

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 21 March 2023, at 7.00pm at Whittingham Memorial Hall.

Present, In attendance B Wood (BW) Chair, R Bateson (RB), K Armstrong (KA), Prof. J Clark (JC), A Whincup (AW),
 E Gardner (EG), J Renner (JR), K Turvey (KT), A Young (AY)

ITEM**DISCUSSION****030/23 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest**

S Gray (SG), N Riordan (NR)
 There were no declarations of interest.

031/23 Public Participation/ Questions

None

032/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting on 21 February 2023 were APPROVED as a true record.

033/23 Resignation of Councillor

Following the resignation of Chris Durie in the Ward of Whittingham the Parish Council confirm that the vacancy has been sent to Northumberland County Council Elections Office and also placed on the village noticeboards.

The vacancy will be advertised following confirmation from NCC.

034/23

Neighbourhood Plan

A monthly update was given by JC on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Circa 90 people attended the Public Meeting in Whittingham Village Hall on the morning of the 11 March 2023.

The attendees were able to mill through the rooms to view various stands which covered the different topics and collateral.

Questionnaires pertaining to these topics were handed out at the meeting and residents were asked to complete and return by 1 April 2023.

Also everyone that has provided their E Mail address to the Sterling Group ahead of this meeting has also been E Mailed the questionnaires.

Information on all these topics together with the questionnaires can be found on the Parish Council website

<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/whittingham>

Once all questionnaires have been received the information will be collated as to what appears to be important to Parishioners and will allow a Draft Plan to be formulated.

035/23 Highways Matters

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign - Following the agreement of Councillor Steven Bridgett to fund a speed sign out of his 22/23 Budget NCC have now come back with his requested quotes. The overall fully commissioned price is £6052.

AW has confirmed that Steven is looking to pay for this from his budget. Clerk to do a chaser for update.

036/23 Planning Applications

22/03805/FUL - Land West of 17 North View, Callaly Road, Whittingham - **Granted by NCC**

To consider applications received since the agenda was prepared.

037/23 Finance

- i). The monthly finance report for March 2023 was received.
- ii). Clerk's salary and expenses not required in March 2023 as per 57/22

038/23 Matters Arising

- i. **Parish Clerk Vacancy** - Advert for a Parish Clerk included in Vale News, Parish Council Website, NALC - **Ongoing**

Anyone interested or who would like a chat please contact Acting Clerk, Karen Armstrong on 07780 438936

039/23 Notice Board for Callaly

There is ongoing discussion around Notice Boards for both Callaly and Alnham.

Callaly - RB has confirmed that this is in hand for H1 2023

Alnham - KT has now confirmed that the Church have met with James Hunter and it has been agreed that he will also make an indoor notice board for the Church H1 2023 which will include additional brass plaques detailing usage.

Alnham Church have confirmed they would like to formally accept the donation from the Parish Council, with thanks.

A budget of 2 x £500 has been set aside.

Action Ongoing - RB & KT

040/23 Correspondence

i. NCC Great British Spring Clean 2023. JC has written a letter to Cllr John Riddle, Cabinet Member for Local Services requesting that rubbish (in particular, plastic) is picked up from along side the A697 and A1. This is a requirement under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to keep land and highways clear of litter.

041/23 Any General Matters

None

042/23 Time and Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 18 April 2022 at 7.00pm. Whittingham Memorial Hall.

Signed as a True Record of the Meeting Chair _____ Date _____