**WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE 2021**

PRESENT: Steve Brisley, Dolly Hannon (Chair), Howard Tribick and Jenny Tribick.

ALSO PRESENT Clerk: Angela Livingstone, Cllr Hugill and Cllr Griffiths

Due to covid-19 restrictions residents had been asked to register in advance for the meeting and social distancing requirements were adhered to.

21.17 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES and approve reasons for absence and receive any declarations of interest**

21.1.1 There were no apologies for the meeting. Alistair Wright did not attend. There were no declarations made.

21.18 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2021 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

21.18.1 The minutes of the meeting of the 19 May 2021 were proposed as correct and approved, these would be signed by the Chair and the Clerk would add to the council website. **ACTION: Clerk**

21.19 **PUBLIC FORUM** – no residents were present.

21.20 **TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – All matters covered on agenda.

21.21 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

An application had been received for 70 High Street - domestic extension. Councillors agreed that there were no concerns regarding the application.

21.22 **CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

21.22.1 The Clerk had forwarded correspondence received:

-Hambleton Licensing and Hackney Carriage policy revision – there were no comments

The Chair informed of correspondence that a gate across the U road from Whorlton to Faceby had again been locked by the landowner. She had emailed the owner three weeks ago with no response and had since emailed the County Council. Cllr Griffiths offered to support if there was no reply. Councillors commented that they did not understand why the owner persisted in locking the gate.

The Chair informed that she had been informed that work would have commenced on the bridge to Potto. Cllr Hugill advised that he believed there had been a delay and this was to commence shortly.

The Chair informed that there had been a number of complaints regarding parking on pavements at the junction of Garbut Lane and Black Horse Lane which were causing a hazard by blocking the view for vehicles turning out and were also breaking up the tarmac, causing difficulty for infirm pedestrians, a white van had been removed by the Police and the Neighbourhood Team would be enforcing any incorrect parking. She voiced concern to Cllrs’ Tribick that a vehicle parking regularly in this manner was one of their company staff members. Cllr J Tribick felt this was incorrect but would progress. She stated that the worst place for parking was at the Rusty Bike.

The Chair had emailed residents regarding the bench painting and had received five responses. The two tins of paint purchased were being circulated with a wire brush. The Chair informed that the plinth on which the bench on Garbutt Lane was sited was cracked and unstable, the bench had a plaque showing the bench had been located there 50 years ago and had little use. She had been approached by the Village Hall to remove the bench and place this at the front of the hall. **Resolved**: Chair to advise that the Parish Council had no objection to the bench move and the plinth would need to be removed. Chair to purchase more paint for the benches if required. **ACTION: Chair**

21.23 **PLAYING FIELDS** – No report.

21.24 **POLICE REPORT** – A Report had been received recently indicating 1 ASB nuisance. The Clerk informed that the police had indicated that they would resume attending meetings where possible.

21.25 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

21.25.1 The Clerk presented the financial report, which was approved by all members.

Expenditure paid

Clerk monthly salary May £281.66 EDF Energy monthly direct debit, May £ 43.00. The Clerk was investigating the usage. Cllr H Tribick to change the tap. **ACTION: Clerk / Cllr H Tribick**

21.26 COUNTY COUNCILLOR, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Griffiths informed that the county had commenced road chipping and Highways work had been taken back in house. New management was in place, and there was a changing culture to improve services. The Chair questioned signs stating road closures towards Sheep Wash, the road had not yet closed, she questioned if this was still to complete. Cllr Hugill advised that he was at a Sheep Wash Action group meeting the next day and would raise this. Cllr J Tribick commented that a footbridge was rotting and needed reporting. The Chair advised that she had been in contact with the rangers regarding work required on a stile but needed to chase this along with a number of other matters raised, she would add the footbridge. Cllr J Tribick questioned if there has been any update on the cycling application. Cllr Hugill informed he would progress, the application for the cycleway had been entered. **ACTION: Chair**

21.27 COMMUNITY FIBRE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

The Chair informed that she still awaited an update from BT for a cost including Scugdale Road.

21.28 VILLAGE TREES

The Chair advised that an application had been submitted to NYMNPA, an acknowledgement was awaited. A tender would be ready soon and send to the contractors which the arborist recommended. All agreed to follow advice of the arborist that any arboriculture work was carried out by a contractor approved by the Arboricultural Association which may be a higher cost. The Chair suggested that the tenders be sent with a request for a split in the work and the Parish Council would reserve the right to extend contract subject to finance. Tenders to be sent with work to commence Autumn. **ACTION: Chair**

21.29 CHURCH LANE FLOODING – Chair to obtain key to progress. **ACTION: Chair**

21.30 NEXT MEETING - Date of next meeting scheduled July 21st at 7.30pm, this would be cancelled if there were no updates. The Chair stated the need to discuss the noticeboard at the next meeting.

21.31 SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENT – CLOSED MATTER

Brierley Homes had increased the maintenance offer which would help ensure sufficient funds for the costs incurred whilst the electric vehicle usage increased. The Clerk was asked to confirm the following and request a legal agreement for the following;

-car park as approved, tarmac, bays marked with white thermoplastic linings at T only

- EV charge points 2x Rolec Quantum 22kW type 2 Mode 3, double-headed pedestal version, barrier in front of each and including appropriate electric supply

- a bench securely fastened within the proposed public green space in the vicinity of the car park

- a maintenance fund amounting to £15,000  **ACTION: Clerk**

*Councillor Griffiths and Hugill left the meeting.*

21.32 REVIEW OF COUNCIL PROCEDURES AT MEETINGS – CLOSED DISCUSSION

21.32 The Council were now able to meet face to face which finally provided the opportunity for formal complaints made and subsequently dismissed against some councillors to be considered under the terms of the Duty of Accountability. The Chair confirmed that details of the complaint would not be discussed as they had already been dealt with by the legal officer but she wished to advise councillors that she intends to put systems in place to enable the Parish Council to work as a team without constant acrimony. Cllr J Tribick disagreed with comments made and spoke over the Chair, refusing to listen to proposals and both Cllrs Tribick left the meeting. The Chair requested that her statement be conveyed to all councillors in notes of the closed discussion to show the need to robustly enforce Standing Orders 1 and 10.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chair of Whorlton Parish Council