

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

On Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 6:30pm

Present: Cllr Lucy Hoskyns-Abrahall, Cllr Ian Wilkinson, Cllr George Stastny, Cllr Roger Foster, Cllr Lynda Powell, Cllr Martin Saville and Cllr David Kinch

Clerk: Alan Dixon

49/20 Representation by residents

There were none

50/20 Apologies & Interests

No interests were declared.

51/20 Minutes of Meeting 21 July 2020

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

52/20 Cemetery Extension Update

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position.

RESOLVED: Awaiting reply from Durham County Council Cemetery Department.

53/20 Footpath repair next to the village hall

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position.

54/20 Repair of Whorlton bridge.

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position.

55/20 Defibrillator grant

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position.

56/20 Play area re-opening

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that the play area be reopened by the end of the month.

Clerk to put up signs notifying residents that the play area is now open and remind them to social distance.

57/20 Stonework repairs Egglestone Abbey bridge

Clerk received a reply from Brian Buckley, Strategic Highways Manager at Durham County Council updating the Parish Council on the repairs to the bridge and informing them that the initial repairs are to be reviewed.

RESOLVED: Parish Council to monitor the bridge repairs.

58/20 Bagpipes

A resident has complained that a group of people are meeting to play bagpipes in a residents

garage.

RESOLVED: Clerk to report this noise disturbance to Durham County Council.

59/20 No's 4 & 6 Grange Terrace

A resident has asked whether anything can be done about 4 and 6 Grange Terrace. These properties are derelict and their gardens overgrown.

RESOLVED: Clerk to do a land registry search to find out who owns them.

60/20 Online Banking

Clerk informed Councillors that although it was good to have Online Banking it was not fit for purpose.

61/20 Bridge Inn – Correspondence

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position.

62/20 Village green – scarecrow competition

A resident has asked whether a scarecrow competition can go ahead on the village green.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to allow the competition to go ahead.

63/20 Clerks probationary period and salary

Clerk has now come to the end of his probationary period and has started his CiLCA training.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed they were happy for the Clerk to remain in his post and approved an increase in hours and the annual NALC pay rise.

64/20 Village Autumn clean up

A resident has requested that the Parish Council consider a village clean up to remove dead leaves and foliage throughout the villages this Autumn / Winter.

RESOLVED: Clerk to get quotes to carry out this work.

65/20 Website / Facebook page

Clerk informed Councillors that the Accessibility Statement on the Parish Council website has been updated in line with legislation which comes into force on the 23 September. He also asked whether Councillors would consider creating a Facebook page to keep residents informed.

66/20 Planning applications arising at late notice

There were none.

67/20 Financial Statement and report

Balance of Current and Deposit Accounts £17,976.57 as at 31 August 2020.

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

115 - Mr A Dixon – Clerk Salary	£ 433. 54
116 - Legge Horticulture (August)	£ 180. 00
117 - Entwine Solutions (Website)	£ 105. 00
118 - W V C A – (Meeting costs)	£ 36. 00
119 - WEL Medical (Defibrillator)	<u>£1500. 00</u>
Total	<u>£2254. 54</u>

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct.

68/20 Matters not requiring a resolution

Red telephone box

Councillor Stastny asked Councillors to consider the purchase of a red telephone box to replace the current telephone box on the village green. Councillor Stastny to get quotes and this matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

17 November 2020

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 7:30 pm.

17 November 2020, Chairman