

At a Meeting of  
**WHORLTON AND WESTWICK**  
**PARISH COUNCIL**  
On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6:30pm

**Present:** Cllr George Stastny, Cllr M. Sanderson, Cllr M. Saville, I. Pollock, T. Honeyman

**Also Present:** Ann Woodward, Ann Young, Cherry Simpson, Mary Stastny (Residents)

**Clerk:** Alan Dixon

**28/22 Representation by residents**

**Repair of the path next to the Church**

The repair to pathway next to the Church was brought to the attention of the Parish Council. Clerk informed residents that he had been unable to find anyone to carry out this work. Chair to obtain a quote from Keith Brown.

**Tree to be planted on the Village Green to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.**

Mrs Stastny proposed planting a horse chestnut tree with pink flowers, on the village green.

**29/22 Apologies & Interests**

Apologies: P. Bigge, N. Fox

**30/22 Minutes of Meeting 17 March 2022**

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

**31/22 Cemetery extension update**

The cemetery extension has now been rotovated, seeded and levelled. The Parish Council has been given a quote of £4 each for grave markers, which will be set in the ground.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to buy all the grave markers which will be installed by SE Landscaping. Clerk to contact SE Landscaping and ask what happened to the posts that were next to the Church wall and if possible return them to Keith Brown. The Church extension to be made available for use as soon as possible.

**32/22 Repair of Whorlton bridge**

Chair has been in contact with Durham County Council for an update and was told that they are on program for the bridge to be repaired by May 2023 and that contractors will start work in September.

**33/22 K6 Red Telephone Box**

Northern Powergrid have informed the Parish Council that they are now ready to disconnect the electricity supply to the current telephone box.

**34/22 Speeding traffic**

The Clerk has received no reply from any of the local County Councillors or Durham County Council regarding this matter. Annalisa Ward from Teesdale Action Partnership is trying to speed up this work as she is working with a number of Parish

Councils on traffic calming projects.

**35/22 Change of bank**

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to revert to using Natwest Bank due to constant problems with online banking at Unity Trust Bank. Clerk to look into Natwest Bankline.

**36/22 Water treatment works**

Clerk informed Councillors that he had been in contact with Northumbrian Water and had been told that the liquid that was coming out of the manhole cover during the recent storms was not effluent, but treated water, and should not be of concern to residents.

**37/22 Noticeboard**

Chair to contact Durham County Council to request planning permission to move the noticeboard outside the pub, as the current position is quite cluttered.

**38/22 Jubilee celebrations**

**Tree planting on the Village Green**

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that a Horse Chestnut tree should be planted a similar distance from the curb as the Oak tree and that it should be as mature a tree as possible.

**Tea Party on The Green on 21 June**

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that this should go ahead.

**39/22 Theatre on The Green 21 June (3<sup>rd</sup> Fools again)**

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that this should go ahead.

**40/22 Village garden**

Clerk was contacted by a farmer who owns the land around the Village Garden stating that a seat has been placed on his land. Chair has contacted the Land Registry to confirm that the Village Garden is registered as belonging to the Parish Council.

**41/22 Planning applications arising at late notice**

Councillors discussed the following applications:

**Erection of farm worker's dwelling for existing pig farm. **

Land To The South Of Black Bull Farm Winston Barnard Castle DL2  
3PU

Ref. No: DM/22/00878/FPA | Received: Thu 24 Mar 2022 | Validated: Fri 25  
Mar 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration

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

**42/22 Financial Statement and report**

A Receipt and Payments Account dated 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 was reviewed by Councillors. Payment of the following invoices was agreed by Councillors :-

168 - Northern Powergrid	£ 399. 60
169 – Clerk Salary (April 2022)	£ 217. 88
170 – Clerk Salary (May 2022)	£ 217. 88
171 – ICCM	£ 95. 00
172 - Zurich Municipal	£ 367. 44
173 - Whorlton Village Community Association	£ 18. 00
174 - HMRC PAYE	£ 2. 00
175 - SLCC	£ 70. 00
176 - CDALC Subscription	£ 34. 81
177 - Durham County Council – Planning permission	£ 66. 00
178 - X2 Connect Ltd	<u>£3470. 00</u>
Total	<u>£4958. 61</u>

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct. Clerk to get quotes for internal audit work regarding the AGAR report which needs to be sent to Mazars by the 30 June. Clerk to complete the 2021-22 VAT Return.

**43/22 Clerks correspondence**

**Playground Inspection**

Clerk informed Councillors that he has booked RoSPA to carry out an inspection on the playground which is required for insurance purposes.

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

RESOLVED: The date of the next ordinary meeting is 21st July 2022.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

21 July, 2022, Chairman .....