

At a Meeting of  
**WHORLTON AND WESTWICK  
PARISH COUNCIL**

On Tuesday 29th September 2016, 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr George Stastny (Chairman), Cllr Colin Cummins, Cllr Martin Saville, Cllr Trevor Honeyman, Cllr Roger Foster

**Apologies:** Cllr Lucy Hoskyns-Abrahall, Cllr Ian Wilkinson

**Clerk:** Jonathan Dickinson

**Members of the public at the meeting:**

Members of the public were in attendance.

**The Chairman invited public comments:**

There were comments in relation to several items on the agenda.

**1 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**2 Minutes of Meeting 20.09.2016**

The minutes were approved, and the Chairman signed the minutes.

**3 Whether to obtain legal advice prior to answering the legal proceedings issued by Carter: if not, whether to defend the legal proceedings issued by Carter**

There was a lengthy discussion about the legal proceedings with Carter, and many persons made useful points.

RESOLVED: that the Council take preliminary steps to defend the proceedings; that the Clerk have authority to obtain legal advice, with a spending limit for this up to £500; that the Council apply for an extension of time in which to serve the defence.

**4 Protection of the village green: proposal for alternative surface near Whorlton Hall**

The Chairman observed that the missing councillors were key to this issue.

RESOLVED: that this item be deferred until the next meeting.

**5 Bench near the village hall: a) painting b) positioning c) base**

There was a discussion about the various options for the newly obtained bench.

RESOLVED: that the bench be left in a fluid position, with no firm base, and not painted or sprayed.

**6 Condition of tarmac in Whorlton**

The Councillors considered that the tarmac and white lines in and around Whorlton was in need of maintenance.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Durham County Council, and ask them to improve the condition of the tarmac and white lines in and around Whorlton.

**7 Condition of flagstone path near village hall**

A parishioner had fallen on the flagstone path between the church and the village hall.  
RESOLVED: that the Clerk check who has responsibility for this path with a view to improving it.

**8 Matters Not Requiring a Resolution**

There was a complaint that in the dark, there was insufficient lighting around the village hall, which was a dangerous situation. The Clerk will arrange for the painting of the step, and liaise with Whorlton Village Community Association about the lighting.

**Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:**

15<sup>th</sup> November 2016

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

15<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Chair .....