

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

On Tuesday 17th November 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

**69/20 Representation by residents**

There were none

**70/20 Apologies & Interests**

Cllr Roger Foster. No interests were declared.

**71/20 Minutes of Meeting 15 September 2020**

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

**72/20 Cemetery Extension Update**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position.

RESOLVED: Clerk to undertake Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management Course before any further works on the cemetery are carried out.

**73/20 Footpath repair next to the village hall**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to accept the quote from KMR Property Services to carry out this work.

**74/20 Repair of Whorlton bridge.**

The bridge is currently only useable by foot and cycle traffic. Parish Council is awaiting feedback from Durham County Council to find out when any repair work is likely to begin.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Durham County Council to ask how long the concrete barriers will remain, as if there is an emergency next to the river this could prevent an ambulance or fire engine attending.

**75/20 Defibrillator grant**

The defibrillator was fitted on the 6<sup>th</sup> October. The grant paperwork has been returned to Teesdale Action Partnership and has been signed off. Parish Council is still trying to get defibrillator training hopefully after the lockdown period.

**76/20 Red Telephone Box**

Councillor Stastny made Councillors aware of his enquiries into purchasing a red telephone box to replace the newer telephone box on the village green.

**77/20 Stonework repairs Egglestone Abbey bridge**

Durham County Council are to review the repair work on Egglestone Abbey bridge as they

agreed that the repairs were not as good as they could have been. Any further repairs would require the road to be closed for a prolonged period of time.

**78/20 Christmas Tree on the village green**

A request has been made for the installation of a Christmas Tree and firepit on the village green.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to this request.

**79/20 No's 4 & 6 Grange Terrace**

Clerk has done Land Registry searches to find out who owns these properties and is awaiting feedback from Durham County Council.

**80/20 Bridge Inn – Correspondence**

The Clerk updated Councillors on the current position.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Mr Carter making him aware that the Parish Council do not wish to rent the Bridge Inn. Clerk to email Wellers Group LLP.

**81/20 Clerk's salary**

Clerk asked Councillors whether he could be paid on a bi-monthly basis instead of quarterly.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to pay the Clerk in the same month as meetings are held.

**82/20 Village Autumn clean up**

Clerk asked Councillors to consider getting a village clean up carried out to clear leaves and foliage especially on the bank down to the bridge.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the Highways Department to ask whether the road can be cleared of leaves etc.

**83/20 Website**

Clerk requested that a webpage be added to website highlighting the fact that a defibrillator has been installed on the side of the Whorlton Village Hall.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to the webpage being added.

**84/20 Planning applications arising at late notice**

Councillors discussed an application relating to 1 The Green, Whorlton.

RESOLVED: Councillors neither agree with or object to this planning application.

**85/20 Financial Statement and report**

Balance of Current and Deposit Accounts £15,672.07 as at 31 October 2020.

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

120 - Mr A Dixon – Clerk Salary	£ 423. 33
121 - Legge Horticultural	£ 360. 00
122 - Zoom (Meeting costs)	£ 14. 39
123 - Manor Woodcraft (Pump)	£ 108. 00
124 - The Royal British Legion	£ 25. 00
125 - Wordpress (Website)	£ 900. 00
Total	<u>£1830.72</u>

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct.

**86/20 Matters not requiring a resolution**

**Policies**

Clerk asked Councillors to review policies he has prepared that need to be included on the Parish Council website. He also included an action plan so that residents are aware of the projects that the Parish Council wish to carry out in the next financial year.

**Trees**

A number of trees on the Westwick Road have been removed by Durham County Council as they have died.

**Water Pump repair**

Clerk has used his powers to authorise the repair the top of the water pump. The repair was carried out by Manor Woodcraft.

**Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:**

19th January 2021

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

19 January 2021, Chairman .....