

At a Meeting of
WHORLTON AND WESTWICK
PARISH COUNCIL

On Tuesday 15 January 2019, 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Lucy Hoskyns-Abrahall (Chairwoman), Cllr Roger Foster, Cllr George Stastny, Cllr Ian Wilkinson, 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 Lynda Powell. No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Meeting 20.11.2018

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes be approved.

3 Bollards damage compensation: claiming standard charges

The Clerk reported that the recent perpetrator of damage had not paid.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk send a letter before action to the perpetrator; that the Clerk publish standard charges for vehicle damage to bollards: £70 for replacing a bollard; and £40 for reseating an existing bollard.

4 Parking on the village green for community events

The councillors considered carefully two possible motions in relation to community events.

RESOLVED: there was no resolution.

5 Cemetery Extension update

The Clerk reported that he was in negotiations with a view to outsourcing the management of the cemetery extension.

6 Grant application by GNAA

The Clerk reported that a request was made by GNAA for a donation or grant.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk make a payment of £100.

7 Precept request: form completion and authorisation

The Clerk prepared the precept request form containing the figures previously agreed. The Chairwoman and Clerk signed the form before the councillors.

RESOLVED: that having carefully reviewed the financial position, including the budget and cashflow forecast, the precept request be authorised.

8 Grasscutting tenders: choice of contractor

The Clerk produced a table of competitive tenders from four contractors.

RESOLVED: that the incumbent contractor be instructed to continue service at the higher rate quoted.

10 Play Area update

The Clerk reported that contractors had been identified for replacing the wall between the play area and the village hall. Cllr Kinch provided an update on the progress of the latest grant application.

11 Proposal for car park next to Whorlton Hall

The Clerk reported that he had met with the manager of Whorlton Hall. The Clerk explained the ideas which were being explored during the meeting, including a proposal for a car park.

RESOLVED: that no comment be made until a detailed proposal or planning application be received.

12 Policy on village green infringements

The Clerk reported that the owner of Woodbine Cottage was having difficulty selling it, due to uncertainty over access across the village green, and the owner had requested the Parish Council to clear up the position.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk send a letter to assist with the sale, but not to grant or attempt to grant any rights for Woodbine Cottage over the village green.

13 Planning applications arising at late notice

There were none.

14 Cheques

Cheques were authorised and signed for: the Clerk; Jane Ascroft; Jamie McBain; Streetscape; HMRC; Paul Ryman and Rodger Lowe.

15 Matters not requiring a resolution

The Clerk was requested to add motions to the agenda for next meeting in connection with trees behind the village hall; and complain to Whorlton Hall about cigarette butts at he entrance to it.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

19 March 2019

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

19 March 2019, Chair