

WHALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the digital Annual Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 21 June 2022

Note: It was explained that the meeting had been moved on-line at short notice because of ill health and would only deal with pressing business.

Present:

Parish Councillors Martin Grix, Ms Nicola Robson, Mrs Judith Rushmer and Stephen Trobe
Stephen Rickitt – Clerk (Actions for the clerk are marked SER)

1: Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Cllr Ms Robson was elected as the Chairman and Cllr Trobe as the Vice-Chairman.

2: Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2022

The minutes were agreed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman.

3. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/2022

3.1 The Council noted that the internal auditor's report. [A copy is attached to the signed minutes]

3.2 The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement. [A copy of the draft is attached to the signed minutes]

3.3 The Council approved the draft annual accounts for 2021/2022 [A copy of the draft is attached to the signed minutes]

3.4 The Council approved the Accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances [Copies of the drafts are attached to the signed minutes]

3.5 The Council confirmed and approved the Certification of Exemption [A copy of the draft is attached to the signed minutes]

4: Finance

The Council approved the following payments

- P Vermaas – Internal Audit Fee - £45.00
- Gavin Christie – Parish Caretaker (April and May) - £305.50

5: The LTPP 23023/2024

The Council considered its bids for funding in the LTPP 2023/2024 and resolved to include the following items

- To seek the investigation of safety issues on the Shilvington Road given its increasing use by walkers including the potential for the provision of passing places and 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.

6: Matters arising from the retirement of the clerk

6.1 The Council confirmed the action taken in advertising for a replacement clerk and agreed to hold joint interviews with Meldon & Mitford Parish Councils.

6.2 The Council agreed to authorise Cllr Mrs Rushmer to seek full signatory rights on the Council's bank accounts. **Action SER**

7: The Parish Caretaker

The Council requested that the caretaker

- Be asked to clarify the colour of the roof of the telephone kiosk
- Weed-spray, noting a resident's comments about Manor Close
- Cut down the overgrown vegetation from the pedestrian foot bridge in Ogle beside the ford to the BOAT ROAD please as it is very overgrown and virtually impassable as referred to by a parishioner. **Action SER**

8: Planning

The Council considered the following applications/notifications and resolved as shown

Application	Resolution or Action
22/02076/FUL - The Gin Gan, Whalton - Single storey side extension	The Council has no matters they wish to draw to the attention of the Local Planning Authority.
22/00401/PREAPP - Former Goodwills Wood Shavings & Haulage Yard, Twizell	The clerk was asked to seek further information as the letter gave insufficient information on the proposals to have a meaningful discussion.

9: Whalton Village Hall

The Hall are considering the width of the possible extension and may seek consent and funding for a slightly wider extension, four metres rather than three. The clerk will provide Cllr Trobe with a link to the County Council's webpage regarding pre-application advice.

Action SER

10: Assets of Community Value

The Council authorise Cllr Ms Robson to make an application in the Council's name for the renewal of the registration of The Beresford Arms, Whalton as an asset of community value.

Action Cllr Ms Robson

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chair Date