

At a Meeting of
WHORLTON AND WESTWICK
PARISH COUNCIL
On Wednesday 7th March 2018, 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Cllr Martin Saville

Cllr Roger Foster was absent.

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 accepted for Cllr Saville.

2 Minutes of Meeting 16.01.2018

The minutes from the full council meeting of 16.01.2018, were approved by the council, and signed by the Chair.

3 Access to The Forge – application to Land Registry – whether to oppose - parking

An application was made to the Land Registry by the owner and occupier of the Forge for a right of way by prescription on the basis of 20 years use.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk do not oppose the application; that the Clerk write to Mrs Irvin to forbid her from parking on the Village Green.

4 Policy regarding properties bordering the village green

The Clerk presented the Council with Guidelines on Infringements of the Village Green, which could be useful in responding quickly to issues with neighbouring properties.

RESOLVED: that the Council adopt the Guidelines on Infringements of the Village Green, but did not wish to stop any longstanding activities which had been taking place without complaint.

5 Review and renew insurance

Zurich have quoted the same price as last year to renew.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk check with Came and Co for better quotes, but otherwise renew with Zurich.

6 Plaque for Simon Strefford

Some parishioners had suggested that Simon Strefford's contributions as a Parish Councillor, and firework displays, be remembered by placing a plaque on the round bench on the village green.

RESOLVED: that a plaque be affixed for Simon Strefford.

7 Honorary Freedom Scheme

The Council was presented with a rough outline of the Honorary Freedom Scheme.

RESOLVED: that the Council go forward, and agree the details at the next meeting.

8 Play Area grant applications – project specification – choice of contractor

The Clerk updated the Councillors as to the progress of the grant applications.

RESOLVED: that Robert Walton be selected as the contractor to carry out the groundworks, subject to agreement being reached over access to the back of the plot.

9 Wildflower meadow

The consultation with the public had shown considerable opposition to the wildflower meadow.

RESOLVED: that the idea be abandoned for this year.

10 Litterpicking Day

There was a discussion about the options for litterpicking day.

RESOLVED: that the Council step back this year, to allow it to be organised informally.

11 "That this Council celebrates the centenary of the end of WW1 on 11th November 2018. That this council becomes involved with BATTLES OVER -A NATIONS TRIBUTE by organising a Bonfire which would be our beacon."

The above item originated from a national initiative. There was a discussion about whether this would conflict with the bonfire on 5th November; whether it could be amalgamated; and who would volunteer to execute it.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Kinch would put an article in the Flyer to see who would attend, and who would volunteer.

12 Planning applications arising at late notice

There were none.

13 Cheques

There were none.

14 matters not requiring a resolution; also updates

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

15 May 2018

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

15 May 2018, Chair