

**Wetheral Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee**  
**Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019, at 7pm, at Wetheral Village Community Hall**

**Present:** Cllr. I.Evans (Chairman)

Cllr. Earp (for Cllr. Routledge), Cllr Searle, Cllr Pattinson (as Wetheral representative following a Councillor resignation).

**ROW 18/26 Apologies** – Cllr. Routledge and Cllr. Bainbridge. There was no representative for Cumwhinton.

**ROW 18/27 Declarations of Interest** – None.

**ROW 18/28 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019**

**Resolved** to approve the minutes.

**ROW 18/29 General issues from the villages:**

**a. Wetheral**

(i) Resident request to plant wildflowers on grass verge near Goosegarth – The committee felt this is too large an area to be left uncut, as would be required, and it would lead to complaints from other residents. If a number of residents were in agreement, the committee would look at it again, though the land is not owned by the Parish Council so permission would have to be sought.

**b. Scotby**

(i) Dogs on playing fields – **Resolved** The committee was in agreement to the placement of new signs, and also requested that a quote be obtained for post and wire fencing, similar to that Warwick-on-Eden play area.

**c. Great Corby**

(i) Dogs in play area – The area is being used by people taking dogs to the playground without children. **Resolved** The committee requested quotes for both wooden and metal signs.

**d. Aglionby**

(i) Algae in pond – Ideas discussed were barley straw and additional filtration, also plants to out-compete the algae, such as elodea. **Resolved** To see if the resident contact for the wildflower area would also be willing to give input into the pond area. This could become a community project.

(ii) Wildflower area – Cllr. Oliver is making contact with a resident who has agreed to be the contact for the wildflower planting, to progress the project.

**e. Warwick on Eden**

No agenda items.

**f. Cumwhinton**

No agenda items.

**g. Cotehill**

No agenda items.

**h. Warwick Bridge**

No agenda items.

**i. Durranhill**

No agenda items.

**ROW 18/30 Footpaths**

(i) Footpaths converging at St. Paul's – 138019 Burnrigg path has lots of debris. It goes diagonally across a field where there are no signs to indicate the route of the path, so walkers are unsure where to go and trample over the entire field. A direction post at either side of the field would be helpful. 138020 Holme Eden is essentially a quagmire in places and is unsuitable for walking. **Resolved** Assistant Clerk to speak to Chris Graham at the County Council.

(ii) Warwick Bridge to Wetheral, Jubilee path – The County Council say closure signs were put in place in February, but they are checking that the signs are still there and will add more visible ones.

**ROW 18/31 Play Areas**

(i) Fallen branch, Turnmire – Cllr. Earp visited the site and established that the tree in question is on the other side of the fence and is owned by Network Rail. **Resolved** Assistant Clerk to write to Network Rail.

**ROW 18/32 Projects**

(i) Let it Bee – Supplies have been ordered for the Parish Council's themed window for the Wetheral Fairy Walk. This will have a 'Let It Bee' theme to tie in with the project.

**ROW 18/33 Clerk's Report**

(i) Scotby – The damaged tree at Washbeck Green has been removed but Cllr Earp reported there are ruts in the green from where it was felled, and this may cause a problem for the grass cutter.

(ii) Warwick on Eden – The fruit trees have been planted on the triangle. Cllr. Earp recommended that bark or mulch be placed around each tree to help retain water (to a depth of about 2 inches and around a 1.5m circle). Cllr. Searle said there is a supply of bark left over from the play area. **Resolved** Assistant Clerk to ask Groundsman

**Date of the next meeting: July 9th, 2019, 7pm.**