

Wetheral Parish Council
Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee
Held on 24th October 2019, at 2pm, at Wetheral Village Community Hall

Present: Cllr. Evans (Chairman), Cllr. Round (part meeting), Cllr Routledge, Cllr. Oliver (dialled in by phone), Cllr. Lyman (substituting for Cllr. Searle).

Also present: Cllr. Earp.

ROW 19/01 Appointment of Chairman

Cllr. Evans was proposed as Chairman by Cllr. Routledge and seconded by Cllr. Round.

Resolved Cllr. Evans was unanimously reappointed as Chairman .

ROW 19/02 Apologies – Cllr. Searle.

ROW 19/03 Declarations of Interest – None.

ROW 19/04 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2019

Resolved to approve the minutes (as amended), with a correction that the Jubilee Path runs from Warwick-on-Eden, not Warwick Bridge.

ROW 19/05 General issues from the villages:

a. Wetheral

(i) Barring of the gate at Mirebank Wood – Assistant Clerk has spoken to the County Council. Possibilities are to apply to have an additional path added to the Definitive Map under s53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or to apply to have the wood designated as a community asset and protected as common land. **Resolved** Cllr Lyman to contact Open Spaces to discuss options.

b. Great Corby

(i) Stolen school sign – **Resolved** To go ahead with a replica sign from eBay, at a cost of around £15, rather than try to replace like-for-like and run the risk of the sign being stolen again. Assistant Clerk will place the order.

c. Aglionby

(i) Request for additional funding up to £1750 for the Strand works, up to financial year ending 31st March 2020 – **Resolved** To approve the expenditure, using money previously allocated for the play area project.

(ii) Organise volunteers for the project – Ideally the volunteers will come largely from the villagers but it was also suggested that Cumbria Wildlife Trust may be able to assist.

Resolved Assistant Clerk to produce posters for the village notice boards and use social media to inform residents of the plans. Cllr. Lyman to make contact with residents.

(Cllr Round left the meeting at 2.45pm).

19/06 Footpaths

Overdue to be walked - If each Councillor could do four or five paths this would cover all of them. Councillors can also delegate them to local residents who would like to be involved.

Resolved – Assistant Clerk to email the footpath forms to all the Councillors so an organised plan can be formed to get all the paths covered.

19/07 Play areas

ROSPA Reports – The new reports are expected soon. **Resolved** Once the reports are

received, Councillors should ensure the recommendations are passed to their respective playground committees and follow up to ensure the necessary steps are taken.

19/08 Expenditure Items 2020-21

To consider items of expenditure for the Precept 2020-21

- (i) The Strand, Aglionby, £3100 – **Resolved** To approve the expenditure.
- (ii) Bench for Greenacres, Wetheral, £450 - **Resolved** To approve the expenditure.
- (iii) Fingerpost renovations, Scotby/Cumwhinton - **Resolved** To approve the expenditure.
- (iv) Cycle racks, Wetheral/Scotby - **Resolved** To approve the expenditure.
- (v) Downagate interpretation panel suggest moving to 2021 – **Resolved** To approve in 2021 budget.
- (vi) Sacred Spaces project, interpretation panels and benches - **Resolved** To decline the expenditure. Some of the proposed sites already have interpretation panels. It is not clear whether permission of landowners has been obtained. The committee feels it is not an effective use of the precept.
- (vii) New high-visibility dog fouling signs, £250 – **Resolved** To decline the expenditure and continue to use the free signs from the City Council.

19/09 NALC Tree Charter

Cllr Oliver spoke about the ten principles of the Tree Charter. The committee asked what benefit the scheme would have to the Parish Council and whether the Council would have any obligations, such as producing an action plan. **Resolved** Cllr Oliver to contact NALC for more information which can be presented for consideration at Full Council.

19/10 Cycling Mayor

Locations for cycle racks – In Wetheral, they should be in close proximity to the coffee shop and post office. **Resolved** To approve siting of the cycle racks on the end of the village green close to the shop.

Cllr. Earp has spoken to residents in Scotby who would like the racks to be located on the green behind one of the seats, adjacent to the litter bin. **Resolved** To approve this suggested location.

19/11 Clerk's Report

- (i) The Durranhill noticeboard will be erected under permitted development, at a cost of £300.
- (ii) Accident on viaduct. Reported to Network Rail.
- (iii) Resident complaint re: fencing on railway bridge in Wetheral. A fencing panel has been placed there but weeds are growing behind it and it looks unsightly. Reported to Network Rail but they say it's County Council land.
- (iv) Chasing County Council re: extending footpath between Wetheral village hall and clubhouse.
- (v) The insurance payment has come through for the stolen interpretation panel.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 23rd January 2020.