

## WITTON-LE-WEAR PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2025

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Witton le Wear Parish Council held on **Monday 10th November 2025** at Witton le Wear Community Centre commencing at 18-15.

Present: Cllrs Murray-Leslie (Chair), C Cook, M Campbell, L Bentley. *Lynn. Docherty*

Residents: Mrs A Yuill *apls.*

**25/83/1** Cllr Murray-Leslie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**25/84/2** Apologies received from Cllrs C Cook and M Campbell

**25/85/3** The agenda being considered by the Cllrs there was no declaration of interest.

**25/86/4** The minutes of the regular meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September were accepted and signed by Cllr Murray-Leslie. There were no amendments.

**25/87/5** The Clerk presented a financial report. There were no issues or irregularities.

**25/88/6** There were no electronic decisions

### **Actions from previous minutes:**

**25/89/7** There were no actions from the previous minutes.

### **Representation by Residents**

**25/90/8** Further to 25/68/10 Mrs Anne Yuill on behalf of the Weardale Railway provided a breakdown of how the £400 microgrant had been spent explaining 100 volunteer hours and that the works were complete. Cllrs thanked the Weardale Railway volunteers for their hard work in improving the station area. (no action)

**25/91/8** Mrs Anne Yuill shared details of a public transport campaign being led by the WI to try and further the village bus service and hoping to give feedback by mid Jan 26. Cllrs reiterated their support for the campaign.

### **Projects**

**25/92/9** Village Voices have disbanded and the £500 microgrant returned.

**25/93/10** Witton Word. It was agreed to reduce the print run. from 500 to 400 (Resolved)

**25/94/10** The delivery bags were considered but not required. (resolved)

**25/95/10** Low Barns to be approached about advertising in WW. (action Cllr L Bentley) ✓

**25/96/10** As an additional agenda item it was agreed to approach the Community Centre about supporting them to improve the community centre exterior lighting  
(action Cllr H Murray-Leslie)

### **Working Groups - New Actions**

**25/97/11** Cllr Murray-Leslie requested 2 more quotes were obtained for the new notice boards. On receipt the bids to be reviewed by councillors, to be moved on to purchase after an electronic decision. (action Cllr C Cook) ✓

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- 25/98/12 Parish Plan – work in progress. Item to be provided for Witton Word giving an overview of the discussions in the extraordinary meeting. (action Mr P Parsons) ✓
- 25/99/13 Existing arrangements between Entwine Computers Ltd and the Parish Council are to be clarified and formalised if necessary to ensure the Witton le Wear Parish web site is secure and updated. (action Clerk) ✓
- 25/100/13 Parish Councils are required to move to .gov email addresses. Clerk to identify options for providers and present at the next meeting. (action Clerk) ✓
- 25/101/13 Question raised as to determine what IT equipment and software should be provided to the Clerk to undertake the Parish council works. Enquiries to be made with DCC and other Parish Councils to help resolve. (action Clerk) ✓
- 25/102/14 The function of the precept and the impact of the loss of the LCTRS was discussed by the councillors. It was agreed to increase the precept by a small amount in line with inflation. (resolved)
- 25/103/15 There has been no cyber update from Durham Police (no action)
- 25/104/16 No relevant planning applications (no action)
- Members Reports**
- 25/105/17 Cllr Bentley has made enquires to relocate dog bin at Clemmy Bank Bridge to make it more convenient for users. Relocation rejected by DCC. (no action)
- 25/106/17 Cllr M Campbell reports an A68 traffic meeting will be held on 20/11/25 in the Dun Cow. (no action)

Meeting closed at 19-15.

Next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 18-15 at WLW Community Centre.

*with amendments marked*

Signed by the Chair .....  ..... Date *12.01.2026*