

Meeting of Rights of Way Committee due to be held **on Tuesday 19th April 2016 at 7.30p.m.** In the parish council office at the **Wetheral Village Community Hall.**

Present: Cllr Murray (Chairman) Cllr Round
Resident Ms. J Melrose Goodman

- 1. Apologies** – D Poole, M Strickland, I Yates, M Higginbotham, P Bainbridge, M Nelson, C. Dodd.
As there was not a quorum, the meeting was unable to go ahead. Members present discussed items on agenda which would be taken to Full Council

Report on items discussed

General issues from the Villages

- Wetheral** –
- (i) Spare seat in storage** – Clerk to contact Cotehill Playing Field Committee to ask if they would like this seat for their playing field
 - (ii) Provision of Life saving equipment on Wetheral Riverbank** – Members felt the responsibility of maintaining and monitoring would be unmanageable.
 - Ferry Landing** – The area requires tidying, Clerk to request funding for the area to be trimmed, seat cleaned and painted
 - iv) Steels Bank Litter Bin** – Damaged by Co Council, will be replaced – Clerk to chase
 - v) Maypole** – Work due to commence, Clerk to continue to chase. Ms Melrose Goodman asked if it would be possible to include in the renovation an additional stone block to the base. This was originally in place and is now in the churchyard. If additional cost were to be incurred, Ms Melrose Goodman would be willing to fund raise for this project. Clerk to speak with stonemason.
 - vi) Yellow lines at Scotby road bus stop (Skelton House)** Clerk contacted Cumbria CC. Clerk to chase
 - vii) H Balsam** – Following report in Focus on Eden, a small number of volunteers have come forward. Teams were to be organized, equipment provided and a skip ordered to remove waste. Following an online report forwarded by a resident, it would appear that it is not possible to put the waste in a skip. Plants should be pulled out by roots and if possible left to dry before disposal. Members agreed this should be an ongoing project, not just a set day. Cllr Murray to speak with volunteers. It was agreed following guidelines, that children cannot be involved in this project.
- Scotby** –
- i) Washbeck fencing** – to commence in new financial year
 - ii) Damage to Scotby Noticeboard** – Clerk to contact Graffix Signs re repair
- Great Corby** –
- i) Removal of telephone box** – Clerk has requested to take over box from BT
 - ii) Damaged Fingerpost at Gt Corby** – Damage reported, Clerk asked Fingerpost specialist to check, & requested repair.
- Warwick on Eden** – Damage to small triangle repaired & re-seeded. Grit bin to be replaced by Roadlink
- Aglionby** - Noticeboard Clerk to enquire if residents wished to keep the existing board and if so, the location for the new board ?
- Cumwhinton** – Cllr Round updated members on the progress of the playground in Cumwhinton. A meeting had been held, a new committee of 7 members formed. Cllr Round was appointed as Chairman of this committee which also included representatives from Cumwhinton school. An Open Day was to be held in conjunction with the celebrations for the Queen's Birthday on the 12th June 2016. Fund raising would be done on the day with various stalls and entertainment.
- The playarea is being well used by local children, the school and brownies, in a recent survey given to the children, they rated it to be "11 out of 10"
- A grant has been secured to provide a picnic bench for the area (£600)
- Clerk to enquire if it would be possible to obtain a litter bin, members of the committee have agreed to empty it, as they are clearing waste from the field at present.
- Cotehill** - Clerk to contact Village Committee to ask if they would like the spare seat which is in storage.

Footpath Reports - Clerk advised that new surveys were due in 2016, This to be highlighted once a new committee was formed.

- i) **138068 New Modified Restricted Byway, Heads Nook, Black Lonning** – Details were available for the Gt, Corby representative, to be included in the village file.
- ii) Clerk brought to the attention a recent circular walk highlighted in the local newspaper for Wetheral via Scotby Shields to Cumwhinton. It was mentioned in this several broken stiles & muddy areas. Clerk to contact footpath officer to report. It was hoped the landowner would be asked to help with the repairs required.

Interpretation Panels

Clerk advised Community Grants have been received as follows:- Warwick on Eden £500, Cumwhinton £1000, work to be completed within one year to keep grant funding.

- (i) Cumwhinton – Cllr Round provided photographs and information for the Clerk to work with.
- (ii) Warwick on Eden – No members present. Information/photographs required.

Fingerpost restoration – Members to be asked to consider at a future meeting the restoration of one fingerpost in parish

Suggested posts which require attention :- Scotby (Opp Post Office) Quote £850

Wetheral Pasture Quote £710

Wetheral Methodist Chapel Quote £890

Clerk to submit a grant application to Community Grant Scheme

Noticeboards in Parish – Clerk requested members survey all boards in their villages and outlying areas; It would be appreciated if photographs could be submitted of any requiring attention/replacing.

Clerk Reported

- i) **Wetheral Station footpath** – Repairs to surface completed. Clerk contacted Footpath Officer req. help with management & extra boarding, requested a meeting to discuss issues. Cllr Murray advised the broken light had been repaired. (NB. This path is not WPC responsibility) Clerk has now been advised this issue has been passed to Brampton Depot.
- ii) **Tree survey** –Northern Tree Services survey in progress
- iii) **Maypole** - renovation project update – Contractor has advised the job is logged, work to commence ASAP. Notices placed on Noticeboards as requested at previous meeting.
- iv) **Scotby Steading access to Village Hall** - potholes & sleepers repaired All done
- v) **Cumwhinton Playarea** – New Committee formed, Open day to be organized, plus fund raising
- vii) **Bus Shelter Scotby Road** – repaired roof
- vii) **Flagstones at Scotby Noticeboard** - repaired
- viii) **Wetheral Village Green** – damaged surface repaired & rolled. NB damage is being caused by horses
- ix) **Grass cutting has commenced**

Correspondence – Noted

- i) Email G. Williams- potholes Scotby & access around village green
- ii) I Yates – Noticeboard – Aglionby (emailed all 30.3.16)
- iii) I Yates – Photographs of Interpretation Panel at Warwick Bridge (Fish Pass, not owned by Parish Council) As this would be difficult to clean due to safety issues, Clerk to contact Env. Agency/River Trust ? to enquire if they installed the panel.
- iv) Ms Melrose Goodman advised of erosion on the riverbank due to horses and cyclists using the footpath. Request to the Clerk to provide laminated notices “Due to Path Erosion, No Cycling or Horses Please”

Future meeting dates to be considered following the formation of a new Council (Suggested dates 19th or 26th July 2016)