

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held by ZOOM on Wednesday 1st July 2020 at 7.20pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), Rachel Bell, Andy Coates, Katie Douglas, and John Geldard, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike Walford and County Councillor Jim Bland.

20/19 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest in respect of any matters on the agenda.

20/20 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2020, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

20/21 Casual Vacancy:

There had been no expressions of interest in the Casual Vacancy in the Witherslack Ward of the parish. The Clerk explained that, because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Parish Elections had been postponed until May 2021, when there will be an Election for the whole of this parish.

20/22 Finance:

- a. The interim accounts for 2019-20 were noted.
- b. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption.
- c. The report from the Internal Auditor was noted.
- d. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement.
- e. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Accounting Statements.
- f. The cash and budget statements to 30th June 2020 were noted.
- g. The following payments were approved:

Witherslack Community Shop	£500.00	Annual grant
HMRC	£170.80	PAYE
Witherslack Parish Hall	£42.00	Hire of Hall

- h. The tax-free 'office allowance', having been £4 per week for many years, has been increased to £6 per week from 1st April 2020. It was resolved to pay this amount from that date.
- i. The Chairman suggested the Clerk should receive payment for additional hours worked during the height of the pandemic. The Clerk will liaise with the Chairman.

20/23 Proposed removal of telephone kiosks:

It was reported that the kiosk at Millside is being used for book distribution. The Clerk will make enquiries with BT to confirm the adoption of these kiosks by the Council.

20/24 Parish defibrillator:

Councillor Douglas reported that a meeting is due to be held and the management plan will be with Community Heartbeat Trust.

20/25 Speed limits in the village:

Councillor Douglas is in touch with CCC Highways, and alternatives have been suggested such as traffic calming, which would be expensive. It was suggested that an open meeting is arranged, when this is possible, with interested parties.

A letter had been received from a resident of Meathop, asking for help with the problem of speeding vehicles there, and this had been added to the issues already under discussion.

20/26 Agenda items for the next meeting (so far):

- a. Accessibility Regulations
- b. Future of the bus shelter at Meathop.
- c. B4RN - Councillor Geldard will try to arrange some from B4RN to speak and update the Council.
- d. Update on the A590 road improvements (if available).

20/27 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 7pm - (by ZOOM if necessary)

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed:

Dated:

