

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

On Thursday 8th December 2022 at 6:30pm

Present: Cllr George Stastny (Chair), Cllr M. Saville, Cllr T. Honeyman, Cllr N Fox

Also Present: C. Simpson, A Woodward, A Young, A Boddy (Residents)

Clerk: Alan Dixon

72/22 Representation by residents

C Simpson discussed the need for traffic calming measures in Westwick. She also brought the salting of the roads to Councillors attention which is causing damage to the road verge. The road verge is getting closer to the stone wall. Cherry requested 2 noticeboards within Westwick.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to write to the Highways Department at Durham County Council to ask for a weight restriction on the road through Westwick.

73/22 Apologies & Interests

Apologies: Cllr P. Bigge, Cllr I. Pollock,

74/22 Minutes of Meeting 22nd September 2022

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

75/22 Co-option of new Councillor

Liese Duggan has been co-opted as a Councillor of Whorlton Parish Council.

76/22 Cemetery extension update

The first interment of ashes took place in October. The plot markers have been put in place by SE Landscaping Limited.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed not to increase prices in the current financial year and to advertise the cemetery extension in the Flyer and Teesdale Mercury.

77/22 Repair of Whorlton bridge

An update can be found on the Durham County Council website.

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/25171/Whorlton-Bridge-current-programme>

Councillor Saville brought his concerns regarding a speed and weight limit across the bridge.

78/22 Speeding traffic

RESOLVED: Councillors to ask that the proposed gateway be brown instead of white, vegetation should be controlled and the 30mph sign on the road to Barnard Castle should be moved further out.

79/22 Village garden

RESOLVED: Clerk to chase up the form submitted to the Land Registry.

80/22 Path next to the Church

Clerk awaiting a response from Keith Brown who has agreed to repair the path.

RESOLVED: Councillor Fox agreed to contact Mr Brown.

81/22 Christmas tree

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to place the Christmas tree in front of the public house the same as last year.

82/22 New notice board – Westwick

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to purchase a new notice board for Westwick as it would be expensive to get the current one repaired.

83/22 Commemorative tree - plaque

The Village Hall Community Association have purchased a Copper Beech tree and it has been planted.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to allow the installation of a plaque.

84/22 Planning applications arising at late notice

None

85/22 Financial Statement and report

A Receipt and Payments Account dated 30 November 2022 was reviewed by Councillors. The Parish Council need to submit a Precept request by the end of January 2023.

Payment of the following invoices was agreed by Councillors:-

188 – Clerk Salary – Oct / Nov / Dec 2022	£ 866. 42
189 – SE Landscaping Ltd	£2549. 52
190 – Royal British Legion	£ 20. 00
191 - Wordpress	£ 84. 00
192 - Whorlton Village Community Association	£ 36. 00
193 - CDALC (Clerk training)	<u>£ 20. 00</u>
Total	<u>£3575. 94</u>

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct.

86/22 Clerks correspondence

Enviro contractor

RESOLVED: Clerk to get quotes from other contractors as SE Landscaping are unable to continue to carrying out this work.

Warm Space

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that the Parish Council is not big enough to provide a warm space.

Mount Eff Road

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Annalisa Ward of Teesdale Action Partnership and notify her that the problem is with Mount Eff Road not Mount Eff Lane.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

RESOLVED: The date of the next ordinary meeting is 19th January 2023.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 7:34 pm.

19th January 2023, Chairman