

WITTON – LE – WEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Witton le Wear Parish Council held on **Monday 8th March 2021** 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: K. Quigley, E. Todd

Declaration of interest: None

23/21 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 8th February 2021.
Minutes agreed as being accurate and correct.

24/21 Matters arising from the previous minutes.

1. Speeding traffic

Nothing to report at this time.

2. Trees and bulbs

Councillors waiting to see where bulbs need to be planted.

It was resolved: Councillor Cowan to make a note of where bulbs are growing and where bulbs could be planted.

3. Information Boards

Nothing to report at this time.

4. Witton word

Councillors hope to produce the next issue of the Witton Word in May.

It was resolved: John Wheeler to contact advertisers and contributors to the Witton Word to update them on how the Witton Word will be produced in the future.
Councillor Wilson to meet with the owner of Eli Press.

5. Village tidy up

The tidy up has been delayed due to the recent bad weather and will happen once the weather improves.

6. Fence on the village green

Clerk updated Councillors on this matter.

It was resolved: Clerk to email Jill Errington at Durham County Council and ask her to forward a request to carry out a tree survey on the village green and replace the fence at the bottom of green, to the relevant departments.

7. Cars parked on Station Road

The van blocking the pavement on Station Road has changed.

8. Dog fouling

Chair updated Councillors on this matter.

It was resolved: Parish Council to continue to monitor this problem.

9. Erosion of the riverbank

Councillor B Henderson has received a letter of support from Witton le Wear Fly Fishers requesting that the river bank be repaired.

10. Community centre

The Community Association is currently in the process of appointing new Trustees.

25/21 Representation by Residents

None

26/21 Financial Statement and Report

Balance of Current Account, Deposit Account and Cash £16935.85 as of 28th February 2021. Clerk has finally received the invoice from Durham County Council for the electrical work to fit the Christmas lights.

A Receipt and Payments Account can be found on the Parish Council website. Councillors agreed payment of invoice 341 – 343 as follows:

341 – Mr A Dixon (Clerk Salary - March)	£ 216. 25
342 – CDALC (Elections Training)	£ 10. 00
343 – Durham County Council (Christmas lights)	<u>£9360. 00</u>
Total	<u>£9586. 25</u>

It was resolved:

All financial matters agreed as being correct.

27/21 Planning Matters

Demolition of existing garage and construction of dwelling – 3 High Street, Witton le Wear

A resident has asked why the public right of way leading onto High Street still remains closed.

It was resolved: Councillor Cowan to check whether an extension for the closure of this path has been requested.

28/21 Clerks Correspondence

Parking opposite the Nature reserve

After receiving really good photographic evidence from Councillor B Henderson, Clerk sent it on to Durham County Council to ask whether yellow lines could be put on the edge of road opposite the Nature Reserve.

Social media post

Clerk asked whether Councillors would agree to a post on the Parish Councils Facebook page asking residents what projects they would like the Parish Council to consider carrying out in the next financial year.

Potholes on High Street

Clerk to contact Durham County Council to ask when the potholes on High Street will be repaired.

29/21 Neighbourhood and Parish Plan.

Nothing further to report

30/21 Members Reports

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

Witton le Wear Primary School

The Primary School have approached a Councillor to ask whether the Parish Council would be willing to help with the funding of projects which are being considered by the School. There have also been reports of parents parked outside or near the school with their engines running and other parents not following social distancing guidelines.

It was resolved: Clerk to write to the Head Teacher.

31/21 Chairman's Report

Signage for the bridge at the bottom of Clemmy Bank

It was resolved: Clerk to contact Durham County Council to see if the correct signage is in place near the bridge.

32/21 Any other business

None

33/21 Date and Time of the next Meeting

The next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 12th April 2021 via Zoom commencing at 6:00pm.

The meeting finished at 6:55 p.m.