

Whalton Parish Council (WPC)

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Whalton Village Hall 7.30pm

(Draft minutes until signed)

24:34 Present: Councillors: A Lennard, M Grix, S Trobe, M Young.

In attendance:

M Burn (Clerk)

Cllr L Darwin (NCC)

Two members of the public attended

24:35 Apologies for absence received: Cllr A Shaw

24:36 Chairman:The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman Cllr Lennard

24:37 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations: Cllr Trobe at item (9.4) village hall, Cllr Young item (9.3) church maintenance.

24:38 Co Option Proposal

(24.38.01) WPC resolved to co-opt Mrs R Thompson as a member of the parish council. Acceptance of office was signed by Mrs Thompson & Clerk. Declaration of interest documentation was provided to Cllr Thompson by the clerk. Cllr R Thompson joined the meeting.

24:39 Public Questions Received in Advance of the meeting:

A member of the public contacted WPC on the day of the meeting (circulated to all in advance) and requested WPC to urgently consider the need for improved traffic calming measures in Whalton. Discussion took place, Cllr Lennard stated WPC were in discussions with a speed restriction contractor via Cllr Darwin (NCC) & Cllr Shaw. Council resolved to continue to review and seek to fund the necessary improvements once agreed. (Ongoing).

24:40 Minutes of previous meeting: (Chair)

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th July 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

24:41 Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)

(24.27.08) The clerk informed WPC the issue of unregistered land was the cause of the delay in agreeing the Powergrid Wayleave funding due to the council. WPC resolved to seek legal advice before proceeding into any agreements with Powergrid.(Ongoing)

(24.32.01) NCC have provided information regarding scheduled maintenance and additional costs for extra work if requested. Discussion took place regarding grass cutting, weed control & street cleaning. Resolved to request x2 grass cutting early season then late 25/26. To establish parish wide maintenance schedule (Ongoing)

(24.24.01) Millennial Oak tree, now protected by tree preservation order (TPO). Clerk to seek permission for tree surgery to take place. Cllr Trobe to arrange.

(24.25.01) Cllr Lennard led a discussion regarding provision of EV (Electric vehicle) charging points & parking issues associated with EV's. WPC resolved to continue further discussions with NCC, to complete a village 'walk around' with NCC representatives & explore funding options.(Ongoing)

24.42 County Cllr Lyle Darwin - Update

(24.26.01) Cllr L Darwin confirmed to the council involvement with speed control signs and possible funding available through budgets for 24/25. Together with Cllr Shaw to progress estimates from Elan City Ltd and report to council. Upcoming surgery to include road safety issues, next surgery on the afternoon of 9th Nov 13:30. Discussion took place regarding the bus services and a need to pursue improved and suitable routes. Cllr Lennard & Cllr Darwin to progress. (Ongoing)

24:43 Financial Matters: (Clerk)

24.43.01 Non routine / other payments made

Clerk Salary	****
HMRC	119.59

24.43.02 Invoices anticipated, WPC resolved to fund printing costs to another council instead of purchasing a new printer for use by the clerk. 100.00GBP per annum paper and ink as required.

24.43.03 Balances confirmed & reconciliation distributed to all Cllrs.

Current Account Unity Trust Bank	13,795.27
Saving Account Unity Trust Bank	3,426.24

24.43.04 Resolved to accept quote by Zurich Insurance to renew at 264.00GBP. Clerk to action.

24:44 Correspondence

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

24.44.02 Funding request received from village church at Whalton. Discussion took place, resolved to fund as requested 1500.00GBP.Clerk to make enquiries & action.

24.44.03 Funding request received from the village hall at Whalton. Resolved to fund as requested, Clerk to make enquiries & then action.

24:45 Fix My Street

(24.45.01) It was noted that the matter of broken kerbs was reported in the LTP submission for 25/26.

24:46 Planning/To consider any planning applications:(Chair)

24.46.01 No comment submitted 24/03085/FUL Berkley Terrace Whalton.

24.46.02 24/03007/FUL Closed 30/09/24 no comment.

24:47 Highways Issues: (Chair)

24.47.01 The Local Transport Plan for 25/26 (LTP) was submitted, Item 1 improvements required at Shilvington Road.

Item 2 The Boat track closure by barrier.

Item 3 Repairs to curb stones at Ogle village.

24:48 Communications: (Clerk)

24.48.01 Council was encouraged by the clerk to consider introducing a parish wide newsletter. Cllr Thompson expressed interest in producing a newsletter & will report back to council.

24.49 Urgent Business (Cllr Grix)

(24.32.02) Cllr Grix had previously presented the council with the new post sample and discussion regarding chains & costing. WPC resolved to purchase the posts and materials required without delay.

The meeting closed at 21.00

24:50 Date of Next meeting:

Wednesday 13th November 7.30pm Whalton Village Hall

Signed.....(Chairman)

Date.....

