

At a Meeting of
**WHORLTON AND WESTWICK
PARISH COUNCIL**

On Friday 3rd July 2020 6:30pm

Present: Cllr Lucy Hoskyns-Abrahall, Cllr Ian Wilkinson, Cllr George Stastny, Cllr Roger Foster,

Clerk: Alan Dixon

20/20 Apologies & Interests

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Lynda Powell, Cllr Martin Saville and Cllr David Kinch. No interests were declared.

21/20 Minutes of Meeting 17th March 2020

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

22/20 Cemetery Extension Update

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk email Cllr James Rowlandson and the Cemeteries Department at Durham County Council requesting an update.

23/20 Footpath repair next to the village hall

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Keith Brown and ask him to carry out repairs to this path.

24/20 Repair of noticeboard

The Clerk notified Councillors that the noticeboard has now been repaired.

25/20 Grass maintenance of Village Green by residents

Councillors discussed a complaint from a resident regarding the collection of grass cuttings from the village green.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that residents should be allowed to tidy parts of the village green next to their home but it would not give them any rights of ownership. Councillor Stastny to write to the resident who made the complaint to notify them of the Parish Councils decision.

26/20 Repair of Whorlton bridge.

Cllr Stastny updated the meeting on Durham County Councils investigations regarding the traffic load bearing capacity of the bridge.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Durham County Council asking to be kept informed.

27/20 Defibrillator grant

Clerk informed Councillors that the Parish Council has been awarded a grant in principle of £1,250 from Teesdale Action Partnership, to purchase a defibrillator and cabinet, which could be installed on the side of Whorlton Village Hall. The Village Hall Association have agreed

that the defibrillator can be attached to the side of the village hall and are willing to pay for the cost of the trickle electricity supply. Cllr Stastny is awaiting a response from the Planning Department to clarify if planning permission is required.

28/20 Play area re-opening

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position. Clerk awaiting a response from the Parish Council insurers.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that the play area is to remain closed until a response is received from the insurance company clarifying the liability status of the Parish Council if the play area was to re-open.

29/20 Stonework repairs Egglestone Abbey bridge

Cllr Stastny updated the meeting on repairs made by Durham County Council to Egglestone Abbey bridge.

RESOLVED: Councillors to have a look at the bridge repairs and this matter be discussed at the next meeting.

30/20 Review of Councillors Code of Conduct

The Clerk updated the meeting on the updated Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED: Councillors to review the Code of Conduct and their views discussed at the next meeting.

31/20 Planning applications arising at late notice

There were none.

32/20 Financial Statement and report

Balance of Current and Deposit Accounts £16,834.51 as at 31 May 2020.

A Receipt and Payments Account dated 31 May 2020 was reviewed by Councillors. Payment of the following invoices was agreed by Councillors :-

100 - Jane Ascroft Accountancy Ltd	£ 28. 80
101 - Mr JJ Dickinson – Clerk Salary	£ 146. 02
102 - Legge Horticulture – Enviro	£ 90. 00
103 - P & A Harrison Builders Ltd	£ 252. 00
104 - Zurich Municipal	£ 354. 26
105 - SLCC	£ 46. 00
106 - Legge Horticulture – Enviro	£ 90. 00
107 - CDALC	£ 35. 26
108 - HMRC PAYE	£ 65. 40
109 - Legge Horticulture - Enviro	£ 180. 00
110 - Mr A. Dixon – Clerk Salary	£ 292. 39
Total	<u>£1580. 13</u>

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct.

33/20 Matters not requiring a resolution

There were none.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

21 July 2020

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

21 July 2020, Chairman