

At a Meeting of
WHORLTON AND WESTWICK
PARISH COUNCIL

On Tuesday 19 March 2019, 7.00pm

Present: Cllr George Stastny (Chairman), Cllr Roger Foster, Cllr Ian Wilkinson, Cllr Lynda Powell, and Cllr Martin Saville

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 Chairman (Cllr George Stastny) invited public comments, and the councillors listened.

1 Apologies & Interests

Apologies were received from Cllr Lucy Hoskyns-Abrahall and Cllr David Kinch. No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Meeting 15.01.2019

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes be approved.

3 Rowan Tree: whether to replace: type of tree; location

The Clerk read out an email from a councillor, regarding the rowan tree which was formerly growing in the Play Area. It was agreed that the rowan tree was not planted for any special reason.

RESOLVED: that the rowan tree not be replaced.

4 Giant Redwood: re-assessment of planting

The Clerk read out a letter from a parishioner, setting out the objections to the giant redwood.

RESOLVED: that the giant redwood be replaced with another tree species.

5 Auditor appointment

The Clerk reported on quotations from auditors.

RESOLVED: that Mike Ackroyd be appointed as the internal auditor.

6 Litterpick grant

New circumstances had arisen by the time of the meeting, which rendered this item academic.

RESOLVED: no resolution

7 Cemetery extension

The councillors discussed the various aspects of the policy for the Cemetery extension.

RESOLVED: that the policy should state that the general rule should be that only residents of

the Parish can be buried in the Cemetery Extension, but that any person who has a connection with the Parish may apply to the Parish Council for permission to be buried at Whorlton.

8 Play Area: Selection of Contractors

The Clerk presented a comparison of the quotations received in respect of (a) rebuilding the north wall and (b) supply of the play area equipment. The Councillors noted that the uncertainty in the finances of the Parish Council should be resolved before the next meeting. RESOLVED: that Keith Brown be selected to carry out the work on the wall; that the choice of equipment contractor be narrowed down to two; that the clerk explore the possibility of postponing part of the equipment installation and that the clerk accordingly refine the quotations from those two and select the cheapest.

13 Planning applications arising at late notice

There were none.

14 Cheques

Cheques were authorised and signed for: GNAA.

15 Matters not requiring a resolution

The Clerk reported on the correspondence regarding Woodbine Cottage, and was instructed to place this matter on the next agenda.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

21 May 2019

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

21 May 2019, Chair