

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee
Held on Tuesday 23rd January 2019, at 7pm, at Wetheral Village Community Hall

Present: Cllr. I.Evans (Chairman).

Cllr. J. Routledge, Cllr. Bainbridge, Cllr. Melrose-Woodman

ROW 18/18 Apologies – No apologies were received. There was no representative for Warwick-on-Eden.

ROW 18/19 Declarations of Interest – None.

ROW 18/20 Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2018

Resolved to approve the minutes.

ROW 18/21 General issues from the villages:

a. Wetheral

(i) Fingerposts - The County Council has been out to the site of the broken/damaged fingerposts on the river road and at St Cuthbert's Well. The work has been added to the schedule of repairs.

(ii) Plains Road noticeboard – The contractor has quoted £150 to refurbish the board.

Resolved to proceed.

b. Scotby

(i) Damage to village green following United Utilities works – UU have promised to reinstate the green and any missing bulbs once the spring comes, as it is currently too wet for groundworks.

(ii) Washbeck Green posts – Brunswick Engineering have now been out and fixed the broken metal posts.

c. Great Corby

(i) Tree overhanging playground – The Clerk believes this is County Council responsibility, but photos have been requested to make sure. **Resolved** – Cllr. Evans to send photos.

d. Aglionby

(i) Play area – Efforts to contact previous supporters have been met with no response. Cllr. Oliver is in communication with a village resident, but it appears that enthusiasm for the play area has dwindled.

e. Warwick on Eden

(i) Land next to the pub – Reports of damage due to cars parking on the grass. It appears that the land is owned by the pub.

f. Cumwhinton

(i) Gate between the playing field and play area – This has been fixed.

- (ii) Broken chain on village green – Brunswick Engineering have now repaired this.
- (iii) Broken fingerpost, Dog Lanning, 138059 – The County Council have added this to their parish survey, to be repaired.
- (iv) The white road markings at some of the junctions have worn away and need to be refreshed. Cllr. Bainbridge said that there have been several accidents. Assistant Clerk has reported to Highways.

g. Cotehill

- (i) Inaccessible footpath 138047 – A resident has reported that the path is overgrown and that a landowner has built a wall which is too close to the path. The footpath sign is also missing. The County Council have visited the site and confirm that the overgrowth will be cut back.
- (ii) Cocklakes sign – Has still not been replaced despite numerous requests to the County Council. Clerk has asked Cllr. Marriner to look into it.

h. Warwick Bridge

- (i) Downagate – Councillors were asked to submit any suggestions for environmental enhancements for the Downagate site, to be undertaken through the Environment Agency's Flood Risk Management Scheme.

i. Durranhill

- (i) Noticeboard – The process for applying for planning permission for the new board can commence. The land is owned by Carlisle City Council.

ROW 18/22 Footpaths

- (i) Councillors were asked to look out for fingerposts that might be suitable for inclusion in the County Council's refurbishment programme.
- (ii) Wetheral-Armathwaite footpath – The County Council expects to commence work at the end of January, and will be contacting the owner of the adjoining land regarding some tree clearing work that is needed.

ROW 18/23 Play Areas

- (i) The ROSPA reports have been received. The reports will be distributed to the relevant councillors along with a checklist of points that need to be attended to. It is not clear who is now on the playground committee at Great Corby. **Resolved** – Assistant Clerk to find out who is left on the committee. Cllr. Evans may be able to recruit more members from the parents at the village school if necessary.

ROW 18/24 Projects

- (i) Let it Bee – Bee conservation project. A funding application has been made to the County Council for seeds and materials. Councillors suggested a plant swap programme to run alongside, where residents whose gardens do not lend themselves to wildflowers can swap cuttings of bee-attracting plants. Cllr. Bainbridge suggested the seeds could be added to hedged areas, for example at the far corner of the playing fields, to encourage the return of hedgerow habitats.

ROW 18/25 Clerk's Report

- (i) Wetheral village hall/clubhouse hedge – It is coming up to the right time of year to plant the new laurel hedge. The contractor will be asked to do it once the expected severe weather is over.
- ii) Scotby Pavillion – Planning permission for the car park has been granted. Cllr Earp has spoken to the City Council's Development Manager to find out if some S106 money from the Wetheral Story development could be used. Awaiting response. A second quote will be needed for the car park work, as the first was higher than expected.
- iii) Tree survey contract – The tree survey can be carried out using drones for around £1500.
- iv) Dog control on Wetheral playing fields – The Assistant Clerk has completed the paperwork and returned it to the City Council. Their legal department will look at it in January. The next step is that some form of public consultation should be carried out. WPFA committee to consider what methods would be best.
- v) Great Corby hickory tree – The dangerous branches have been removed.
- vi) Warwick on Eden fruit trees – The trees will be planted in early spring, after the worst of the frosts. Cllr. Evans said the trees will need to be watered regularly for the first year.
- vii) Christmas trees – There have been very positive comments about the trees from residents of Scotby and Cotehill.
- viii) Steele's Bank, Wetheral – A resident has complained about the 'Steele's Bank' name being applied to the entire length of the B6263 rather than just the section past the bowling club. It appears that this is an error originating with Ordnance Survey which has now been picked up by Google Maps, satnavs etc.

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