

At a Meeting of
WHORLTON AND WESTWICK
PARISH COUNCIL

On Tuesday 18 September 2018, 7.00pm

Present: Cllr George Stastny, Cllr Lucy Hoskyns-Abrahall (Chairwoman), Cllr Roger Foster, Cllr Martin Saville, and Cllr David Kinch

Clerk: Jonathan Dickinson

The Clerk distributed some documents amongst the councillors, including an up-to-date cashflow statement, and a copy of the most recent bank statements. The councillors reviewed the current financial position.

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

1 Apologies & Interests

Apologies were received from Cllr Linda Powell, Cllr Ian Wilkinson. No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Meeting 03.07.2018

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes be approved.

3 Proposal for new website

The Clerk explained that Adobe was withdrawing support for the current website platform, and that Jamie McBain was able to provide a new website at very little cost.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk instruct Jamie McBain to provide a new website on wordpress.

4 That this council follows the rule of law and sends the information regarding parking on the Green, to the magistrates court in Newton Aycliffe, from the evidence provided by a councillor, under the 1857 Act and the 1867 Act.

The councillors discussed this motion and related motions.

RESOLVED: there was no resolution, but the councillors asked the Clerk to seek clarification of the rules regarding parking on village greens.

5 Permission for bonfire night

WVCA had asked for permission to organise a bonfire on Saturday 3rd November on Whorlton Village Green, and had carried out a risk assessment.
RESOLVED: that permission be granted for the bonfire.

6 Play Area - update - specification - choice of contractor - funding and cashflow - application for further grant

Phase One was almost complete. The Clerk advised that the Council should seek more funding for Phase Two. There were also some difficulties with the choice of contractor to instal the play equipment.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should liaise with the relevant persons to obtain more funding, and further refine the quotations of all the possible contractors.

7 Annual Risk Assessment

The Clerk had carried out the annual risk assessment and presented the report to the Councillors.

RESOLVED: that the risk assessment be approved.

8 Parking near Whorlton Hall - bollards - CCTV

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had not yet completed the request for white lines. There was then a discussion of the merits of placing a surveillance camera on the village hall to monitor damage to the bollards.

RESOLVED: there was no resolution.

9 Cemetery extension policies

Cllr Martin Saville reported on a course which he had recently attended. He advised on the next steps necessary for the cemetery extension.

RESOLVED: that the Council carry out a survey of the potential plots in the cemetery extension.

10 Pub litigation - complaint to financial ombudsman

The Clerk reported that he had made a complaint to the insurers about their handling of the litigation. This had not had much success.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk make a complaint to the Financial Ombudsman.

11 Planning applications arising at late notice

The clerk had previously circulated to the councillors details of a late planning application, DM/18/02663/FPA.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council make no objection.

12 Cheques

Cheques were authorised and signed for: Mill Gardens; clerk; HMRC; Walton; and Brown.

8 Matters not requiring a resolution

There were none.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

20 November 2018

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

20 November 2018, Chair