

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee
Held on Tuesday 17 April 2018, at 7pm, at Wetheral Village Community Hall

Present: Cllr. B.Earp (Chairman)

Cllr. G.Round (sub for Cllr. Bainbridge), Cllr. J Melrose-Woodman. There was no representative for Great Corby/Warwick Bridge following the resignation of Cllr. R.Nemeth, or for Warwick on Eden/Aglionby.

ROW/74 Apologies – Apologies were not received from Cllr. Searle or Cllr. Bainbridge.

ROW/75 Declarations of Interest – Cllr. Earp, on behalf of Carlisle City Council.

ROW/76 Minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2018

Resolved to approve the minutes.

ROW/77 General issues from the villages

a. Wetheral

- (i) Flight of Fancy – The contractor has quoted £400 for the hardcore, rods, grass and top soil, to aid stability. **Resolved** to proceed with this, but Cllr.Earp to speak with contractor to discuss.
- (ii) Wetheral Pastures directional post – Guy Timperley at the County Council says it has been added to the Parish survey for replacement this year. **Resolved** To be monitored.
- (iii) Whitegate noticeboard – Contractor has quoted £180 to repair the board. **Resolved** to proceed.
- (iv) Damage to noticeboard caused by Citadel Estates – Civil action would be needed to obtain costs. Cllr.Earp suggested the Clerk be consulted as to whether she wishes to pursue this. (After the meeting, the Clerk was contacted and agreed she would resubmit the repair bill to Citadel Estates).
- (v) Hallmoor Court S106 – At 6 March Finance meeting it was resolved that the Rights of Way committee would consider how the £66,457 should be spent. **Resolved** That this be added to the agenda of the next Full Council meeting for consideration.

b. Scotby

- (i) Pavillion – The car park will now be nearer the entrance and will be further from the cricket and football area, so this works out well as it reduces the need for high netting.
- (ii) Potholes on path to village hall – Cllr.Earp noted that the contractor has done a good job on the repair.

c. Great Corby

- (i) Improvement works for village green – Great Corby councillors are still to report on this. Cllr. Earp and Cllr. Melrose-Woodman expressed their support for the original idea of having a bench around the weeping willow tree.
- (ii) Old school sign – The sign should be back in place by the time of the next meeting.
- (iii) Parking at The Beeches – **Resolved** Assistant Clerk to chase up with City Council about the ownership of the grassed area.
- (iv) Burnrigg noticeboard – Contractor has quoted £180 to repair the board. **Resolved** to proceed.

d. Aglionby

- (i) Defibrillator – Should be in place by June.

(ii) Play area – Awaiting schemes of possible designs, ahead of planning application being made to District Council. Letters of support, and also one opposing the scheme, have been received from local residents.

e. Warwick on Eden

(i) Parking at The Queens – **Resolved** Assistant Clerk to report back at the next meeting, following a letter being sent to the landlord.

(ii) St Leonard's Church war memorial – Cllr. Searle was not present at the meeting. Awaiting her update as to whether the memorial can be located in the village hall.

f. Cumwhinton

(i) Cocklakes – The village sign is still not in place. Highways say they have added it for consideration in the last batch of proposed works. **Resolved** To monitor for the replacement of the sign.

(ii) Ditch at the Lowther Arms green – A meeting will take place on 24th April with Peter Allan, Flood and Development Management Officer from the County Council.

(iii) Cllr. Round confirmed the correct speed gun has now been received and Speed Watch will be starting up again this week.

g. Cotehill

(i) WW1 plaques – No reply yet to request for an update. **Resolved** to chase further and update at the next meeting.

h. Warwick Bridge

(i) Downgate – Now scheduled to be reopened in July.

(ii) Dog attacks – Police are dealing with the original attack. Contact details for the owner of the attacked dog have been passed to the Neighbourhood Enforcement Officer to obtain more information on the second attack.

i. Durranhill

(i) Noticeboard – Cllr.Earp and Cllr.Routledge have discussed the location, which is dependent on whether the board will be one- or two-sided. **Resolved** To await decision of the Finance and General Purposes committee as to whether there is sufficient budget for a two-sided board.

ROW/78 Footpaths

(i) Cllr. Melrose-Woodman's proposed new footpath checklists have been produced and are ready to be tested. **Resolved** Cllr. Melrose-Woodman and the Assistant Clerk will meet in the coming weeks to evaluate the credibility and to report back.

(ii) Footpath 138008 Eden Brows – Cllr.Earp requested that the path be walked as soon as possible to check that it has indeed reopened. **Resolved** To post on Next Door and/or social media to request volunteers to help with walking the Parish footpaths.

(iii) Station footpath, Wetheral – Cllr.Melrose-Woodman noted that extensive damage is being caused by cyclists who do not dismount on the path. Cllr.Earp agreed in principle to the contractor's quote of £1,960 for tarmacking and additional board edging. **Resolved** To add to the finance agenda for the committee to consider.

(iv) Cllr.Earp requested that as many footpaths as possible be walked now that the weather is improving.

ROW/79 Interpretation Panels

- (i) Warwick Bridge – The local history group have the text and are checking for accuracy.

ROW/80 Play Area

- (i) The playground checklists have been sent to the Councillors for them to arrange inspections. Lists do not appear to exist for Cumwhinton or Cotehill. **Resolved** Assistant Clerk will create lists for both and send to Cllr.Round.

ROW/81 Clerk Report

- (i) Parish noticeboards – It was noted that open noticeboards are open to abuse by members of the public who remove/cover official notices, drop drawing pins on the ground, and advertise businesses on the boards. A compromise of boards which are half locked and half open was suggested, and it was agreed that this could be considered as the boards become due for replacement. **Resolved** Assistant Clerk to write to the resident who sent in the query about the noticeboard design.
- (ii) Noticeboard audit – Cllr.Round and Cllr. Earp confirmed the boards at Cumwhinton, Cotehill and Scotby are in good condition. Cllr. Melrose-Woodman has previously reported on the boards at Wetheral. No other reports received from councillors to date.
- (iii) Fallen tree on Wetheral riverbank – The tree was removed by the County Council the same day.

ROW/82 Any Other Business

- (i) Potholes throughout the Parish – Cllr.Earp requested a letter be sent to Keith Little at the County Council.
- (ii) Wetheral Pastures sign off the B6263 - Cllr. Earp reported that the sign is overgrown and corroded. Cllr.Melrose-Woodman said she has noted various signs which are overgrown, including 30mph signs. Cllr.Earp suggested the Parish Council would be willing to undertake the work if the County Council made funding available. County Council to be contacted regarding this.
- (iii) Attenuation pond, Petergate, Cumwhinton – Cllr.Earp has been to a meeting at the Story site regarding the safety concerns over the attenuation pond and has been looking at attenuation solutions and alternative systems elsewhere.
- (iv) Roadworks signs, Ferryhill, Wetheral – Cllr. Melrose-Woodman reported that two signs have been left by the County Council. Assistant Clerk to report to the County Council, requesting removal.
- (v) Bollards, Ferry Landing, Wetheral – Cllr.Earp requested that a letter be sent to the County Council regarding the replacement of the bollards. The initial request was sent over 18 months ago, and several vehicles have gone into the river. Cllr. Earp suggested the Parish Council could be willing to replace the bollards and invoice the County Council for the work.

Date of the next meeting: July 17th, 2018, 7pm.