

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee
Held on Tuesday 18th July 2017, at 7:30pm, at Wetheral Village Community Hall

Present: Cllr. B.Earp, Chairman,
Cllr. G Round, Cllr. Joanne Routledge, Cllr. Janet Searle, Cllr. I Evans, Cllr. J Melrose-Woodman

ROW/42 Apologies – Resolved to receive and accept apologies from Cllr. Nemeth and Cllr. Bainbridge.

ROW/43 Declarations of Interest – None.

ROW/44 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2017 –

- (i) **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2017 with the following amendments;
- (ii) Min. ROW 19/38. Clerk to submit a request to Cumbria County Council Community Grants Scheme for funding towards fingerpost.
- (iii) Min. ROW 19/f (iii) to clarify that access is to be organised to the school hall.

ROW/45 General issues from the villages

a. Wetheral

- (i) Flight of Fancy – Needs a wider concrete base for stability. Askins & Little to be asked to look at it when they come to see the cemetery stonework. It was mentioned that they might also be asked about the cleaning but Cllr. Earp advised that Algon will be fine as it dries on, and should not pose a threat to the river.
- (ii) Wetheral Village Green – ‘No parking’ signs are now in place.

b. Scotby

- (i) Directional Sign, Hartley Trust Playing Field – Clerk to contact the City Council to see if planning permission is required.
- (ii) New pavilion and parking – Plan submitted to the City Council. Clerk to draw up lease between Parish Council and landowner. Quote being obtained for the car park.
- (iii) Cllr. Earp reported that some grass areas in Scotby had not yet been cut (e.g. Washbeck Green and Oakbank). Contractor had informed the Clerk that the mowers were in for servicing earlier in the week but that he would be in Scotby Tuesday or Wednesday. To be monitored.

c. Great Corby

- (i) Improvement work for village green. As grass cutting season is now underway it is likely this will be done at the end of summer. A quote is also required for repainting the posts around the green.
- (ii) Gateway at play area muddy and slippery – Cllr. Evans to check and report back.
- (iii) Old School sign - Photographs not yet received from Cllr. Nemeth.

d. Aglionby

- (i) The Strand – **Resolved** to include it to the grass contract. Discussions ongoing with Bendles regarding McKnights’ obligations regarding maintenance.

e. Warwick on Eden

- (i) Defibrillator is now in place. Clerk to show Cllr. Searle how to operate and check the equipment. Cllr. Searle will carry out maintenance checks going forward.
- (ii) Play area – The grass has been cut on the walkway leading to the play area, but not on the play area itself. Cllr. Searle will try to arrange volunteers to tackle the weeds, and will discuss with Cllr. Graham. The bench is still not secured. Cllr. Searle to contact Cllr. Graham to arrange for this to be rectified.

f. Cumwhinton

- (i) Cocklakes, direction sign to village - County Council to install new sign. Cllr. Earp will monitor.
- (ii) Ditch, top green opposite Lowther Arms – Work has now been completed by a new contractor. Soil to be removed and grass reseeded.

g. Cotehill

- (i) Playing field – Documents have been signed and returned. Plaque should be on the way.
- (ii) Relocation of WWI memorial plaques from the Old School – In hand. This is proving more difficult than originally thought, as the plaques are solid granite. Contractor to be asked for an update. It was noted that a planning application has now been submitted for demolition of the Old School building.

h. Warwick Bridge

- (i) New noticeboard at bus shelter – Cllr. Evans agreed to take over responsibility for this.

i. Durranhill

- (i) New noticeboard for play area near Heathfield Close - Cllr. Routledge agreed to take over responsibility for the board. In light of this, a locked board may be considered rather than an open wooden one.

ROW/46 Footpath Folders

Cllr. Earp reiterated that all ROW committee members should have a folder containing the details of the paths in their wards, and requested that the paths all be walked within in the next year.

ROW/47 Interpretation panels and noticeboards

- (i) Warwick Bridge – Downagate board wording and interpretation panel still required. **Resolved** for Cllrs. Nemeth and Evans, and the Assistant Clerk to manage the project.
- (ii) Resolved for Councillors to take responsibility for ward noticeboards:
 - Aglionby – Cllr. Graham (to be confirmed)
 - Cotehill – Cllr. Round
 - Cumwhinton – Cllr. Higginbotham
 - Durranhill – Cllr. Routledge
 - Great Corby – Cllr. Dodd (to be confirmed)
 - Scotby – Cllr. Earp
 - Warwick Bridge/Hayton – Cllr. Evans
 - Warwick on Eden – Cllr. Searle
 - Wetheral – Cllr. Melrose-Woodman/Clerks

ROW/48 Fingerpost restoration

Notification of grant from county Council Community Grants Scheme not yet received; **Resolved** on receipt of funds to proceed with the restoration.

ROW/49 Clerk Report

- (i) The old metal seat is still in place by the riverbank, due to be removed by Mr and Mrs Cartwright on 22/23 July.
- (i) Cotehill dog fouling in children's play area – Cllr. Round to check the placement of the signs and report back. Waiting for a 'No Dogs' sign for the play area, as the problem is ongoing.
- (iii) Wetheral Pasture directional posts – No update as the road has been closed. Cllr. Earp to check and report back.
- (iv) Wetheral Ferry Landing - County Council has not replied to the requests for bollards, made on 25.1.17 and 3.5.2017. A further report will be made regarding the most recent incident with the two cars in the river.
- (v) Tesco, Scotby and Aglionby bus shelters, repairs and renovations – Work was completed in June.
- (vi) Wetheral Green noticeboard – A quote of £60 has been received for the replacement of Perspex.

ROW/50 Items for next Agenda

- (i) Road signs - Cllr. Melrose-Woodman reported that signs (e.g. speed signs) are getting overgrown by hedges and tree branches. Cllr. Earp confirmed that this is the responsibility of the County Council. It was suggested that Councillors should note exact locations and take photographs if possible, the Assistant Clerk to report to the Highways Authority.
- (ii) Footpath at Bowling Green Lodge – Cllr. Melrose-Woodman has been informed that there is a blocked culvert, although she is not currently aware of the exact location. The homeowner says it has been taken up with the Highways Authority.
- (iii) Cllr. Melrose-Woodman expressed concern about the growth of Himalayan Balsam on the River Road footpath - 138057. Volunteer groups have been going out to trim and remove Balsam, some improvement has been noticed. However, Cllr. Melrose-Woodman is concerned that the path will be unusable in a year or two, and suggested the County Council be contacted.

ROW/51 Future meeting date agreed for Tuesday 24th October 2017.**Also noted**

Cllr. Earp presented the most recent advisory signs regarding littering and dog fouling, which were distributed to committee members for noticeboards. He also advised that there is a fly tipping one available if needed in future, but noted that there have been no recent reports of fly tipping. Cllr. Earp reminded the ROW Committee members that they should be reporting overgrown hedges, blocked paths, broken styles and broken/missing dog passes.