

1. Welcome & Apologies
  - 1.1. All Councillors present.
  - 1.2. No police present. 3 Members of public present.
  - 1.3. Public discussions
    - 1.3.1. Flooding of Elliott Terrace raised by J Openshaw. Advice given from Cllr Weir as flood warden, to contact Colin Hall & raise concerns with Environment Agency.
    - 1.3.2. Discussion with MOP's around timber haulage routes. MOP's advised to contact Forestry Commission if they have concerns.
2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
  - 2.1. Nothing to declare.
3. Approval of previous minutes
  - 3.1. Minutes of meeting held 01.10.2019 approved & signed by Cllr Leadbitter. Cllr Jeffery proposed. Cllr Weir seconded.
  - 3.2. Minutes of meeting held 03.12.2019 require adjustments as agreed with stand in RFO, Cllr Lorraine.
4. Report from County Councillor
  - 4.1. County Council have received a complaint about non clean air in the village.
  - 4.2. Wark village has moved higher on the list for the Local Transport Plan. This will see traffic calming in the village near the school.
5. Correspondence received
  - 5.1. Email received regarding Local Town Halls. Email passed to Cllr Weir to investigate.
6. Local planning applications
  - 6.1. Development to the rear of Westacres discussed. No action to take place.
7. Timber haulage routes
  - 7.1. Discussed in 1.3.2
8. Stonehaugh
  - 8.1. Cllr Hutchinson notified WPC of planned Newcastle University picnic at Stonehaugh.
9. Wark
  - 9.1. Ladies toilet of the Wark Public Toilets closed off due to vandalism. Cllr Weir to notify P Samson to request it is mentioned in Hexham Courant report. Cllr Jeffery proposed. Cllr Leadbitter seconded.
10. Review of Standing Orders – amendments accepted. Proposed by Cllr Leadbitter & seconded by Cllr Jeffery (see below further details)
  - 10.1. Adjustment to complaints policy to see response deadline extended to 14 days from 7 days.
  - 10.2. Definition of clear days to include a Sunday for our Standing Orders, as WPC operates on a Sunday. Clerk to investigate this is ok with NALC.
11. Initial discussion of precept for 2020/2021
  - 11.1. Cllr Leadbitter proposed a blanket increase of 1.4% as a reflection of inflation. Cllr Jeffery seconded. All councillors in agreement.
12. Approval of payment schedule
  - 12.1. Approved. Cllr Lorraine proposed. Cllr Jeffery seconded.

Outgoing	
Clerk Wages	£309.76

# Wark Parish Council

# Minutes 21.01.2020

Chairman: Orchard House, Wark, NE483LT

Location: Wark

Wark toilet cleaner wages	£73.89
Stonehaugh toilet cleaner wages	£45.00
N Power	£22.43
Water	£163.56
Clerk Expenses – Work at home	£70
Clerk Postage Expenses 2019/2020	£79.17
Clerk expenses – Course/mileage	£80.04
SLCC	£12
NALC	£236.86
Internal Auditor	£150
Cllr Leadbitter expenses – Wark toilet light fix	£7.99
Wark Grass Cutting	£700
Income	
Giles Heron – play area donation	£500
Forestry England – Totem pole donation	£400
Donation from Townsend for Totem poles	£200

13. Donations agreed. Vote held, all in agreement. Total donation value:- £800.

- 13.1. Monday men - £200 Strimming
- 13.2. Monday men - £200 Church yard maintenance
- 13.3. Toddler Group - £100
- 13.4. WI - £100
- 13.5. Town Hall - £100
- 13.6. Pensioners Dinner – £100

14. Co-option of R Baty into vacant position.

- 14.1. Co-option complete with all Councillors in agreement. Cllr Jeffery proposed. Cllr Leadbitter seconded.

15. Reports from Representative from Other Bodies

- 15.1. Cllr Weir requested notification of appointment to represent Wark Parish Council. Clerk to complete. Cllr Jeffery proposed. Cllr Hutchinson seconded.
- 15.2. Cllr Weir reported Wark School is now a Primary School, with a change of Headteacher to Mike Boucettla.
- 15.3. Cllr Weir reported the British Legion:-
  - 15.3.1. Intend to repaint the memorial in the village.
  - 15.3.2. Have applied for representation of certification for poppy volunteers.
- 15.4. No update for Giles Heron.

16. Items for discussion at future meetings

- 16.1. Grass cutting at Stonehaugh.

17. Date of following meeting

- 17.1. Confirmation of next meeting date & location – 24<sup>th</sup> Mar '20, Wark Town Hall, 7pm.