

**Wetheral Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held on Tuesday,**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at 7.30p.m. at Wetheral Village Community Hall**

**Present:** Cllr. B Earp, Chairman,  
Cllr. G Round, Cllr J Melrose Woodman

**ROW/16/32 - Apologies** – received from Cllr Graham, Cllr Bainbridge, there was no representative for Aglionby, Warwick on Eden or Great Corby Wards.

**ROW/16/33 Declarations of Interest** – None

**ROW 16/34 Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Resolved** - Members authorised the Chairman to sign the minutes as a correct record.

**ROW 16/35 General issues from the Villages**

**a. Wetheral –**

- i) Flight of Fancy** – inspected, prior to this meeting, weed clearance and general tidying up has been carried out. Clerk to arrange for Groundsman to apply solution to prevent/remove moss / lichen.
- ii) Wetheral Village Green** – No Parking signs agreed by Full Council, Clerk proceeding with order once the required “street permit” has been completed and obtained.
- iii) Wetheral Methodist church finger post** - renovation has commenced.
- iv) Directional Sign at Animal Refuge** – members raised issue that the post still has not been replaced. Clerk has reported to Footpath Officer, members asked clerk to chase the progress.

**b. Scotby –**

- i) Directional Sign – Hartley Trust Playing Field** – Clerk to req Planning Permission & order sign. Members agreed that as the telephone box is to be removed the base would provide a suitable location for the sign.
- ii) New Pavilion and parking** – Clerk & Cllr Hughes in discussion regarding adjacent land for parking with land owner, additional grant funding is required. Plans were available for members to look at, although it was advised that these has subsequently been updated. The final plans would be available at the Annual Meeting of Electors.
- iii) Noticeboard Rookery Green, Scotby** – Clerk had requested quote for the work -£150, To be taken to the Finance Meeting for approval.
- iv) Tesco Bus Shelter** – Contractor has agreed to commence the cleaning & renovation shortly.
- v) Bridleway Regulations-** Following a request from a resident Cllr Earp had requested information regarding the tarmacing of bridleways. Clerk had obtained a document which was discussed at the meeting. It would appear the local bridleway has now been tarmaced, although the County Council have not inspected as yet.

**c. Great Corby –**

- i) Village Green Improvement work** – Clerk advised owing to a bereavement in the family the contractor had been unable to commence the work as planned, it would be done as soon as time permitted.
- ii) Damaged verges Allenwood** – Heads Nook – Clerk reported to Highways 6.10.16. Cllr Nemeth had previously reported further damage which again had been reported to Highways who agreed to investigate. Cllr Nemeth was unavailable to report on progress.
- iii) Gateway at Play area** - remains muddy, contractor had agreed to meet with Cllr Dodd to discuss. The roundabout surface remains slippery – Clerk has been advised that hot water & “Fairy” liquid and a hard brush should remedy this problem. Cllr Nemeth had agreed to speak with committee.
- iv) Gt Corby Old School sign** – Requires renovation, a grant application could be made by the school to the Community Grant Scheme for funding. Cllr Nemeth had agreed to provide photographs. Clerk to contact to discuss agenda items which require follow up.

#### **d. Aglionby / Warwick on Eden**

i) **Defibrillator still requires fitting** – Clerk had been unable to agree the fitting at the pub and asked members to consider an alternative location. As the telephone box was now empty it was suggested that this might be a suitable location. Clerk to discuss with ward members and consider adopting the telephone box for this use.

#### **e. Cumwhinton –**

i) **Cocklakes – Direction sign to village** – Confirmation required if the post needs renovated off site. Permission required from County Council to re-locate the finger post. **Resolved** - Clerk to write to County Council requesting the post be moved to a more suitable location as suggested by the residents living in the area.

Cllr Earp has agreed to donate £500 from small scales grant scheme towards the re-location/renovation of the sign. Clerk to request additional funding from Community Grant Scheme towards costs.

#### **f. Cotehill –**

i) **Playing field improvements** – quotes yet to be obtained.

ii) **Fields in Trust Centenary Field** - application has been confirmed, **Resolved** - draft documents have been received to be completed shortly.

iii) **Relocation of WW1 memorial plaques** – Church has agreed to storing the plaques in a shed until the faculty has been received. **Resolved** - Clerk to request contractor remove plaques for cleaning and storage until they can be relocated at the church. Clerk to organise access to the hall for removal of plaques.

