area. **Resolved** -members agreed to the dredging of the pond and clearing of trees by the contractor. Clerk to produce notices advising the residents of the intended forthcoming work

**Cumwhinton** – Interpretation panel siting – **Resolved** – the new noticeboard to be sited opposite the Cumwhinton war memorial, at the site of telephone kiosk, which is due to be removed within the next few weeks. This will enable residents to stand on the concrete base whilst viewing the board.(Quote £120)

#### **Cotehill –**

i) Fields in Perpetuity - **Resolved** Members agreed to apply for “Fields in Perpetuity” for Cotehill Playing Field/James Anderson Memorial Field (Centenary Field scheme in memory of lives lost in WW1).

ii) Members discussed the potential to improve the playing field to a higher standard - **Resolved** Clerk to get quotes for drainage and rolling to bring field up to a standard similar to other fields in the parish. Once done then consider siting a portacabin if required. Information from residents to be gathered from the forthcoming Community Plan survey due to be undertaken.

**ROW 16/15 Footpath Reports** – Clerk reminded members new surveys due in 2016, members to report any problems to the office. Cllr Melrose Woodman requested a folder, Clerk to produce

- i) **“Finding Lost Ways”** - Members felt the opinion of residents should be sought before the Parish

Council backed any changes to the existing maps. Members felt all members should have a chance to discuss this matter – **Resolved** to defer to the meeting of the Full Council

ii) **Footpath 138061 Cumwhinton**– Flooding under railway archways – Clerk contacted Footpath Officer 29/9/16. Chairman advised this number was incorrect. **Resolved** Clerk to contact Footpath Officer to notify that the number should be 138048 and not as reported.

#### **ROW 16/16. Interpretation Panels/Noticeboards**

- (i) Cumwhinton – Delivered - awaiting erection which would be after the telephone kiosk was removed  
(ii) Warwick on Eden - Delivered – would be installed as soon as the contractor was available. The existing board to be moved to Aglionby to replace the old board in that village.  
(iii) Warwick Bridge – Clerk hoped to progress the design for the board to be installed at Warwick Bridge (£1600 allocated in budget) Cllr Nemeth (Gt Corby Rep) to be asked if she would help with any proposed design. It has been suggested that this could be sited at Downagate Community Centre.  
(iv) New Joint Noticeboard in bus shelter Corby Hill – A joint noticeboard has been offered by Colas Electrical Co who did work in the parish in 2015. This would be shared by both parishes of Hayton & Wetheral, it had been agreed to site this at the new bus shelter, Corby Hill. Once installed the existing board on the other side of the road which required renovation, would be removed. Clerk chasing the company for further information.

#### **ROW 16/17 Fingerpost restoration –**

- i) Clerk submitted Grant application to Community Grant Scheme for help towards the renovation of the Wetheral Methodist Chapel fingerpost (Quote £890) Awaiting Approval - meeting date 19/10/16  
ii) Wetheral Pasture Fingerpost – **Resolved** Clerk to seek funding once the Methodist Chapel post is complete Quote received £710  
iii) Cllr Melrose-Woodman – Brought to the attention of members that the new wooden signpost on Priory Road was leaning over – Clerk to check and advise Footpath Officer.

#### **ROW 16/18 Budget planning for next year to be submitted to Finance committee.**

- i) Members considered purchasing new SIDs for Wetheral, Cotehill and Cumwhinton – these would be fixed and either solar power or if we have permission from CCC may have power from a lamp post. It was felt they had insufficient knowledge at present to agree to this proposal. Members to discuss at future meetings and re-consider prior to the budget planning for 2018  
The prices for the different versions of the DF11 are as follows:-  
*Battery or mains powered, no datalogging - £1,995.00*  
*Battery or mains powered, with datalogging - £2,345.00*  
*Solar powered, no datalogging - £2,645.00*  
*Solar powered, with datalogging - £2,995.00*
- ii) Tesco Bus Shelter clean & renovate £280 – More information required
- iii) Wetheral Lychgate – A recent survey by a local builder had highlighted pointing, slate repairs & beam tying were required – Clerk has passed information to Church Warden.
- iv) Grass cutting (Cumwhinton Play area £38 per cut £570 per year) **Resolved** – All Agreed
- v) Relocation of Noticeboard from Warwick on Eden to Aglionby - £170 **Resolved** – All Agreed
- vi) Installation of Noticeboard Cumwhinton - £120- **Resolved** – All Agreed
- vii) Relocation of WW1 memorial plaques from Cotehill Old School to Churchyard – Quote received £300. Clerk to submit a grant application to help with funding from the Community Grant scheme. The Church is applying for and funding a faculty for this work. They will advise of the suitable location once agreed.

#### **ROW 16/19 Clerks Report** Members noted:-

- i) Shiel Lonning – Damaged arm of signpost – Footpath Officer agreed to replace 20.7.16
- ii) Fly Tipping 138042 (Low Cotehill) – Reported Carlisle CC – Agreed to clear 20.7.16 (ref CRM 201526)
- iii) Clerk produced
  - a) Dog Fouling Notices which have been posted on Ferry Landing & Riverbank **Resolved**  
members requested wooden sign boards with posts were required to enable them to put signs in suitable places
  - b) No Cyclist/Horses Notices for display on Wetheral Riverbank – Now displayed
- iv) Wetheral Pasture Noticeboard – Work completed Quote £80 plus £20 new header.  
Tramlines/High Stand – “ “ “ “
- v) Contractor reminded to clear Ferry Landing
- vi) Dead tree Scotby (on the green) removed.- Chairman advised meeting a new tree was to be purchased and planted by a resident of Scotby Steading to replace the removed tree
- vii) Complaint of overgrown hedge footway -Scotby Road – Hedge now cut.
  - viii) Scotby Fingerpost completed August 2016
  - ix) Grant Application submitted for Wetheral Pasture Fingerpost renovation
  - x) Clerk has agreed to meet with the Grass Contractor to discuss all areas of the grass contract in the

Parish some of which appear to have been missed. Members felt grass cutting should be monitored by members in the future in each of the villages.

#### **Items for the next Agenda:-**

Chairman brought to the meeting a list of several improvements he would like to see in Scotby Village- These were not considered by the committee.

- i) Washbeck – Clear verge, footway add kerbing  
Hartley Trust - Add grasscrete for parking, plus areas for parking at pavilion  
“ - Build small wall & curved entrance & tarmac entrance
- ii) Noticeboard Rookery Green, Scotby – Requires pavers underneath
- iii) Scotby Village Hall – access road & sleepers requires regular schedule of weed killing
- iv) Wetheral Ferry Landing – Bollards need replacing on Ferry Hill.

Cllr Melrose-Woodman reported a yew tree obstructing the footpath leading from the river road to the church – Clerk to look into and report back to next meeting.

**Suggested date for next meeting Tue 17th Jan 2017**