

At a Meeting of
WHORLTON AND WESTWICK
PARISH COUNCIL
On Thursday 20th July 2023 at 6:30pm

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

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

Clerk: Alan Dixon

46/23 Representation by residents

None

RESOLVED:

47/23 Apologies & Interests

Apologies: Cllr N Fox,

48/23 Minutes of Meeting 18th May 2023

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

**49/23 Cemetery extension update / Water Butt / Advertising / Cemetery Soil / Insurance status
volunteer work to cemetery / petrol mower – funding available**

Mark Tully has given a quote for £376 to install a water butt. Another burial and interment plot have been reserved. Councillor Stastny and his wife are happy to continue cutting the grass in the cemetery.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to continue advertising the cemetery in the Teesdale Mercury and The Flyer. Funding for a petrol lawnmower is available but is currently not needed. Councillors agreed to have a wild flower area in the centre of the cemetery with a budget of £100 for the materials. Councillors agreed to store excess soil from burials in the corner of the cemetery. Councillors agreed to accept the quote for the installation of the water butt. Councillors agreed to accept the offer of a 2 seater bench for the cemetery, from a resident. Clerk to get quotes for cemetery software.

50/23 Repair of Whorlton bridge

The Parish Council have been informed there is not enough funding to repair the bridge as there has been a change in the contractor. There is to be a County Council meeting this week to discuss this matter.

RESOLVED: If there is not a positive outcome to the planned meeting, Councillors agreed to try and bring pressure on Durham County Council to get the bridge repaired possibly through contacting local and national press.

51/23 Speeding traffic

Clerk has been informed by Teesdale Action Partnership that funding is in place. He is awaiting the invoice from Durham County Council for the Parish Council's share of the costs.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact County Councillors notifying them that we are waiting to be invoiced before work can commence.

52/23 Enviro contractor

RESOLVED: Chairman to speak to the contractor to try and get the cut grass spread evenly across the village green.

53/23 Proposed slurry lagoon. Land North West Of South Thorpe, Wycliffe

Planning decision is pending.

54/23 Planning applications arising at late notice

T1 – Single stem ash. T2 – double stem ash. Both to fell as they are dying due to 'ash dieback' (hymenoscyphus fraxineus).

Land South East Of The Old Vicarage Whorlton DL12 8XD

Ref. No: DM/23/01596/TCA | Received: Thu 01 Jun 2023 | Validated: Thu 01 Jun 2023 | Status: Decided

Variation of condition no.2 (approved plans) of application DM/22/03222/FPA to allow insertion of conservations style velux roof windows in the rear roof slope.

6 Grange Terrace Whorlton Barnard Castle DL12 8UY

Ref. No: DM/23/01446/VOC | Received: Mon 22 May 2023 | Validated: Tue 23 May 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Discharge Condition 4 (Roofing and Joinery Materials) and 6 (Written scheme of investigation) pursuant to Planning Permission DM/22/03222/FPA and Listed Building Consent DM/22/03223/LB

6 Grange Terrace Whorlton Barnard Castle DL12 8UY

Ref. No: DM/23/01259/DRC | Received: Wed 03 May 2023 | Validated: Tue 23 May 2023 | Status: Unknown

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

55/23 Financial Statement and report

A Receipt and Payments Account dated 30th June 2023 was reviewed by Councillors.

Payment of the following invoices was agreed by Councillors:-

215 –	Clerk Salary – June 2023	£ 316. 73
216 -	Clerk Salary – July 2023	£ 297. 48
217 -	Whorlton Village Community Association	£ 18. 00
218 -	Teesdale Mercury	£ 42. 24
219 -	K Brown	£ 120. 00

222 -	K Brown	£ 700. 00
223 -	Allen Sykes	£ 510. 00
226 -	Mill Gardens Ltd – grass cutting	£ 780. 00
227 -	Durham County Council	<u>£ 557. 00</u>
	Total	<u>£3341. 45</u>

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct.

56/23 Clerks correspondence

Lampost EV Charging points

Councillors felt there is no need for lamppost charging points in the village.

Tree planting

The cost of planting trees on the road between Whorlton and Westwick is prohibitive.

Grant for E-bike

There are currently no grants available.

57/23 Members Reports

Whorlton Village Community Association

WVCA may need to ask for permission to relocate the position for the Christmas tree.

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

RESOLVED: The date of the next ordinary meeting is 21st September 2023.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 7:30pm.

21st September 2023, Chairman