

WITTON – LE – WEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Witton le Wear Parish Council held on **Monday 11th February, 2019** in the Community Centre, Witton le Wear commencing at **6.15pm**

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

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

Apologies: None

Declaration of interest: None

12/19 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 14th January, 2019.
Minutes agreed as being accurate and correct.

13/19 Matters arising from the previous minutes.

1. Speeding traffic

Clerk has been in touch with the Neighbourhood Policing Team asking about the Community Speedwatch initiative and is awaiting a reply.

Community Speedwatch Area signs to be taken down and put back up at a later date

2. Youth Club

The new Youth Club started again on Wednesday 6th February between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. and 13 young people (aged 10 and over) attended. The Parish Council has contributed £1,500 towards running costs.

3. New village signs

Councillor B Henderson is to mark out the position for the holes for the new sign and has sourced the equipment and materials to install it.

4. Subsidised transport

Nothing further to report at this time.

5. Gates on public footpath near Little Marshall Green Farm

Parish Council has now received 3 quotes for this work. Councillors agreed to use SE Landscaping Ltd who will install a steel gate and new posts.

It was resolved:

Clerk to inform SE Landscaping Ltd that the Parish Council has accepted their quote and to ask that the work be carried out prior to the end of March so that it can be covered by the current financial years Enviro grant.

6. It's your neighbourhood grant.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should claim the full £500 match funded grant. Councillor Cowan has been informed that it will take an extremely large amount of bulbs to give a worthwhile display in the areas of the village that we plan to cover.

7. Tree grant

Councillors agreed to wait until the end of March to plant the tree allowing the Brownies to take part.

8. Archiving of Parish Council records.

Archivist from Durham County Council records office visited the Community Centre and took away Parish Council records that are not currently needed. Chairman found information that will help with the preparation of the Parish Plan.

9. Lights for the Village Green

Chairman still waiting to be contacted by the relevant organisations responsible for putting in the electricity feeder box and providing the lights.

10. Website

Councillors to source photographs for the website as it is a little drab.

11. Bins at North Lodge

After contacting Durham County Council on a number of occasions these bins have still not been emptied. The problem being that these bins are not dog or waste bins but are for the owners of North Lodge.

It was resolved:

Councillor B Henderson to contact Durham County Council again asking that these bins be emptied and put back behind the gates out of sight of dog walkers.

14/19 Representation by Residents

None

15/19 Financial Statement and Report

Balance of Current Account, Deposit Account and Cash £10,635.55 as at 31st January, 2019.

A Receipt and Payments Account can be found on the Parish Council website. Councillors agreed payment of invoice 236 – 240 as follows:

236 –	Mr A. Dixon (Clerk Salary January)	£ 172. 60
237 –	HMRC PAYE	£ 38. 40
238 –	Mr J. Wheeler (Witton Word)	£ 12. 60
239 –	Eli Press (Witton Word)	£ 128. 07
240 –	Youth Club	<u>£1500. 00</u>
	Total	<u>£1851. 67</u>

It was resolved:

All financial matters agreed as being correct.

16/19 Planning Matters

No planning applications to discuss

17/19 Clerks/Correspondence

Nothing to report at this time.

18/19 Neighbourhood and Parish Plan.
Councillor Cowan informed members that there are 5 volunteers willing to help with the preparation of the Parish Plan. Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 13th March at 7p.m. in the Dun Cow.

It was resolved:

Councillor Todd to put details of the meeting on the Witton Le Wear Parish Council Facebook Page.

19/19 Members Reports

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

Cleared land around the railway platform

Councillors agreed the purchase of seed for the cleared land around the railway platform.

It was resolved:

Councillor Swift to contact Nik from Lawn Hero to agree the purchase of grass and wildflower seed to be spread after the final weedkilling spray has been carried out.

Red Deer

The remains of 2 red deer have been removed from the river. It is believed they were dumped there by someone from the Crook area.

Paramedics

Three Paramedics with Rapid Response Vehicles are currently working in the Durham Dales Area. This service has been very well received by patients. It saves demand on Doctor and Hospital appointments as well as patient travelling issues. The scheme is funded until 2021.

Doctors Surgery

A new system is to be implemented into Doctors Surgeries to help people who struggle to get to a Doctors appointment. It will be possible to go online and email symptoms to your Doctor who will reply saying whether a face to face Doctors appointment is needed or whether a consultation can be done over the phone or by email.

Village Fayre

A meeting of the Village Fayre committee is to be held on the last Thursday of February at around 7p.m.

20/19 Chairman's Report

Chairman told members that it is feared that plans to build a large number of new houses in the Weardale area cannot be good news as the current support infrastructure is struggling to cope with the current number of residents.

21/19 Any other business

None

22/19 Date and Time of the next Meeting

The next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 11th March, 2019 in the Community Centre, Witton le Wear commencing at 6:15pm.

The meeting finished at 7:10 p.m.