

**Wetheral Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee**  
**Held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at 7:30pm, at Wetheral Village Community Hall**

**Present:** Cllr. B.Earp, Chairman,  
Cllr. G.Round (sub for Cllr. Bainbridge), Cllr. C.Dodd (sub for Cllr.Nemeth).

**ROW/52 Apologies – Resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr. Nemeth, Cllr. Melrose-Woodman and Cllr. Bainbridge.

**ROW/53 Declarations of Interest – None.**

**ROW/54 Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

- (i) **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**ROW/55 General issues from the villages**

**a. Wetheral**

- (i) Flight of Fancy – Needs a wider concrete base for stability. **Resolved** Askins & Little to be chased up to look at it and provide a quote.  
(ii) Damaged directional post, Wetheral Pasture – **Resolved** Highways to be contacted again as the damage has not been rectified.

**b. Scotby**

- (i) Purchase of Christmas tree - Cllrs. Earp and Hughes think this should be deferred in favour of using a tree in the church grounds and existing power supply. **Resolved** The PCC will be asked for permission. Other options are for a tree to the of The Hill adjacent to the village hall, or to put lights on an existing tree in the green.

**c. Great Corby**

- (i) Village green improvements - Suggestion of a circular bench around the weeping willow tree. **Resolved** to determine at finance meeting whether finance is available in the 5 year plan.  
(ii) Gateway at play area – **Resolved** Contractor to be asked for a quote. Recommended that hexagonal matting with hardcore underneath is used.  
(iii) Great Corby Old School sign – Quote of £125 obtained for restoration but the restorer cannot locate or replicate the red triangle that would have been on top. Assistant Clerk will get details of how it should have looked, to see if we can have one made. The current sign is not in an advantageous location – consider moving to in a more visible site (County Council permission would be needed).  
(iv) Public footpath sign in wrong place – Highways have been contacted.  
(v) Noticeboards require refurbishment – Cllr. Dodd to send photos.  
(vi) Verges at Allenwood - Cllr. Nemeth emailed that they look okay with no further damage, but that this may just be because of the long grass. No remedial work appears to have been done.

#### **d. Aglionby**

(i) The Strand – Maintenance programme – Cllrs. would like to view the paperwork, plans etc. to see what McKnights plan to do.

(ii) Defibrillator – Quote obtained: £945 for post and cabinet, £825 for defibrillator, £60 approx. for electrician, £40 to fit. British Heart Foundation rejected the funding bid as they no longer fund locked cabinets. Cllr. Round mentioned that it may not be possible to install using the Christmas lights power supply as the timer may cut power to the unit.

#### **e. Warwick on Eden**

(i) Play area bench – **Resolved** contractor to be asked for a price to secure it and make it safe.

#### **f. Cumwhinton**

(i) Cocklakes direction sign to village – County Council have still not installed the sign. Monitor for installation.

#### **g. Cotehill**

(i) Playing Field plaque - Following the meeting, the James Anderson Memorial Field plaque did arrive and will be installed very soon.

#### **h. Warwick Bridge**

(i) Interpretation panel – Cllr. Nemeth has done the work on this and will drop it in at the office. Cllr. Round said his daughter is willing to assist with artwork for the panels.

#### **i. Durranhill**

(i) Noticeboard is still needed. We may be able to get one from Colas following the A69 roadworks.

ii) Christmas tree – **Resolved** to wait until after the current development is complete. No current power sockets or ducting in place.

#### **ROW/56 Footpaths**

Cllr. Earp requested that councillors check the paths for storm damage and obstruction following the recent storms. Councillors from the various wards can share walking the paths. By spring, most, if not all paths should have been walked.

#### **ROW/57 Fingerpost restoration**

B6263 Wetheral Pasture fingerpost – restoration is complete and the sign is back in place.

#### **ROW/58 Finance**

(i) Expenditure for ROW received. £2378 was spent, minus £300 grant for fingerpost restoration, so £2078 in total.

(ii) Finance projection – To look at expenditure for the last three years and take the average.

(iii) Possible expenditure for the next 4 years – Councillor responses required by November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Cllr. Melrose-Woodman has requested a seat at the north of Plains Road. Cllr. Dodd suggested benches outside the play area at Great Corby, as people are currently smoking in the play area itself. Adult exercise equipment in some of the play areas has been raised as a general possibility.

**ROW/59 Clerk Report**

- (i) Cotehill play area – Cllr. Round to check the current placement of the dog signs. Cllr. Round also raised the matter of the hedge cutting. Cllr. Earp suggested local farmers could be asked.
- (ii) Wetheral Ferry Landing Bollards – Still no response from County Council. Cllr. Earp will raise at the Full Council meeting, and Nick Marriner could be chased up.
- (iii) Update on 138008 path, Wetheral to Armathwaite - 6 weeks ago we were told it would be closed at Eden Brows. Assistant Clerk to check when it will reopen.

**ROW/60 Items for next Agenda**

- (i) Cllr. Earp reported the sign at the bottom of Wetheral Pastures is partially obscured/damaged by moss. He will provide photographs.
- (ii) Scotby-Wetheral road - United Utilities have removed the 30mph sign as part of their work. To be monitored to make sure it is replaced.

**ROW/ 61 Correspondence**

- (i) Aglionby (Suzanne Hall) – Request for a play park at Aglionby. Assistant Clerk to explain that a previous attempt was met with resistance from local residents, but that if support can be gathered the Council will look at it again.
- (ii) Great Corby (Anthony Hall) – report of grey squirrels on 'Jubilee Path'. Red Squirrel Group says landowner permission is needed to set traps. Assistant Clerk to confirm exact location so landowner can be identified.

**ROW/62 Future meeting date 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**