

WITTON – LE – WEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Witton le Wear Parish Council held on **Monday 14th May, 2018** in the Community Centre, Witton le Wear commencing at **6.15pm**

Present: Councillors B. Henderson (Chair), M. Henderson, T. Parkinson, E. Swift, E. Todd, K. Quigley, P. Cowan, O. Wilson

Also Present: A. Dixon (Parish Council Clerk), Victoria Gibson, Jamie Adamson

Apologies: None

Declaration of interest: B Henderson (Planning matters).

45/18 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 9th April, 2018.
Minutes agreed as being accurate and correct.

46/18 Matters arising from the previous minutes.

1. Speeding traffic

Councillor Quigley to attend the next PACT meeting on 23rd May, 2018. He informed Councillors that he is enquiring into the implementation of a 20 mph zone, if not through the village then possibly outside the village school.

2. Youth Club

Councillor B Henderson has spoken to Lynne Docherty regarding this matter. Discussions are still taking place with reference to funding and training of a suitable person to work with the children.

3. Witton Word

5 day rule

Councillors discussed whether the Witton Word should be edited prior to the publication.

Letters to the Editor / Witton Word

Councillor Cowan felt that Letters to Editor is a good way for residents to communicate with Councillors.

It was resolved:

It was agreed that there should be a meeting with John Wheeler to clarify whether the Witton Word needs to be checked by a Parish Councillor before its publication.

4. Ideas for future projects

Repairs to the white fence at the bottom of the village green

County Council has agreed to supply the paint and Councillor B Henderson has volunteers who are willing to paint the fence.

47/18 Representation by Residents

None

48/18 Financial Statement and report

Balance of Current Account, Deposit Account and Cash £10488.06 as at 30th April, 2018. Councillor Cowan asked that an amount should be placed in earmarked reserves for the possibility of an election or by-election in the future. Parish Council's passbook account is to be changed so that transfers from this account cannot be done online.

A Receipt and Payments Account is attached to these minutes. Councillors agreed payment of invoice 199 – 200 as follows:

199 –	Mr A. Dixon (Clerk – April Salary)	£128.50
200 –	Mr B. Henderson (Enviro)	<u>£ 29.99</u>
	Total	<u>£158.49</u>

It was resolved:

All financial matters agreed as being correct. Councillors agreed to put an amount of £1200 in earmarked reserves for a possible future election.

49/18 Planning Matters

Planning work regarding Tyvonney is still ongoing. Councillor Cowan made members aware that the Parish Councils in the North Yorkshire area where he works have a standard form to reply to

Mr Jamie Adamson – The Chines, West End – No objections

Mr Phil Dunn – 7 School Street – No objections

50/18 Clerks/Correspondence

Clerk made Councillors aware of changes to the Parish Council's Risk Assessment due to the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulations on 25th May, 2018.

51/18 Neighbourhood and Parish Plan.

Nothing to report at this time.

52/18 Members Reports

Councillors have been asked by residents to report on the following matters:-

Website

A resident has asked why the Parish Council website is not operational. Councillor Wilson suggested contacting Richard Rowland who could possibly

help us get it back up and running. Councillor Cowan suggested advertising the Parish Council Facebook page in the Witton Word.

It was resolved:

Councillor Wilson agreed to speak to Richard Rowland and ask for his help in getting the website back up and running. Agenda for next months meeting to be put on the Parish Council Facebook page.

Parking outside the school

A resident has complained about a car parked across their drive when the driver was dropping a child off at the school. When the resident had approached the driver to complain they had been extremely abusive. Councillor Wilson said these problems have been going on for years and it is difficult to find a solution.

53/18 Chairman's Report

Notice Board at Wear Valley Junction

Chairman made members aware that the notice board at Wear Valley Junction is in need of repair. Councillor Henderson said he knows a joiner who could repair the notice board.

Clerk asked members to consider whether residents can read minutes inside the notice board outside the Community Centre as it is quite a distance from the wall.

It was resolved:

Councillors agreed to get quotes to repair or replace the notice board at Wear Valley Junction.

Donation for Village Fayre

Councillors agreed to give a donation of £65 to the Community Association to cover the cost of printing raffle tickets for the prize draw.

54/18 Any other business

None

55/18 Date and Time of the next Meeting

The next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 9th June, **2018** in the Community Centre, Witton le Wear commencing at 6:15pm.

The meeting finished at 8:30 p.m.