

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

On Thursday 21st September 2023 at 6:30pm

Present: Cllr George Stastny (Chair), Cllr M. Saville, Cllr T. Honeyman,
Cllr I. Pollock, Cllr L. Duggan,

Also Present: A Boddy, B Ramsey, C Simpson (Residents)

Clerk: Alan Dixon

61/23 Representation by residents
None

62/23 Apologies & Interests
Apologies: Cllr N Fox, Cllr S. Dickinson

63/23 Minutes of Meeting 20th July 2023 and 31st August 2023
The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

64/23 Whorlton Parish Council Cemetery update
Amanda Long has agreed to maintain the Parish Council cemetery. The enclosure round the holly tree has been removed. Clerk asked Councillors if they would consider the use of software to manage the cemetery records and that this why the Parish Council purchased a laptop. The Parish Council will continue to advertise the cemetery in the Teesdale Mercury after a short break.

RESOLVED:
Councillors agreed to continue with manual records instead of using a software package as they felt this was sufficient and software costs could rise.

65/23 Repair of Whorlton bridge
Chairman informed Councillors that the company who are due to carry out the bridge repair are reported to be starting work imminently and have experience of repairing a similar bridge in Scotland.

66/23 Speeding traffic
Clerk has been informed by Teesdale Action Partnership that the materials for the planned works have been ordered and they were awaiting a schedule of works from the Highways Department at Durham County Council.

67/23 Proposed slurry lagoon. Land Northwest Of South Thorpe, Wycliffe
Pre-approval / planning application decision is still pending. A report from ELG planning sent to Jill Conroy, Development Management at Durham County Council has been circulated to Councillors.

68/23 Planning applications arising at late notice.

- [Installation of ground based solar panels for domestic power source](#) 

The Oaks Winston Darlington DL2 3PT

Ref. No: DM/23/O2239/FPA | Received: Tue 25 Jul 2023 | Validated: Tue 08 Aug 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

- [Prior notification for erection of agricultural livestock building](#)

West Whorley Hill Whorley Hill Winston Darlington DL2 3PT

Ref. No: DM/23/O2577/PNA | Received: Thu 24 Aug 2023 | Validated: Thu 24 Aug 2023 | Status: Pending Decision

RESOLVED: Councillors neither agreed with nor objected to the above planning applications.

69/23 Financial Statement and report

A Receipt and Payments Account dated 31st August 2023 was reviewed by Councillors. A bank account for the Parish Council Cemetery is now open. £10,495 has been transferred into this account.

Payment of the following invoices was agreed by Councillors:-

228 –	Clerk Salary – August 2023	£ 261. 38
229 -	Clerk Salary – September 2023	£ 288. 28
230 -	The Flyer	£ 30. 00
231 -	Mill Gardens	£ 780. 00
232 -	Whorlton VCA	£ 27. 00
	Total	<u>£1386. 66</u>

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct.

70/23 Clerks correspondence

None

71/23 Members Reports

Christmas Tree

A Christmas Tree will be installed on the village green with agreement of the Parish Council. Clerk informed Councillors that events on the village green are covered by the Parish

Council's insurance policy.

Draft of Agenda

Chairman asked for a draft of the agenda before it is sent out.

Signs Mount Eff Lane

Councillor Saville notified Councillors the "Not Suitable for Heavy Vehicles" sign at the top of Mount Eff lane is down / missing. Lots of unsuitable trucks have been caught out. Clerk informed Councillors that he has already reported this to Durham County Council.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

RESOLVED: The date of the next ordinary meeting is 16th November 2023.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 7:05 pm.

16th November 2023, Chairman