

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

On Thursday 18th January 2024 at 6:30pm

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

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

Clerk: Alan Dixon

01/24 Representation by residents

Mrs Boddy asked for an update regarding proposed traffic calming measures due to be installed by Durham County Council. She stated that as there have been no updates from Durham County Council for many months and she felt it would be a good idea to contact her local County Councillor. Clerk informed members and residents that the Parish Council had paid the DCC invoice and were just awaiting the works schedule from the County Council.

02/24 Apologies & Interests

Apologies: Cllr T. Honeyman, Cllr S. Dickinson

03/24 Minutes of Meeting 23rd November 2023

The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved.

04/24 Whorlton Parish Council Cemetery update

Nothing further to report.

05/24 Repair of Whorlton bridge

The Chairman informed Councillors that the contractors carrying out the repairs to Whorlton Bridge have approval from Heritage England. Below is a link to the Durham County Council website showing the program of works.

[Whorlton Bridge - current programme - Durham County Council](#)

06/24 Speeding traffic

See representation by residents.

07/24 Signs Mount Eff Road.

There are still no signs on this road.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Durham County Council asking for an update.

08/24 Grass cutting

Clerk informed Councillors that he had advertised the grass cutting work through Bark and Rated People. Only one quote of £285 per cut was received.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact other Parish Clerks to ask who they use and also advertise this work in the Teesdale Mercury and Flyer.

09/24 Tenders for works. Monitoring of the work. Costs and quality verses the quote

Councillor Pollock asked for a written procedure to monitor work that has been carried out on behalf of the Parish Council and checks to be carried out whether the outcome is what was specified on the quote. Councillors are unhappy that the water butt installed outside the village hall is half the size of what was quoted but there was no reduction in the price.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Tully's Electrical asking them to install the agreed size water butt as Councillors are unhappy. Councillors agreed to set up a WhatsApp Group to aid communication between the Clerk and Councillors. Members also agreed that any work carried out on behalf of the Parish Council should be checked by at least one Councillor before payment for this work is made.

10/24 Planning applications arising at late notice.

Widening of vehicular access and associated works

Land West Of Hoy House Winston DL2 3PX

Ref. No: DM/24/00014/FPA | Received: Thu 04 Jan 2024 | Validated: Thu 04 Jan 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

Replacement conservatory

Lilac Cottage Whorlton Barnard Castle DL12 8XA

Ref. No: DM/23/03735/LB | Received: Mon 11 Dec 2023 | Validated: Wed 20 Dec 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of an agricultural shed for machinery, feed and seasonal lambing purposes

Etherley House Winston Darlington DL2 3PT

Ref. No: DM/23/03649/FPA | Received: Mon 04 Dec 2023 | Validated: Mon 04 Dec 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

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

11/24 Financial Statement and report

A Receipt and Payments Account dated 31st December 2023 was reviewed by Councillors.

Payment of the following invoices was agreed by Councillors:-

239 – Clerk Salary – December 2023	£ 319. 30
240 - Clerk Salary – January 2024	£ 278. 88
241 - Teesdale Mercury	£ 84. 48
242 - Wordpress	£ 100. 80
243 - The Flyer	£ 30. 00
244 - Whorlton VCA	<u>£ 18. 00</u>
Total	<u>£ 831. 46</u>

RESOLVED: All financial matters agreed as being correct.

12/24 Clerks correspondence

None

13/24 Members Reports

None

Date for the next Parish Council Meeting:

RESOLVED: The date of the next ordinary meeting is 21st March 2024.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 7:07 pm.

21st March 2024, Chairman