

At a Meeting of
WHORLTON AND WESTWICK
PARISH COUNCIL
On Tuesday 19 September 2017, 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Lucy Hoskyns-Abrahall, Cllr Ian Wilkinson, Cllr Martin Saville, Cllr George Stastny, Cllr David Kinch

Apologies: Cllr Roger Foster, Cllr Lynda Powell

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. No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Meeting 18.07.2017

The minutes from the full council meeting of 18.07.2017, were approved by the council, and signed by the Chairman.

3 Annual Risk Assessment

The councillors perused the risk assessment which was distributed by the clerk.
RESOLVED: that the risks were adequately assessed.

4 Guidelines on Representation by Councillors

The clerk distributed a policy on representation by councillors.
RESOLVED: that the policy or guidelines be approved subject to the following amendments: first that the document be described as guidelines rather than a policy; second that the probationary period be adjusted from 4 months to 6 months.

5 That this council adopt the new Code of Conduct adopted by CDALC

The councillors perused the new Code of Conduct.
RESOLVED: that the new Code of Conduct be adopted by the Parish Council.

6 Stone wall complaint: update

The Clerk reported on the progress of the complaint about the stone wall which was taken down on the entrance to Whorlton.
RESOLVED: that the Clerk forward the correspondence to Cllr James Rowlandson.

7 Play Area: access to the churchyard

Cllr Stastny reported on the problem of access to the churchyard. The original planning application was allegedly deficient, in that the entrance to the cemetery extension as drawn was plainly too narrow. Cllr Stastny had contacted the local planning department, and the Church of England, with a view to correcting this problem. He anticipated that it would be resolved, albeit slowly.

8 Play Area: feedback from children; how many pieces of equipment to instal (or keep); layout and design of play area

Cllr Stastny presented the councillors with the feedback from children. This showed what equipment was preferred. The councillors also saw some quotes from contractors, which would enable funders to understand how much money was needed.
RESOLVED: that the Clerk make an application to the County Councillors with the assistance of Teesdale Area Action Partnership.

9 Update on Danshell land transaction

The Clerk reported that due to delays at the Land Registry, the purchased land was still not registered in the name of the Parish Council.

10 Bonfire night: permission for Sunday 5th November 2017

The Clerk had been supplied with a risk assessment by the WVCA. The event would be run in the same way as last year.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council grant permission for WVCA to hold a bonfire night celebration on the village green on 5th November 2017.

11 Charter between Durham County Council and local councils

Cllr Kinch reported on the progress made in connection with the Charter.

12 Planning applications arising at late

There were none.

13 Cheques

There were cheques authorised for the Mill Gardens, BDO, and Keith Brown.

14 Matters not requiring a resolution

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

21st November 2017

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

21st November 2017, Chair