

Whalton Parish Council (WPC)

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 13th November 2024

Whalton Village Hall 7.30pm

(Draft minutes until signed)

24:51 Present: Councillors: Andy Shaw, Martin Grix, Marlene Young, Stephen Trobe.

In attendance:

M Burn (Clerk)

No members of the public attended

24:52 Apologies for absence received: Cllr Lennard, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Darwin (NCC)

24:53 Chairman:The meeting was chaired by Cllr S Trobe

24:54 Nomination for Vice Chair: Deferred to next meeting.

24:55 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations: Cllr Trobe declared interest at 8.5 Council Budget proposal - village hall. Cllr Trobe thanked WPC for the grant well received by the village hall committee.

24:56 Public questions: No members of the public were in attendance

24:57 Minutes of previous meeting: (Chair)

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd October 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

24:58 Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)

(24.39.01)Cllr Shaw submitted an estimate received from Elan City Ltd regarding the renewal of the speed indicator displays (SID). Further estimates are anticipated from Cllr Darwin (NCC). Discussion took place regarding the functionality and positioning of the updated equipment. Matters of finance were discussed and referred to the budget 25/26. Ongoing.

(24.24.01) The clerk confirmed the (TPO) tree preservation order was in place upon the millennial oak. Council resolved not to replace the protective barrier as the tree had grown beyond the need. Cllr Trobe to investigate the appropriate wording and costs for the plaque required.

(24.25.04) WPC discussed the supply of EV charging points within the parish. Extensive debate followed. The issue of the conservation zone regulations was raised in relation to EV points. Cllrs agreed the matter of providing electrical charging points has been thoroughly investigated and requirements generally understood. WPC Resolved to not seek any further advice or advance any budget allocation to the matter. The conservation regulations will be investigated see agenda 24.63.02.

(24.27.08) Discussion took place regarding the unregistered land in Whalton and the powergrid wayleave payable to the council. Council resolved to continue to accept the annual wayleave payment from powergrid and consider legal cost implications within the budget 25/26 review at 8.5.

24:59 County Cllr update: Postponed not attending.

24:60 Financial Matters: (Clerk)

24.60.01 Non routine / other payments made

Zurich Insurance	264.00

24.60.02 Invoices anticipated.

Clerk administration - Printer paper	30.00
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24.60.03 WPC resolved to continue to receive monthly reconciliations from the clerk.

24.60.04 Balances confirmed.

Current Account Unity Trust Bank	9,614.67
Saving Account Unity Trust Bank	3,426.24

24.60.05 Budget 25/26 was discussed by WPC. Clerk provided a spreadsheet of anticipated costs. Items were reviewed in turn and general discussion took place. Council resolved to move any legal fees for land searches to traffic calming. Council resolved to accept the draft budget. The precept for 25/26 will remain unchanged at 8,000GBP.

24.60.06 WPC acknowledged the National Joint Council (NJC) salary increase to the clerk.

24:61 Correspondence

24.61.01 Clerk confirmed distribution of electronic bulletins NALC, Rural Services & others. Resolved to continue.

24:62 Planning:(Clerk)

- 24.62.01 24/02430/FUL Cherry Tree Cottage - Granted
- 24.62.02 24/03395/FUL Closed 01/11/24 Whalton House no comment.
- 24.62.03 24/03007/FUL Park Cottage Ogle - Granted
- 24.62.04 WPC Resolved to grant the clerk dispensation to convey planning comments for & on behalf of the council.

24:63 Parish Wide Maintenance Schedule 25/26: (All)

- 24.63.01 The additional grass cutting (early & late session) was agreed with NCC. Clerk has requested a formal agreement & invoice.
- 24.63.02 (24.32.02) Discussion took place regarding the replacement of the posts & chains in Whalton village. The issue of the conservation area regulations was raised and council deferred any decision until the regulations governing the conservation zone were fully understood. Cllr Shaw to report.

24:64 Communications: (Clerk)

24.64.01 No progress has been possible during the absence of Cllr Thompson who will report to council on the possible newsletter at next meeting in Jan 2025.

24.65 Urgent Business (Clerk)

WPC contacted NCC to establish the ownership of the public toilets in Whalton village. NCC have confirmed they own the building and have full responsibility for the fabric of the building. The clerk confirmed that NCC are aware of the issues requiring urgent maintenance on site.

The meeting closed at 21.00

24:66 Date of Next meeting:

Wednesday 15th January 2025 7.30pm Whalton Village Hall

Signed.....(Chairman)

Date.....

