

At a Meeting of
WHORLTON AND WESTWICK
PARISH COUNCIL
On Tuesday 18 July 2017, 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Lucy Hoskyns-Abrahall, Cllr Lynda Powell, Cllr George Stastny, Cllr David Kinch

Apologies: Cllr Roger Foster, Cllr Ian Wilkinson, Cllr Martin Saville

Clerk: Jonathan Dickinson

Members of the public were at the meeting. The Chair (Cllr Lucy Hoskyns-Abrahall) invited public comments, and the councillors listened.

1 Apologies were received from the absent councillors. Cllr David Kinch declared an interest in item 7 and item 11.

2 Minutes of Meeting 30.05.2017

The minutes from the full council meeting of 30.05.2017, were approved by the council, and signed by the Chairman.

3 Grasscutting - removal of cuttings

The councillors approved the extra charge for the removal of grass cuttings from the village green on the day of the Open Gardens, namely 2nd July 2017. The councillors also approved the removal of grass cuttings on the 2nd August 2017, and accepted the offer of the Whorlton Village Community Association to pay for the extra charge involved.

4 Report from Cllr Kinch about Smaller Local Authorities Forum

Cllr Kinch reported on the Smaller Local Authorities Forum and the Teesdale Residents and Travellers Forum. There was circulated the draft code of conduct for councillors and the secretariat proposal. The councillors gave their approval of these proposals. The councillors authorised Cllr. Kinch to make representations on behalf of Whorlton and Westwick Parish Council in connection with these proposals.

5 Representation of Parish Council by councillors

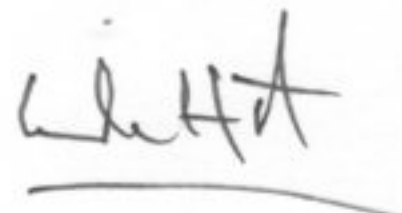
The councillors discussed representation of the Parish Council in general, and felt that there should be some guidelines on it. The councillors asked the clerk to formulate a policy or rules for the next meeting, when there would be more councillors present to decide the matter.

6 Result of pub litigation

The clerk circulated various legal documents amongst the councillors. The clerk reported that the pub litigation had ended in a settlement agreement. The councillors agreed to authorise this retrospectively. There was ongoing correspondence with the insurers and the solicitors. The clerk was asked to raise some queries with the insurers and the solicitors.

7 Implications of pub result on strategy and policy for dealing with infringements of the village green, including the application by Pease

The councillors discussed the implications of the pub result generally. The councillors agreed to consent to the application by the Pease trustees in respect of an easement by prescription for the benefit of 1&2 High Stakes.



8 Result of Neighbourhood Plan referendum

Cllr George Stastny reported that the Neighbourhood Plan had been approved by the electorate on 29th June 2017. It was reported that there weren't any relevant documents in Barnard Castle library in the period running up to the referendum. The Whorlton Neighbourhood Plan is only the second neighbourhood plan in County Durham.

9 Update on Danshell transaction

The clerk reported that the purchase of land from Danshell had been completed successfully, except that legal title was yet to be registered.

10 Permission to use village green on 2nd August 2017

The councillors discussed whether it would be legal to make a charge for viewing theatre on the village green. The councillors agreed to notify the Whorlton Village Community Association of this concern, but nonetheless, to grant permission for the staging of a theatrical performance, including chairs and picnics, on the village green on 2nd August 2017. The clerk will write accordingly to the Whorlton Village Community Association.

11 Play Area grant application

The clerk was asked to make a grant application to Teesdale Area Action Partnership for funding.

12 Planning applications arising at late notice

There were none.

13 Cheques

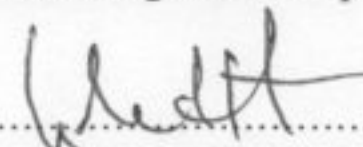
There were cheques authorised for the clerk, HMRC, Jane Ascroft, and Hewitts Solicitors.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

19th September 2017

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8pm.

19th September 2017, Chair


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