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

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6:30pm

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

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

**Clerk:** Alan Dixon

**16/23 Representation by residents**

A resident made Councillors aware of a possible planning application for building work to be carried out in Hallgarth field.

**17/23 Apologies & Interests**

Apologies: Cllr L. Duggan

**18/23 Minutes of Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

**19/23 Cemetery extension update**

The first burial happened today 16<sup>th</sup> March. The layout of the burial plots needs to be redesigned as the Clerk was informed by the gravedigger that the orientation needs to be east / west. The numbers on the grave markers are falling off and need to be replaced.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to purchase a water butt so that residents can water flowers. Chairman to contact WVCA to ask for permission to install it. Chairman agreed to redesign the cemetery layout and to spray the numbers on the grave markers.

**20/23 Repair of Whorlton bridge**

Durham County Council believe that the bridge will be repaired by March 2024. An update can be found on the Durham County Council website.

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

**21/23 Speeding traffic**

Chair and Clerk had a zoom meeting with Highways Department at Durham County Council. Highways have provided a proposed road marking scheme to include dragons teeth, rumble strips and a 30mph sign on the road.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to go ahead with this proposal. Clerk to notify Teasdale Action Partnership that the Parish Council is willing to contribute towards the cost of this work.

**22/23 Village garden**

No feedback at this time.

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**23/23 Path next to the Church**

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to wait for Mr Brown to carry out the work.

**24/23 Mount Eff Road**

Durham County Council are aware of this matter and the necessary signs will be installed.

**25/23 Enviro contractor**

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to accept the quote of £130 per cut from Mill Gardens Ltd but suggested that it should be up to 14 cuts per year. Chairman to liaise with Mill Gardens Ltd to ask if they are willing to trim the public rights of way within the parish..

**26/23 Co-opting a Councillor**

RESOLVED: Chairman asked Councillors to make residents aware that there is a vacant Councillor position and to ask if they are interested. The position to be advertised in The Flyer.

**27/23 Planning applications arising at late notice**

None

**28/23 Financial Statement and report**

A Receipt and Payments Account dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 was reviewed by Councillors.

Payment of the following invoices was agreed by Councillors:-

198 – Clerk Salary – Feb 2023	£ 274. 83
199 - Clerk Salary – March 2023	£ 301. 73
200 - Whorlton Village Community Association	£ 18. 00
201 - Teesdale Mercury	£ 84. 48
202 - CDALC training	<u>£ 50. 00</u>
Total	<u>£ 686. 80</u>

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct.

**29/23 Clerks correspondence**

**May meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be the annual meeting.

**30/23 Members Reports**

**Theatre on the green**

Village Hall Association would like to have the theatre on the green as in previous years.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to allow this to go ahead.

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

RESOLVED: The date of the next ordinary meeting is 18th May 2023.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 7:16 pm.

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18<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Chairman .....