

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held on Tuesday,
26th January 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at Wetheral Village Community Hall

Owing to the adverse weather conditions Gareth Browning, of the Forestry Commission was unable to attend the meeting to give his presentation on the work to be undertaken at High Stand. He updated the Clerk that it was unlikely this work would be done within the next year owing to access issues which needed to proceed the tree work. Clerk has requested an update in the future.

Present: Cllr. M Murray (Chairman) Cllr Strickland, Cllr Nemeth.

ROW 15/20 Apologies – Cllr. M Higginbotham, Cllr Nelson

ROW 15/21 - Declarations of Interest – None

ROW/15/22 Minutes – Resolved members approved the minutes of the meeting **20th October 2015** and authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record.

ROW/15/23 General issues from the Villages
Wetheral

(i) **Wetheral Station footpath –** Repairs to surface completed, extra boarding required; cost approx. £250 – **Resolved** to recommend to Finance Comm.

(ii) **Request for Solar light for path (diode)** (NB. This path is not WPC responsibility) **Resolved** Clerk to obtain quotes and recommend to Finance Committee.

Clerk was advised the existing station platform light is not working, Clerk to report to Network Rail.

(iii) **Wetheral Village Green –** Mrs Watson's new seat is in situ the old seat has been placed in storage. Members considered placing at St. Cuthbert's Well / Cumwhinton Play area/ Wetheral PF. **Resolved -** to move the seat to Cumwhinton Play area in the Spring, when the area dries out.

iv) **Steele's Bank Litter Bin –** Damaged by County Council, A replacement bin has been ordered by Carlisle City Council and the County Council will be invoiced.

v) **Surface of Village Green, Wetheral – Resolved –** Clerk to arrange with contractor to check the green once grass cutting re-commences, arrange for levelling and rolling if required.

vi) **Yellow lines at Scotby road bus stop (Skelton House) Resolved -** Clerk to contact Highways, Cumbria CC to enquire when this is to be done.

vii) **H Balsam –** Chairman has written a report for local magazine requesting help. Clerk to keep a list of anyone volunteering. Clerk has contacted City Council requesting help in removing waste, we await their reply.

Scotby – i) Washbeck fencing – to commence in new financial year

Great Corby – Removal of telephone box – Clerk has received confirmation this will be removed.

Warwick on Eden – i) Members agreed to move the new noticeboard from Warwick on Eden to replace the old noticeboard in Aglionby village, if funding was successful for their new joint. The new notice/interpretation.board would be placed where the existing board was located at present.

ii) The grit bin has gone missing from the small grass triangle at the entrance to the village from the A69. Damage has also been done to the green and area newly planted with bulbs. It was felt this may have been done by recent workmen from Northern Gas working in the area. Clerk has contacted Roadlink, who are responsible for the A69 advising and awaits their reply.

Cumwhinton – Play area equipment, footpath and new gates have been installed. Fencing to be erected when grant payment is confirmed. Members felt residents should be asked to fund raise to provide picnic benches or any further equipment. **Resolved –** Clerk to contact Cllr Round and proposed management committee for the play area to advise.

ROW/15/24 Footpath Reports -

Paths are to be surveyed in the parish every 2 years, next survey due 2017

- i) **Scotby, Wetheral and Great Corby Completed 2015, any concerns have been passed to footpath officer.**
- ii) **Cumwhinton, Cotehill, Aglionby, Warwick on Eden still require completion**
- iii) **Great Corby – 138024** Resident complaint re condition of path. Clerk forwarded to Footpath Officer at Cumbria CC 17/11/15 (Emailed members 17/11/15 &)

ROW/15/25 Interpretation Panels

Clerk has submitted Grant Applications to Cumbria Co Council Community Grant Scheme

- (i) Cumwhinton – Information required.
- (ii) Warwick on Eden – Photographs have been taken it was felt these would be better taken in the Spring, members agreed to wait until the grant was confirmed and re-take pictures once the weather improved. Clerk has spoken with owners of the Tithe Barn who have a booklet about the history of their property which they would pass to the Council for use.
- (iii) Warwick Bridge – **Resolved** –to recommend include the production of an interpretation panel in the future, proposed to locate it at the Downagate Community Centre. Items which could be included: - Warwick Bridge, local churches, The Corn mill, the Calendar House Holme Eden, Warwick Mill.

ROW/15/26 Grass Contract – Members had no other areas to be added to the Grass Contract for the years 2016/17 other than the addition of Oak bank Scotby.

ROW/15/27 Clerk Report To note;

- i) Alby Terrace Noticeboard - repaired
- ii) Tree survey –Northern Tree Services survey in progress
- iii) Maypole - renovation project update – Listed structure Consent Granted, Contractor asked to commence work once green has dried out. **Resolved** Clerk to place advisory notice on notice boards, updating members of the public of the lack of progress at present.
- iv) Scotby Notice board – Work around base completed.
- v) Cumwhinton – Top village notice board – repaired.
- vi) Wash beck – Fencing request taken to Finance meeting, to commence after April 2016
- vii) Great Corby Play area – Base of roundabout – Groundsman pressure hosed
- viii) Interpretation Panel Brackenbank – New panel erected (insurance payment claim paid)
- ix) War Memorial cleaned prior to Remembrance Service in November.
- (x) Footpath to the Club House- County Council -A planning condition for the housing application at Land at Steels Bank has been applied, the developer must make a financial contribution for the continuation of the footpath from the Community centre to the Club House.
- xi) St Constantine's caves sign – Erected
- xii) Footpath request at Quentin Gardens, Cumwhinton – Clerk contacted Highways. This will be done in conjunction with any future development within the village of Cumwhinton.
- xiii) Direction Sign to the play area at Scotby – Laminated notices produced. Committee do not wish to have a directional sign. A quote has been obtained from Watsign for sign/board similar to Downagate. (Quote £253)
- xiv) Wetheral – Ashgate Lane – Repairs to surface/potholes completed)

ROW/15/28 Correspondence - To have the opportunity to view any relevant correspondence received before & after this agenda has been issued.

- i) Reply received from Neighbourhood Services re Gt Corby Litter Bins (emailed CD/RN/NH to advise)
- ii) "Clean for the Queen" - Chairman to speak to Full Council meeting on the subject.

ROW/15/29 Future meeting date 19th April 2016