

## WITTON – LE – WEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Witton le Wear Parish Council held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2017** in the Community Centre, Witton le Wear commencing at **6.15pm**

**Present:** Councillors O Wilson (Chair), K. Quigley, E. Swift, T. Parkinson, E. Todd

**Also Present:** B. Gilbert, A. Dixon (Parish Council Clerk)

**Apologies:** B. Henderson, M. Henderson, Andrew Heathcote

**Declaration of interest:** None

**53/17 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.**  
Minutes agreed as being accurate and correct.

**54/17 Matters arising from the previous minutes.**

**1. Speeding traffic**

Councillor Wilson to attend next AAP meeting and Councillor Quigley to contact County Councillor John Shuttleworth.

**2. Black Path**

No further correspondence at this time.

**It was resolved:**

Await further correspondence from Hewitts Solicitors.

**3. Cricket Club**

Parish Council has been approached by the local Cricket Club but we are still waiting for one of the members to attend a Parish Council meeting.

**4. Public Right of Way between Witton Le Wear & Howden Le Wear**

The result of the recent public meeting held in Crook was that this should be a public right of way for walkers, cyclists and people riding horses but not to be used for road traffic.

**5. Dog Fouling**

Parish Council Clerk emailed Will Clifton, Neighbourhood Warden Team Leader (South) at Durham County Council notifying him of areas of concern where dog fouling is taking place on a regular basis and was informed that due to the introduction of a new **Dog Control Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)** all signage will all be changing as of 1<sup>st</sup> June. These dog fouling hot spots will be included in the re-signing process and will be monitored for any offences.

**6. Telephone Box**

Refurbishment of the telephone box is now complete apart from the defibrillator decals. Tim Mckellar has kindly supplied and fitted shelves to the inside of the telephone box.

**7. Grass Cutting / Parish Walk Maps**

Clerk informed members that the Parish Council have received 3 quotes for this work the lowest from Landscaping was £510 plus VAT per visit. Councillors agreed to accept this quote. The first cut to be done late May early June.

**It was resolved:**

Parish Clerk to thank all those who tendered for this work and notify SE landscaping to accept their quote.

**55/17 Representation by Residents**  
None

**56/17 Financial Statement and report**

Balance of Current Account, Deposit Account and Cash £15,517.81 as at 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. The Council have received the annual Precept of £5784.00. Receipt and Payments Account attached to these minutes. Councillors agreed payment of invoice 158 to 160 as follows:

158 - A. Dixon Salary, Training + Travel Costs	£159.75
159 - CDALC Annual subscription	£ 95.03
160 – DCC (Circular walks maps)	<u>£395.00</u>
Total	<u>£649.78</u>

**It was resolved:**

All financial matters agreed as being correct.

**57/17 Planning Matters**  
Nothing to report at this time.

**58/17 Clerks/Correspondence**  
Dealt with in 54/17 – 4 and 54/17 – 6. Clerk also made Councillors aware of a training session available for Councillors. This might be of interest to new Councillors.

**59/17 Neighbourhood and Parish Plan.**  
Nothing to report at this time.

**60/17 Members Reports**  
Councillors have been asked by residents to report on the following matters:-

Councillors discussed what facilities could be made available to village residents. Two ideas were the provision of a monthly bus trip for older residents who live off the main bus route and also providing training on how to make the most of the internet for people who cannot use a computer. The possibility of providing a couple of computers to be used by residents within the Community Centre was also discussed.

**It was resolved:**

An article on these two ideas to be put in the Witton Word.

**61/17 Chairman's report**

**Village Fayre**

Chairman asked for help in running in this event, the aim of which is to raise money for the community centre. Councillors felt that a small fund should be made available to pay for entertainment.

**62/17 Any other business**

None

**63/17 Date and Time of the next Meeting**

The next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, **2017** in the Community Centre, Witton le Wear commencing at 6.15pm.

The meeting finished at 7:15 p.m.