

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

On Tuesday 27th July 2021 at 6:30pm

Present: Cllr George Stastny, Cllr Martin Saville, Cllr P. Bigge, Cllr I. Pollock,

Also Present: M. Stastny, C Simpson, A Knox, A Boddy, A Young, F. Young, N Dawson
(Residents)

Clerk: Alan Dixon

49/21 Representation by residents

See 55/21 and 56/21

50/21 Apologies & Interests

Apologies: Cllr T. Honeyman, Cllr N. Fox,

No interests were declared.

51/21 Minutes of Meeting 18 May 2021

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

52/21 Cemetery Extension Update

Clerk and Councillor Saville to attend an ICCM training course in August.

53/21 Repair of Whorlton bridge.

Bridge repair is on programme to be completed by March 2023. Part of the Governments levelling up fund is to be used to fund the repair.

54/21 Red Telephone Box

Whorlton Village Community Association have agreed to give £1000 towards the cost of the telephone box which could be between £4000 and £5000.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to investigate the availability of grants for such a project.

55/21 Speeding through Whorlton as raised by Mrs Boddy in her letter of 18/6/21

Mrs Boddy asked Councillors to look into what traffic calming measures are available as residents are extremely concerned about speeding traffic within Whorlton and Westwick.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Teesdale Action Partnership to ask if there is funding available for traffic calming measures and also to the Traffic Assets Department at Durham County Council.

56/21 Road verge cutting at the A67 etc

Ann Young raised her concerns about this grass verge stating that the length of the grass made it very difficult to see oncoming traffic coming up the hill when turning right at the junction from Whorlton. Clerk and Councillor Stastny have reported the long grass on the grass verge which is a hazard to traffic.

- 57/21 Footpath cutting at Grafts Farm, running diagonally across a field to the NE**
Chairman notified Councillors that he had reported that the pathway had not been strimmed to Durham County Council. This path may have been missed by the new P3 contractor who is still working out which paths are within the Whorlton and Westwick Boundary.
- 58/21 WVCA bonfire night on or around the 5th November 2021 on the Village Green**
RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that Bonfire Night celebrations could be held on the village green.
- 59/21 Cllr's email addresses**
RESOLVED: Clerk to look into using .gov.uk email addresses for Councillors.
- 60/21 Resignation of Councillor R Proud / Co-option of Mrs Sanderson**
RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to co-opt Mrs Sanderson as a Parish Councillor.
- 61/21 Grass cutting standard - Whorlton Village Green**
RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to request the village green be cut using a cylinder mower instead of a rotary mower to improve the cut.
- 62/21 Planning decision – Woodbine Cottage**
Clerk informed Councillors that he had been contacted by a resident with concerns around the planning application decision regarding Woodbine Cottage.
- 63/21 Code of Conduct**
RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to use Durham County Councils Code of Conduct for Councillors.
- 64/21 Levelling Up Fund**
Clerk made Councillors aware that he had been asked by Durham County Council to give the Parish Councils backing towards the governments Levelling Up Fund some of which could be used to repair Whorlton Bridge.
- 65/21 Defibrillator / First Aid training**
RESOLVED: Chairman to contact WELMedical to chase up defibrillator training which has still not been carried out due to COVID restrictions.
- 66/21 Police and Crime Commissioner Zoom meeting**
Clerk notified Councillors that he had attended a Zoom meeting between various representatives from Parish Councils in County Durham and the new Police and Crime Commissioner. Speeding traffic is one of the main concerns of residents within County Durham. The Police and Crime Commissioner is to request Parish Councillors to complete a questionnaire stating their concerns.

67/21 Planning applications arising at late notice

Reduce and reshape up to 1.5 metres to T1. Copper Beech, Fell T2. Birch, Cut branch within 1m of trunk Crown reduce up to 1.5m for overhead line clearance to T3. Cherry

Nyetimber Whorlton Barnard Castle DL12 8XQ

Ref. No: DM/21/02617/TCA | Received: Thu 15 Jul 2021 | Validated: Thu 22

Councillors have no objections to this planning application.

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission DM/19/01811/VOC to allow repositioning of plot 3 and design changes including attached garage to side (part retrospective)

3 Paddock View Whorlton Barnard Castle DL12 8FG

Ref. No: DM/21/02087/VOC | Received: Tue 08 Jun 2021 | Validated: Fri 11

Councillors are concerned that the repositioning will affect the amenities of an adjacent building.

68/21 Financial Statement and report

Balance of Current and Deposit Accounts £9,823.14 as at 30 June 2021.

A Receipt and Payments Account dated 30th June, 2021 was reviewed by Councillors. Payment of the following invoices was agreed by Councillors :-

136 - KMR Property Services	£ 225. 85
137 – ICCM	£ 95. 00
138 – CDALC Subscription	£ 36. 93
139 – SLCC Membership	£ 47. 50
140 – ICCM _	£ 324. 00
141 – SE Landscaping	£ 672. 00
142 – Mr A Dixon	£ 407. 28
143 – Y Jabari (Audit Fee)	£ 50. 00
144 – HMRC PAYE	<u>£ 68. 00</u>
Total	<u>£1926. 58</u>

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct.

69/21 Clerks correspondence

Change of bank

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to change to Barclays Bank to allow payments to be made securely online.

Recording of meetings

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to the recording of meetings which would be used by the Clerk to produce the minutes of meetings.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:
21st September 2021

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

21 September 2021, Chairman