

Final

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

On Thursday 17th March 2022 at 6:30pm

Present: Cllr George Stastny, Cllr M. Sanderson, Cllr M. Saville, Cllr N. Fox, Cllr P. Bigge

Also Present: (Residents)

Clerk: Alan Dixon

12/22 Representation by residents

A Boddy asked Councillors about getting an update re traffic calming measures. Clerk informed residents that there had been no material update as the manager of the Traffic Assets Department is trying to recruit staff for her department to deal with the current workload. He notified residents that Teesdale Action Partnership may be willing to part fund this type of work once costings are received from Durham County Council.

Cherry Simpson informed Councillors that a seat has been donated by residents of Westwick for use within the village.

Cherry requested that more information be made available regarding the court case involving the village green so that such a court case never happens again. Chairman informed residents that the details of the case were minuted and are available on the Parish Council website.

Cherry asked about reinstating the Westwick Parish Council meeting as some residents are unaware when the Whorlton and Westwick Parish Council meetings take place. Clerk suggested putting a list of the dates, of the 6 annual meetings in the village notice boards. Chairman said this information could also go in The Flyer.

13/22 Apologies & Interests

Apologies: Cllr T. Honeyman, Cllr I. Pollock

14/22 Minutes of Meeting 18 January 2022

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

15/22 Cemetery extension update

SE Landscaping Ltd have been unable to carry out the work to the Cemetery as they are prioritizing clean-up work after severe storms in the last few months.

16/22 Repair of Whorlton bridge

Investigative work is still ongoing.

17/22 K6 Red Telephone Box

The Parish Council is awaiting Northern Powergrid to come and disconnect the power supply from the current telephone box.

18/22 Speeding traffic

Dealt with above.

19/22 Village tidy up

Some of village tidy up has been carried out but this has been delayed due to the storm clean-up work.

20/22 Change of bank

The move to Unity Trust Bank is still ongoing, but there are teething problems.

21/22 Code of Conduct

RESOLVED: Councillors decided not to take any action and continue to use the current Code of Conduct.

22/22 Water tap – Village Hall

RESOLVED: Councillors suggested purchasing a water butt as minimal water would be required for use in the Cemetery.

23/22 Water treatment works

It has been reported that during recent storms there was sewage overflow which ran down the footpath into the river.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Northumbria Water to ask them to investigate this problem.

24/22 Queens Jubilee

Jubilee celebrations have been outsourced to the WVHA and there are plans for a street party. Chairman suggested putting a bench on the village green inscribed Queens Platinum Jubilee. As there are currently plans to replace one of the noticeboards, the Clerk thought it would be another way to commemorate the Jubilee.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to purchase a teak seat. Chairman to approach the Village Hall Association to see if they would jointly fund this purchase. Clerk to get quotes for a noticeboard.

25/22 Planning applications arising at late notice

Councillors discussed the following applications:

Discharge of condition 4 on DM/21/03277/LB relating to joinery details on timber windows and doors.

4 Grange Terrace Whorlton Barnard Castle DL12 8UY

Ref. No: DRC/22/00078 | Received: Mon 07 Mar 2022 | Validated: Tue 08 Mar 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration

Polard T1. Eucalyptus tree to clear overhead powerlines.

Coach House Whorlton Barnard Castle DL12 8XQ

Ref. No: DM/22/00659/TCA | Received: Fri 04 Mar 2022 | Validated: Fri 04 Mar 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration

Discharge of condition 4 on DM/21/03276/FPA relating to joinery details on timber windows and doors.

4 Grange Terrace Whorlton Barnard Castle DL12 8UY

Ref. No: DRC/22/00069 | Received: Fri 25 Feb 2022 | Validated: Tue 08 Mar 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration

RESOLVED: Councillors neither agreed with or objected to any of the applications.

26/22 Financial Statement and report

A Receipt and Payments Account dated 28th February, 2022 was reviewed by Councillors. Payment of the following invoices was agreed by Councillors :-

161 - Northern Powergrid	£ 399. 60
162 – Clerk Salary (February 2022)	£ 254. 74
163 – Clerk Salary (March 2022)	£ 215. 60
164 – CDALC	£ 30. 00
165 - SE Landscaping Ltd	£ 900. 00
166 - WVCA	£ 18. 00
167 - SE Landscaping Ltd	<u>£ 504. 00</u>
Total	<u>£2321. 94</u>

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct. Councillors agreed to increase the Clerks salary by 1.75%.

27/22 Clerks correspondence

Village green grass cutting

Councillors agreed to continue using SE Landscaping to cut the grass on the village green.

Path next to the Church:

Clerk to get quotes for the repair of this path.

Whorlton Hall

Whorlton Hall has been sold

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

RESOLVED: The date of the next ordinary meeting is 19th May 2022. This will also be the date of the annual meeting.

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

19 May 2022, Chairman