

WITTON – LE – WEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Witton le Wear Parish Council held on **Monday 29th June 2020** via Zoom commencing at **6.00pm**

Present: Councillors P. Cowan (Chair), M. Henderson, B. Henderson, E. Swift, S. Brabban, E. Todd

Also Present: A. Dixon (Parish Council Clerk)

Apologies: O. Wilson, K. Quigley

Declaration of interest: None

34/20 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 9th March 2020.
Minutes agreed as being accurate and correct.

35/20 Matters arising from the previous minutes.

1. Speeding traffic

Councillor to remove community speedwatch signs.

2. Lights for the Village Green

The electricity feeder box has now been installed. Chairman has been in contact with Angelina Maddison from Weardale AAP who has promised to look into finding a company to fit a meter and find out whether it is possible to get funding to get the electric cable under the road onto the village green.

3. Website

Chris Parkinson has kindly supplied the Clerk with aerial photographs of the village which have been added to the website.

4. Witton Park Bridge

Repairs to Witton Park bridge will start shortly.

5. Parking outside Low Barns Nature Reserve.

Clerk is awaiting a response from Durham County Council.

6. Church path

Nothing further to report at this time.

7. Trees, bird boxes and bee hotels

Councillor Todd updated Councillors on the current position.

It was resolved: Councillor Todd to contact the manager at Low Barns Nature Reserve to rearrange the meeting that was cancelled due to COVID-19.

8. Seats and notice boards

Councillor B. Henderson told Councillors that he has started to get quotes for a new seat.

It was resolved: Councillors agreed to wait to get more quotes once businesses start to re-open.

9. Village clean up

Councillors agreed to go ahead with the village clean up as this seems to have been appreciated by residents when it was done in Autumn last year.

10. Potholes

Councillor B Henderson informed Councillors that he had reported a number of potholes within Witton Le Wear to Durham County Council using the councils "Do It Online" webpage <https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk/>

It was resolved: Councillor Cowan to put an article in the Witton Word informing residents how to report issues to Durham County Council.

36/20 Representation by Residents

There were none.

37/20 Financial Statement and Report

Balance of Current Account, Deposit Account and Cash £12,265.39 as of 31st May 2020. Parish Council Precept of £6,789.00 was received on 3 April. Clerk has submitted a VAT Claim form to HM Revenue & Customs and a refund of £1,413.09 was received on 28 May.

A Receipt and Payments Account can be found on the Parish Council website. Councillors agreed payment of invoice 296 – 305 as follows:

296 –	Eli Press	£ 133. 20
297 –	CDALC	£ 54. 00
298 –	Mr A Dixon (Clerk Salary April & May)	£ 345. 00
299 –	CDALC	£ 95. 63
300 -	HMRC PAYE	£ 77. 00
301 -	Mr J Wheeler (Witton Word)	£ 15. 72
302 -	SLCC	£ 46. 00
303 -	Mr A Dixon (Clerk Salary June)	£ 172. 60
304 -	HMRC PAYE	£ 38. 40
305 -	SE Landscaping	<u>£ 612. 00</u>
	Total	<u>£1589. 55</u>

It was resolved:

All financial matters agreed as being correct.

38/20 Planning Matters

Reference: DM/20/01676/TCA
Address: Pine Crest The Copse Witton-le-Wear Bishop Auckland DL14 0BA
Proposal: Crown reduction up to 3m and crown shape up to 3.5m, reduction of lateral limbs and removal of deadwood to T1. Beech Tree

It was resolved: Councillors neither agree with or object to this planning application

39/20 Clerks Correspondence

Councillors Code of Conduct

Clerk asked Councillors to review the new Councillors Code of Conduct and email him any responses by the middle of July.

40/20 Neighbourhood and Parish Plan.
Councillors agreed to think about targets they would like to be put on the Parish Council Action Plan.

41/20 Members Reports
Councillors have been asked by residents to report on the following matters :-

Notice boards
Councillor Brabban informed Councillors she would be painting the notice boards over the next couple of weekends.

Railway sign
Railway sign has been repaired.

Hanging baskets and tubs
Councillor M Henderson to chase up the delivery of the hanging baskets.

42/20 Chairman's Report
Nothing to report

43/20 Any other business
None

44/20 Date and Time of the next Meeting
The next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 3rd August **2020** via Zoom commencing at 6:00pm.

The meeting finished at 6:53 p.m.