

WHALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday ~~20 July~~18 May 2021 in The Village Hall, Whalton

Present:

Parish Councillors Martin Grix, Ms Nicola Robson, Mrs Judith Rushmer and Stephen Trobe
Stephen Rickitt – Clerk

1: Chairman's opening remarks

Cllr Ms Robson welcomed all to the first face-to-face meeting of the Parish Council since January 2020. The Council agreed that future agenda should give an indication of the time allocated for discussion for items. **Action SER**

2: Public Questions

No parishioners were present nor had any questions been emailed to the clerk.

3: Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence had been received

4: Declaration of any interests and the grant of any dispensations

None

5: Coronavirus

The Council noted that the Village Hall were keeping the restrictions and precautions in place at the present time.

6: Report from the Beat Manager

No report had been received by the note of the meeting.

7: Report from the County Councillor

No report had been received by the note of the meeting.

8: Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2021

8.1 The draft minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

8.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the Council reconfirmed and adopted all the resolutions and decisions made that the meeting held on 18 May 2021.

9: Any matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda

9.1 Repairs to the telephone box – the Council resolved to authorise the clerk to purchase the poly windows, kits and paint as set out in the email from X2 Connect Ltd dated 24 May 2021. The clerk is also to contact the parishioner to see if he is interested in carrying out the remedial work. **Action SER**

9.2 The defibrillator – the clerk had circulated details of the replacement battery and pads received from Welmedical. It was noted that the unit had been purchased in November 2017 and the battery and pads remained within their expected life-cycle. The Council agreed to

establish a new budget head for defibrillator maintenance and to earmark an initial sum of £300, with a suggested annual budget provision of £100.00. **Action SER**

9.3 The noticeboard – The clerk will ask NCC Cllr Darwin to chase up the planning dept. to see if planning permission would be required for a gibbet-sign. **Action SER & Cllr Darwin**

10: Planning

The Council considered the following application and resolved as shown

Application	Resolution or Action
21/02603/TREECA - Moore House Lodge Whalton - Tree preservation order application to lift and reduce the height of the crown from one Holly (1), approximately 1-2 metres height and 1m around whole crown, reduce back branches from one Lime (2) over lawn to appropriate growth points, cutting back the lower branches by 1-2 metres and raising the crown	The Council had no issues of concern to express to the Local Planning Authority.
<u>21/00237/SN Goodwills Wood Shavings</u>	<u>The Council raised no objections to the proposed street names.</u>

11: Highway issues

11.1 The Council considered its bids for funding in the LTPP 2022/2023 and resolved to include the following items

- To continue to seek the provision of a footpath from the new houses at Manor House Dairy into the village
- To continue to seek the investigation of highway safety issues within Ogle and the anti-social use of the BOAT by groups of motorised recreational users
- To seek an investigation into the provision of parking within Whalton village, having regard to parking problems for events within the village, school drop-off and collection and church services.

Action SER

11.2 The Council asked the clerk to report several highway problems to the County Council

- Overgrown vegetation obscuring sightlines especially at the Meldon Road junction, a particular danger as the road will be used by farm vehicles travelling to the Meldon Grain Drier.
- The potholes on the two bends by the school need repair
- The drains on the Meldon Road are blocked
- Over-growing vegetation in Ogle obscuring sightlines

Action SER

11.3 The Council reported an approach from Cycle Time Trials to reopen liaison about events within the Parish. The clerk will invite a representative to a future meeting. **Action SER**

11.4 The previous discussions had noted the vegetation from gardens was starting to overhang footpaths and it was agreed that the clerk would redraft the letter distributed to all households a few years ago requesting trimming where needed. **Action SER**

11.5 The clerk will contact the area highways office and ask them to remove the barriers, sandbags, and signs from the top of Church Chare as this had been left there for some time. **Action SER**

12: Village Hall issues

Please see items 5 and 9.3 above.

13: Parish Caretaker

The clerk was asked to contact the parish caretaker and asked that he repaint the white posts on the village green and the two black metal village gateway signs on the Meldon Road and by the school. **Action SER**

14: Financial Matters

The Council noted the current accounts, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes. See also item 9.2 above. **Action SER**

15: Time and date of next scheduled meetings

These were agreed as follows, all at 7.30 pm in The Village Hall, Whatlon (subject to the pandemic),

- Tuesday 21 September 2021
- Tuesday 19 October 2021
- Tuesday 16 November 2021
- Tuesday 21 December 2021 – unlikely to be held
- Tuesday 18 January 2022
- Tuesday 15 February 2022
- Tuesday 15 March 2022

Meetings may be cancelled if there is insufficient business.

16: Co-options to the two vacancies

No applications had been received and Councillors will undertake soundings within the community. **Action All Parish Councillors**

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman Date