

At a Meeting of
**WHORLTON AND WESTWICK
PARISH COUNCIL**
On Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 6:30pm

Present: Cllr George Stastny, Cllr Martin Saville, Cllr N. Fox, Cllr P. Bigge, Cllr T. Honeyman

Also Present: M. Stastny, C Simpson (Residents)

Clerk: Alan Dixon

35/21 Representation by residents

C. Simpson asked Councillors when they would be holding the next Westwick Parish Council meeting.

Mrs Stastny urged Councillors to make the cemetery extension available for use as soon as possible.

36/21 Apologies & Interests

Apologies: Cllr I. Pollock, Cllr R. Proud

No interests were declared.

37/21 Minutes of Meeting 16 March 2021

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

38/21 Cemetery Extension Update

Clerk and Cllr M Saville to book a place on the next ICCM course if the Clerk is unable to find an external organisation who are willing to manage the cemetery extension on behalf of the Parish Council.

39/21 Footpath repair next to the village hall

The footpath repair has been carried out although there is still some remedial work to carry out.

40/21 Repair of Whorlton bridge.

Councillor Stastny attended the DCC meeting to discuss the Whorlton bridge repair. Durham County Council stated it was not possible to install a temporary footbridge across the river while the main bridge is being repaired.

41/21 Red Telephone Box

Councillor Stastny updated Councillors on the current position.

42/21 No's 4 & 6 Grange Terrace

Number 6 is to be renovated with the hope it will be sold once this is completed.

43/21 DAS Complaint

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to take no further action with regard to this matter.

44/21 Insurance quotes

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to continue to use Zurich Municipal as the Parish Council's Insurance company, their quote of £364.08 being the cheapest of the 3 quotes provided by the Clerk.

45/21 Parish Council action plan

Clerk asked Councillors to agree to publishing an action plan on the Parish Council website to notify residents of the Councils plans for the coming financial year.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to the publishing of the action plan with the opening of the cemetery extension being the main objective.

46/21 Planning applications arising at late notice

Reduce up to 30% to T1. Cypress, Reduce up to 30% to T2. Hawthorn, Reduce up to 50% to T3. Willow and Crown reduction up to 6m and removal of major leader to T4. Ash

Coach House Whorlton Barnard Castle DL12 8XQ

Ref. No: DM/21/01713/TCA | Received: Wed 12 May 2021 | Validated: Wed 12 May 2021 | Status: Decided

Fell T1. Ash, Remove lowest limb T4. Norway Maple and Fell T9. Sycamore

Fern Cottage Whorlton Barnard Castle DL12 8XQ

Ref. No: DM/21/01685/TCA | Received: Mon 10 May 2021 | Validated: Mon 10 May 2021 | Status: Decided

Garage conversion to annex and new garage extension

Field House Whorlton Barnard Castle DL12 8XA

Ref. No: DM/21/00898/FPA | Received: Tue 16 Mar 2021 | Validated: Wed 17 Mar 2021 | Status: Decided

Fell 3 No. Sycamore trees, Fell 1 No. Rowan tree, Remove overhanging branches to 1 No. Ash tree to front and Fell 2 No. Sycamore trees to the rear

Fern Cottage Whorlton Barnard Castle DL12 8XQ

Ref. No: DM/21/00781/TCA | Received: Fri 05 Mar 2021 | Validated: Wed 17 Mar 2021 | Status: Decided

Parish Councillors had no comments regarding these planning applications.

47/21 Financial Statement and report

Balance of Current and Deposit Accounts £11149.17 as at 30 April 2021.

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

131 - Mr A Dixon – Clerk Salary	(April & May 2021)	£387. 80
132 – Mr G Stastny – Bench Repair		£ 20. 18
133 – Wordpress		£ 15. 00
134 - Zurich Municipal		<u>£364. 08</u>
Total		<u>£787. 06</u>

Clerk and Chairman signed the Certificate of Ememption – AGAR 2020/21 Part 2 and Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/21, Councillors having seen the bank reconciliation for the year to 31st March 2021. Miss Y Jabari will be carrying out the internal audit. After the internal audit has been carried out the necessary documents will be posted on the Parish Council website for inspection by residents.

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct.

48/21 Clerks correspondence

Change of bank

Clerk asked members to consider changing banks as Natwest did not offer online banking which allow payments to suppliers via bank transfer and avoid the need to post cheques. Online banking being just as secure as cheques.

Social media

Clerk asked Councillors to consider setting up a Facebook page to enable him to notify residents of information sent to him by Durham County Council and other bodies.

Play area inspection

Clerk informed Councillors that ROSPA will be carrying out the annual inspection of the play area in line with insurance guidelines.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

27th July 2021

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

27 July 2021, Chairman