

Whittingham Callaly & Alnham Parish Council
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Whittingham, Callaly & Alnham Parish Council held on Tuesday, February 15th, 2022, at 7.00pm at Whittingham Memorial Hall.

Present, BW (Chair), C Durie (CD), A Whincup (AW) J Renner (JR), K Armstrong (KA) , Elidh Gardner (EG), Prof. J Clark (Prof. JC), R Bateson (RB)

In attendance : Clerk - Lesley Long

ITEM	DISCUSSION
15/22 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest	K Turvey (KT), A Young (AY), S Gray (SG), N Riordan (NR) There were no declarations of interest
16/22 Public Participation	No questions received
17/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting on January 18 th , 2022, were APPROVED as a true record.
18/22 Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Progress on construction of public path. Start of works still pending ii. Risk assessment for users of the path - in hand iii. Alternative school parking - ongoing It was agreed that the above items would be removed from the agenda as standing items and AW will report to the parish council as soon as there is progress. iv. General Risk Assessment - the Clerk will approach village handymen to request quotes for the various maintenance tasks required. ACTION - Clerk v. Village Green Tree Survey - The Clerk has booked Woodsman Arboricultural to carry out a survey on March 15th, 2022. The fee will be £150. vi. Quotes for Village Noticeboards. AW is still awaiting quotes. As a result of the pandemic supply chain issues, timber costs are extremely high. ACTION - AW
19/22 Neighbourhood Plan	The parish council have decided to proceed with the process of consulting residents on the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. NCC's NP Planning Officer Sarah Brannigan had circulated a NP Roadmap which councillors had read. It was agreed that the Clerk would formally write to Sarah Brannigan with the parish council's decision to start the process, and to request her support. Councillors Prof JC and CD will canvas residents within the parish for their interest in joining a preliminary steering group. ACTION - Clerk/CD & Prof JC
20/22 Planning Applications	NOTED: 21/04003/LBC South Wing Callaly Castle Callaly NE66 4TA - PERMISSION GRANTED There were no other planning applications to consider
21/22 GLEAM Consultation on Glover Landscapes Review	It was AGREED that the Clerk would submit a response on behalf of the Parish Council. ACTION - Clerk
22/22 Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The monthly finance report for February was received and APPROVED ii. The following payments were APPROVED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clerks' salary for February 1st - 28th 2022 - £156.60 iii. The Clerk presented the updated budget with projected expenditure until the end of the financial year.

23/22 S137 Grant Applications

The Council had received 3 applications for S137 grant funding. After full discussion and consideration of the updated budget, the parish council AGREED to award 3 grants of £400, to each of the 3 following organisations, for the financial year ending March 31st 2022.

- Whittingham & Edlingham PCC towards the upkeep of the burial ground
- Whittingham Scout Group - towards the construction of a permanent store for equipment
- AGE UK Northumberland - as a donation in recognition of the support provided by the charity to 40 older residents living in the Whittingham, Callaly and Alnham area during the pandemic and periods of lockdown.

The Clerk will inform grantees and arrange payment of the grants. **ACTION - Clerk**
There have been no applications for the post to date.

24/22 Recruitment of Parish Clerk

25/22 Conversion of 3 Remaining Streetlights to LED lamps

It was noted that there were 3 streetlights affixed to buildings in the village which had not been converted from sodium to more sustainable LED lamps. It was not possible to request the county council to do this via the streetlight reporting map on the NCC website. AGREED that the Clerk would write to the county council to request if the lights could be changed to LEDs. **ACTION - Clerk**

26/22 Resident's Issues

KA reported 3 issues raised by residents:

- i. Ivy on trees in various locations around the village and a suggestion for volunteers to remove it. As the trees in question are on private land, it was AGREED that the resident should be advised to contact the Ravensworth Estate Manager directly to discuss the proposal.
- ii. Tree in Southview close to electricity pole with a request for it to be trimmed. It was noted that following Storm Arwen in November 2021, Northern PowerGrid had trimmed and made safe any trees it considered were threatening electricity lines and poles in the village. As the tree in question was on private land, it was AGREED that the resident should be advised to contact the Ravensworth Estate Manager if they still wished to pursue the matter.
- iii. Speeding over stone bridge on the unclassified road approaching Whittingham from Netherton. Request to relocated 20 mph & 30 mph signs to be more effective in slowing traffic entering the village, and to enquire when the bridge structure was last inspected by NCC. After a full discussion on the location of speed limit signs throughout the village, it was AGREED that the Clerk would write to NCC Highways and request a site meeting between Highways Officers and parish councillor AW to review the current signs with a view to rationalising their siting, to better control speeding vehicles and improve safety for pedestrians. **ACTION - Clerk / AW**
- iv. It was noted that County Councillor Steven Bridget has previously agreed to fund a vehicle activated speed sign (VAS) for the village in the new financial year. To be an item on the next agenda. **ACTION - Clerk**

27/22 Correspondence

- i. **GP Access Survey** - The Clerk had circulated a survey from Northumbria Healthcare Trust. The Trust is reviewing the provision of future GP services across the county and invites responses from councillors and residents to shape the future of the service.
- ii. **NCC Storm Arwen - Review of NCC and other agency responses.** The Clerk asked councillors to forward feedback and she will submit it on behalf of the parish council. **ACTION ALL / Clerk**

28/22 Any General Matters

Prof Clark stated that a leaning road signpost (missing the sign) on the Whittingham to Glanton was redundant and unsightly. The Clerk will write to NCC Highways and ask for it to be removed.

29/22 Time and Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday March 15th, 2022 at 7.00pm. Whittingham Memorial Hall.