#### **g. Warwick Bridge –**

New noticeboard at the bus shelter (Corby Hill) now installed – This is a joint board with Hayton Parish Council, provided by Colas in lieu of lighting work completed in 2015/16. - Key holders required to update board regularly.

#### **h. Durranhill**

New notice board for play area near Heathfield close – **Resolved** Clerk to obtain prices for an open wooden notice board, to be reconsidered following the Annual Meeting when it was hoped a new Councillor would be appointed to take responsibility for the board. Cllr Higgs has agreed £300 towards the purchase.

#### **ROW 16/36 Footpath Reports -**

Ward footpath map folders are issued to all members of the Rights of Way Committee. Paths to be inspected every two years and reported back to Clerk

#### **ROW 16/37 Interpretation Panels**

(i) **Warwick Bridge** – Clerk to contact Cllr Nemeth who had agreed to work on board wording for an update. (to be placed at Downgate £1600 allocated in budget)

#### **ROW 16/38 Fingerpost restoration**

i) Wetheral Pasture Fingerpost requires renovation (Quote received £710) **Resolved** Clerk to submit a request to the Community Grant scheme for help in funding.

#### **ROW 16/39 Clerk Report** To note;

i) Community Grant Application confirmed for Wetheral Pasture Fingerpost renovation  
Contractor has commenced work (April)

ii) Cotehill - Dog Fouling Children's Play area – Dog Warden contacted & 2 new signs have been placed in suitable locations as agreed with village committee

iii) Complaint received regarding horse manure & mud on walkways – Letter sent to local landowner

(Scotby) Cllr Earp advised the resident has now relocated their business

iv) New gate installed at Cotehill Village Hall/Play area – to prevent dog fouling

v) Fields in Trust are to register Cotehill Playing Field as a "Field in Perpetuity" under scheme for Centenary Fields commemorating lives lost in WW1. Paperwork to be completed shortly.

vi) Cow Lonning, Scotby & Wetheral Pasture- Directional posts – Reported by Clerk 25.1.17. Cow Lonning now completed.

- vii) Wetheral Ferry Landing – Clerk written to Cumbria CC highlighting the need for bollards at Ferry Landing. No Reply received, **Resolved** - Clerk to chase.
- viii) Open Spaces “Access for Dogs” – Clerk has placed information on website including information leaflet “Dog Walking Code” provided by Ramblers Association.
- ix) Cumwhinton Noticeboard & Interpretation panel – Installed with many positive comments received

#### **ROW 16/40 Items for next Agenda**

- i) Cllr Melrose-Woodman requested Clerk write on behalf of the Parish Council to request County Council consider re-surfacing an un-adopted road at the Old Brick works, Nr. Cocklakes. (2 Lonsdale Terrace, Cumwhinton ) Clerk requests further information re location.
- ii) Cllr Melrose-Woodman requested Clerk write on behalf of the Parish Council to request County Council consider re-surfacing Ashgate Lane. un-adopted road in Wetheral. It was confirmed that the lane was assessed by the parish council annually. In previous years, potholes had been filled in to allow ease of access to the cemetery. The section now requiring action was the already tarmaced area at the entrance to the B6263.
- iii) Cllr Melrose-Woodman requested further action re the erosion of the river bank outside Bowling Green Lodge, Wetheral. Clerk advised this has been reported by Council to both the landowner and the County Council.
- iv) Cllr Melrose-Woodman – advised the Wetheral Green noticeboard was still difficult to read, **Resolved** Clerk to arrange extra keys to enable her to clean on a regular basis
- v) Cllr Round advised that it had been noted that residents were still walking their dogs on the children’s playarea at School Road, Cumwhinton. Clerk suggested ordering permanent “No Dogs” signs similar to those recently purchased for Cotehill.

#### **ROW 16/41 Future meeting dates to be reconsidered after the AGM – Suggested date Tue 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Chairman gave a vote of thanks to the retiring Ass. Clerk Pauline Sidgwick for her work over the last 13 years.