

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

On Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 6:30pm

**Present:** Cllr George Stastny (Chair), Cllr Ian Wilkinson, Cllr Lynda Powell,  
Cllr Martin Saville

**Clerk:** Alan Dixon

**01/21 Representation by residents**

There were none

**02/21 Apologies & Interests**

Apologies: Lucy Hoskyns-Abrahall, Cllr David Kinch, Cllr Roger Foster.  
No interests were declared.

**03/21 Minutes of Meeting 17 November 2020**

The Chair signed the minutes.  
RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

**04/21 Cemetery Extension Update**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position.

**05/21 Footpath repair next to the village hall**

Repairs have not been carried out due to bad weather.

**06/21 Repair of Whorlton bridge.**

Councillors have been approached by residents asking that while they are waiting for the bridge repair to take place there should be a temporary bridge put in place that would allow pedestrians to cross the bridge.

RESOLVED: Councillor Stastny to attend a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January to get an update on the proposed timescale of the repair.

**07/21 Tree planting**

The Parish Council investigated whether it would be possible to get trees planted on the road between Whorlton and Westwick as there was a grant available of £150. Durham County Council responded that a private contractor was unable to carry out work on that stretch of road for Health and Safety reasons. They gave no indication whether they would be willing to plant trees on our behalf despite being contacted by the Clerk.

**08/21 Red Telephone Box**

The Chair updated the meeting on the current position.

**09/21 Stonework repairs Egglestone Abbey bridge**

The Parish Council has had assurances from Durham County Council that the stonework repairs that were carried out on Egglestone Abbey bridge will be reviewed and further work undertaken to improve the standard of the repair.

### **10/21 Policies**

Clerk asked Councillors to approve policies to be included on the Parish Council website. He also asked that Councillors consider the implementation of an action plan which outlines the general plans the Parish Council has for the next financial year.

RESOLVED: Councillors approved the policies and agreed the use of an action plan.

### **11/21 No's 4 & 6 Grange Terrace**

Number 6 Grange Terrace has now been sold and will be renovated. There is also a possibility that number 4 will also be sold.

### **12/21 DAS Complaint**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position. This matter seems to be moving forward after the Clerk made a complaint against DAS.

### **13/21 Election costs**

Clerk has contacted CDALC to enquire how much it would cost to carry out a Parish Council election if it was required.

### **14/21 Village Autumn clean up**

Durham County Council have carried out the clean up work on the road down to the bridge.

### **15/21 Gritting around the village green / removal of concrete bollards**

Clerk has contacted Durham County Council to ask if they are able to grit the road around the village green. He was informed that DCC are not gritting any roads that are not main roads unless snow is preventing residents getting to vaccination centres or an ambulance accessing the village.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Durham County Council to ask for road repairs within the village. Councillors agreed that removing the concrete bollards was not a good idea for safety reasons.

### **16/21 Planning applications arising at late notice**

Councillors discussed an application relating to Woodbine Cottage, Whorlton, Barnard Castle, DL12 8XG

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to object to this planning application as the site is on part of the village green.

### **17/21 Financial Statement and report**

Balance of Current and Deposit Accounts £15,932.39 as at 31 December 2020.

Councillors agreed to apply for a precept of £6,250.

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

126 - Mr A Dixon – Clerk Salary	£387.80
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RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct.

**18/21 Matters not requiring a resolution**

**Foliage on the footpath outside Whorlton Grange**

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Durham County Council regarding foliage that was left on the footpath after work carried out by them.

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

16th March 2021

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

16 March 2021, Chairman .....