

At a Meeting of
WHORLTON AND WESTWICK
PARISH COUNCIL
On Tuesday 16 January 2018, 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Lucy Hoskyns-Abrahall, Cllr Martin Saville, Cllr George Stastny, Cllr Roger Foster, Cllr Lynda Powell

Apologies: Cllr Ian Wilkinson, Cllr David Kinch

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.

2 Minutes of Meeting 21.11.2017

The minutes from the full council meeting of 21.11.2017, were approved by the council, and signed by the Chair.

3 Claim for right of way by Whorlton Croft Cottage

The Clerk read out a letter from solicitors in connection with an access in favour of Whorlton Croft Cottage, using the entrance to the pub.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk take advice from Wellers, and negotiate in the light of that advice.

4 Grasscutting tenders – selection of contractor

The Clerk read out the competing quotes from grasscutting contractors.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk attempt to negotiate better rates.

5 Auditing tenders – selection of contractor

The Clerk read out the competing quotes from auditing contractors.

RESOLVED: that the Council instruct Jane Ascroft again.

6 Planting of giant redwood in cemetery extension

Cllr Stastny put forward a motion that the planting of a redwood in the cemetery extension would be in keeping with the line of redwoods in the old graveyard.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Stastny plant a redwood accordingly.

7 Play Area grant applications – project specification – commencement of work

The Clerk notified the Council that some funding had been secured for the Play Area project already, and that some grant applications were still under consideration.

RESOLVED: that the Council instruct Robert Walton to commence widening the entrance to the Play Area.

8 Request for Precept

There was a debate about the level of precept which should be requested. The Clerk and the Chairman then completed the relevant form for submission to Durham County Council.

RESOLVED: that the Council ask for a precept of £6,000.

9 Bollards in front of pub – grant application – selection of contractor – commencement of work

The Clerk notified the Council that in principle a grant was approved for the bollards in front of the

pub, but that TAP needed to know who was the preferred contractor.
RESOLVED: that the Council choose Keith Brown to carry out the work.

10 Planning applications (including those arising at late notice)

There were none.

11 Cheques

Cheques were signed for the Clerk, HMRC, Jane Ascroft, Paul Ryman and BT.

12 Matters not requiring a resolution

There were none.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

20st March 2018

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

20st March 2018, Chair