

At a Meeting of
**WHORLTON AND WESTWICK
PARISH COUNCIL**
On Thursday 18th May 2023 at 6:30pm

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

Also Present: Ann Woodward, Lynn Honeyman, Mary Stastny, Brenda Bayles, E. Bayles,
Mr M Westgarth (Residents)

Clerk: Alan Dixon

31/23 Representation by residents

Mr & Mrs Bayles from South Thorpe brought to the attention of Councillors the below planning application which they believed would have an impact on the residents of Whorlton.

Barnard Castle East/

Wycliffe Witt

West South	DM/23/01275/PA	Newsham Hall	Land North \	Prior Approval	Jill Conroy
			South Thorp	lagoon for the :	
			Wycliffe	slurry 60m by 4	Delegated
			DL12 9TU	metre high bur	

Councillor Stastny declared an interest in this matter.

RESOLVED: Although the location of the work to be carried out does not lie with the boundaries of Whorlton and Westwick, Councillors felt that the environmental impact of a slurry lagoon may affect residents living in Whorlton. They therefore agreed to write to Durham County Council planning department asking for a full planning application to be submitted so that more information would need to be provided to interested parties.

32/23 Apologies & Interests

Apologies: Cllr I. Pollock

33/23 Minutes of Meeting 16th March 2023

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

34/23 Cemetery extension update

The Chairman informed Councillors that due to a miscommunication with the new contractor, the grass within the Cemetery had not been cut until recently. A complaint had been received from a resident. The plans for the Cemetery have now been redrawn with burial plots facing East instead of North.

A resident has kindly cut the grass again, and removed the cuttings, in time for the next burial which is to take place on the 30th of May. Mill Gardens Ltd have quoted a price to cut the grass in the Cemetery.

RESOLVED: Councillors wished to thank the resident for their hard work. Councillors and Clerk to get further quotes for cutting the grass in the Cemetery.

35/23 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>

36/23 Speeding traffic

Clerk has been informed by Teesdale Action Partnership that they are awaiting the confirmation of funding for this project from County Councillors.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to wait for confirmation.

37/23 Village garden

The relevant reports have been submitted to Durham Land Registry.

38/23 Path next to the Church

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

39/23 Enviro contractor

Mill Gardens Limited the new Contractor responsible for cutting the village green has now started work. Councillors felt that the grass should be cut shorter.

RESOLVED: Clerk to discuss cutting the Parish paths with the contractor although it was felt that the most important path was the one from the Church to the water works.

40/23 Proposed slurry lagoon. Land North West Of South Thorpe, Wycliffe

See Representation by Residents.

41/23 Planning applications arising at late notice

None

42/23 Financial Statement and report

A Receipt and Payments Account dated 28th April 2023 was reviewed by Councillors. The Clerk informed Councillors that he has submitted Form 126 to reclaim VAT to HM Revenue & Customs.

Payment of the following invoices was agreed by Councillors:-

203 –	Clerk Salary – April 2023	£ 260. 98
204 -	Clerk Salary – May 2023	£ 260. 98
205 -	Whorlton Village Community Association	£ 18. 00
206 -	Teesdale Mercury	£ 84. 48
207 -	CDALC – annual subscription	£ 35. 60
208 –	SLCC – annual membership	£ 73. 00
209 –	Play Safety Limited – play area inspection	£ 90. 00
210 -	Wordpress - website	£ 19. 20
211 -	Wel Medical - Defibrillator pads	£ 71. 94
212 -	ICCM – annual membership	£ 95. 00
213 -	Zurich Municipal – Insurance	£ 390. 52
214 -	Mill Gardens Ltd – grass cutting	<u>£ 312. 00</u>

Total

£1711. 70

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct. Councillors agreed to use Allen Sykes Accountants again as internal auditors in relation to the AGAR Report, due to the difficulty in find another company to carry out this work. Councillors approved the 2022/23 Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements, and they were signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

44/23 Clerks correspondence

Clerk informed Councillors that he has arranged for the play area to be inspected for insurance purposes.

45/23 Members Reports

The Bridge Inn

The owners of The Bridge Inn have offered to gift tables and benches to the village.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to accept this offer and that they should be put on the Councils asset register.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

RESOLVED: The date of the next ordinary meeting is 20th July 2023.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 7:12 pm.

20th July 2023, Chairman