

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 15 November, at 7.00pm at Whittingham Memorial Hall.

Present, In attendance B Wood (BW) Chair, K Armstrong (KA), Prof. J Clark (JC), A Whincup (AW), S Gray (SG), E Gardner (EG), J Renner (JR), C Durie (CD)

ITEM	DISCUSSION
i)	
155/22 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest	K Turvey (KT), R Bateson (RB), Nick Riordan (NR), A Young (AY) There were no declarations of interest.
156/22 Public Participation/ Questions	No questions received.
157/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting on 18 October 2022 were APPROVED as a true record.
158/22 Neighbourhood Plan	An update was given by JC on the Neighbourhood Plan who has confirmed that a further meeting took place with team on 3rd November. The proposed flyer was agreed by the Steering Group and hand delivered to the various addresses within the Parish. Belinda Athey the School Headmistress agreed that these could also be given to parents. The flyer wording is also to be included in the Vale News, Parish Council Website, Village Facebook Page. The Steering Group have asked residents to provide E Mail addresses to the Neighbourhood Plan E Mail which is the easiest, quickest and cheapest method of communication - wcaneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com The very first Public Meeting for the village meeting has been confirmed as Saturday March 11th 2023 from 10am - 1pm.

159/22 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.

We have not had a response to any of our E Mails or Calls to Councillor Bridgett so continue to chase.

160/22 Planning Applications

None

To consider applications received since the agenda was prepared.

22/01327/FUL & 22/01319/LBC - Lane Head, The Lane, Whittingham - **Granted by NCC**

22/03449/FUL - 7 Towerside, Whittingham - **Granted by NCC**

22/03805/FUL - Land West of North View, Callaly Road, Whittingham - **Historical therefore supported by PC**

161/22 Finance

- i). The monthly finance report for November was received.
- ii) NCC additional 3 grass cuts up to March 2023 - £254.23
Payments Approved by PC
- iii) Clerk's salary and expenses not required in November or December as per 57/22
- iv) Precept requested by Northumberland County Council for 2023-24. In view of inflation and potential increase in wages for any new Clerk the Parish Council have reluctantly agreed that there will be a 12% increase on the Parish precept for the next financial year. This will generate around £540 per annum on top of the Existing £4435 and on a Band D property this is circa an average of £1.54 per month per household or maybe slightly less on the basis Band D rate properties have increased.

162/22 Adoption of Phone Box

The phone box is to be repaired and refurbished by the Village Handyman. Acting Clerk is in the process of arranging the correct paint. **Action - KA**

163/22 Matters Arising

- i) Risk Assessment Tree Survey March 15th 2022 and Tree Surgeon - Quote received for pruning and general tidy. Following annual budget discussions the PC now wish to accept this quote to cover any risk - £750 plus VAT. **Action - KA**

164/22 Notice Board for Callaly

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

RB has confirmed that he is in contact with a local craftsman and wishes to have an open noticeboard with a sloping roof to ensure cover. Other Councillors would prefer to have glass unit with double doors.

The PC have increased the budget to £500 with potential donation from the Callaly Estate.

BW is to contact RB to discuss options and way ahead.

The PC also wish to offer a notice board for Alnham but unsure of location. It has been suggested that the Alnham Church may be willing to allow the Parish Council to place a small noticeboard undercover in the Church thus developing a community information point. This would also be useful as it would allow the display of Neighbourhood Plan information and updates. KT is to explore if this is possible and revert back.

A figure of £500 has also been set aside.

Action - BW, RB & KT

165/22 Correspondence

1). Notice of Consultation: Proposal to extend the duration of a Public Spaces Protection Order for the Control of dogs. Anti-social behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014, Part 4 - NCC wish to extend existing policy for a further 3 years - **Discussed and Noted**

2). Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 Section 53. NCC Definitive Map Modification Order (No 7) 2022 BOAT No 28 (Parish of Whittingham) - **Discussed and Noted**

3). Hedge Cutting at The Croft, Whittingham - As the land is owned by NCC the Acting Clerk will request that this is actioned.

Action KA

166/22 Any General Matters

None

167/22 Time and Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17 January 2022 at 7.00pm. Whittingham Memorial Hall.

Signed as a True Record of the Meeting Chair _____

Date _____