

## WITTON – LE – WEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Witton le Wear Parish Council held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020** via Zoom commencing at **6.00pm**

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

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

**Apologies:** E. Todd, K. Quigley

**Declaration of interest:** None

**56/20 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020.**  
Minutes agreed as being accurate and correct.

**57/20 Matters arising from the previous minutes.**

**1. Speeding traffic**

Nothing to report

**It was resolved:**

Clerk to email David Battensby at Durham County Council to ask for an update on when the SLOW signs will be reinstated on the village roads and also to ask if speed bumps could be installed on the top road in the village.

**2. Lights for the Village Green**

Chairman informed Councillors that the electricity meter has now been installed.

**3. Website**

Clerk updated Councillors on work carried out by Entwine Solutions to prepare an Accessibility Statement for the Witton le Wear Parish Council website in line with website accessibility regulations which come into force on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**4. Parking outside Low Barns Nature Reserve.**

Nothing further to report at this time.

**5. Church path**

Nothing further to report at this time.

**It was resolved:**

Clerk to email Owen Shaw at Durham County Council, Public Rights of Way Department to ask for an update.

**6. Trees, bird boxes and bee hotels**

Parish Council to investigate planting more trees and bulbs around the base of existing trees on the village green.

**7. Seats and notice boards**

The notice board at Engineman's Terrace still needs repainting. The Parish Council are getting quotes to purchase a new seat for walkers on the footpath near the railway line.

## 8. Village clean up

The village clean up was completed by SE Landscaping.

### 58/20 Representation by Residents

There were none.

### 59/20 Financial Statement and Report

Balance of Current Account, Deposit Account and Cash £10,802.95 as of 31st August 2020.

A Receipt and Payments Account can be found on the Parish Council website. Councillors agreed payment of invoice 310 – 321 as follows:

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| 310 – SE Landscaping (Enviro)               | £ 408. 00        |
| 311 – Miss Y. Jabari (Audit)                | £ 50. 00         |
| 312 – Mr A Dixon (Clerk Salary - September) | £ 197. 70        |
| 313 – HMRC PAYE                             | £ 44. 80         |
| 314 – Entwine Solutions                     | £ 105. 00        |
| 315 – Glasdon (Dog waste bags)              | £ 46. 91         |
| 316 – SE Landscaping (Enviro)               | £ 612. 00        |
| 317 – WEL Medical (Defibrillator Battery)   | £ 192. 00        |
| 318 – Zoom (Meeting costs)                  | £ 14. 39         |
| 319 – S Brabban (Noticeboard expenses)      | £ 21. 99         |
| 320 – Zoom (Meeting costs)                  | £ 14. 39         |
| 321 – Eli Press (Witton Word)               | £ 137. 43        |
| Total                                       | <u>£1844. 61</u> |

#### It was resolved:

All financial matters agreed as being correct.

### 60/20 Planning Matters

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5 Carrs Terrace High Street Witton-le-Wear Bishop Auckland DL14

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Ref. No: DM/20/02555/FPA | Received: Mon 07 Sep 2020 | Validated: Tue 08

Sep 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration

Councillors discussed the above planning application and there were no objections.

### 61/20 Clerks Correspondence

Nothing to report

### 62/20 Neighbourhood and Parish Plan.

Councillors agreed to think about objectives they would like to include in the Parish Council Action Plan.

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**Members Reports**

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

**Vehicles parked on the pavement**

There are car parking issues relating to a BT van parked at the entrance to St James Gardens. It is parked fully on the pavement and is preventing wheelchair users from being able to access the pavement.

**Local MP**

Richard Holden MP held a surgery at the Dun Cow pub and there was good feedback from it.

**Work to trees on the Village Green**

A resident has asked about having branches removed from the trunks of trees on the village green.

**It was resolved:**

Clerk to contact Durham County Council to ask if this work can be done.

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**Chairman's Report**

The chairman has been approached about getting the barns at the rear of the Dun Cow pub registered as a listed building.

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**Any other business**

None

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**Date and Time of the next Meeting**

The next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October **2020** via Zoom commencing at 6:00pm.

The meeting finished at 6:40 p.m.