

WHALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 19 July 2022 in Whalton Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors Martin Grix, Ms Nicola Robson (Chair), Mrs Judith Rushmer and Stephen Trobe

Mr Andy Shaw (see item 18 below)

One Parishioner

Stephen Rickitt – Clerk (Actions for the clerk are marked SER)

1: The Chair's opening remarks

The Chair welcomed the parishioners to the meeting. The meeting considered the planning applications at this point to enable the parishioner to leave the meeting on what was a hot evening.

The parishioner was the applicant for applications 22/01565/FUL and 22/02441/FUL. The Chair disclosed that she was the applicant's cousin.

11: Planning

The Council considered the following applications/notifications and resolved as shown

Application	Resolution or Action
22/01565/FUL – Close House, Whalton – Proposed demolition of existing dormer bungalow and construction of house	<p>The applicant explained the proposal to replace an ugly late 1950s converted bungalow. The replacement would be 400mm higher than the existing property. After considerable debate it was agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The Council has no objection to the principle of redevelopment on this siteb) The Council would prefer a random stone finish rather than pebble-dashing as this would be more in keeping with the character of the conservation area. The applicant indicated that he was agreeable to this change.c) Opaque windows should be installed where there was the significant potential for overlooking neighbouring properties.

<p><u>22/02353/FUL</u> – 6 Manor House Dairy Whalton – Single storey rear extension with canopy and first floor rear extension / feature window</p>	<p>Mr Shaw indicated he was the neighbour to the application site and had no objections. It was clarified that the extension would not be encroaching into the surrounding agricultural land. The Council agreed that there were no issues they wish to raise with the local planning authority</p>
<p><u>22/02441/FUL</u> – Close House Whalton – Proposed first floor extension over existing garage and dis-used butchers’ shop, currently used as a store for Close House</p>	<p>The applicant indicated that the submitted drawing shows upper floor windows but that velux windows would be substituted for these. Subject to that amendment, the Council agreed that there were no issues they wish to raise with the local planning authority</p>

2: Public Questions & Participation

None, not raised and minuted elsewhere

3: Apologies for absence

All Parish Councillors were present.

4: Declaration of any interests and the grant of any dispensations

See above for the declaration by the Chair.

5: Coronavirus

Parish Councillors were not aware of any issues affecting specific parishioners but noted with concern the rise in case numbers within Northumberland.

6: Report from the Beat Manager

No report had been received prior to the meeting.

7: Report from the County Councillor

No report had been received prior to the meeting.

8: Minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2022

8.1 The draft minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

8.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the Council resolved to adopt and confirm the decisions made on 21 June 2022.

9: Any matters arising from the minutes if not minuted elsewhere

The Chair reported that an application had been sent to the County Council seeking the renewal of the registration of The Beresford Arms as an *Asset of Community Value*.

10: A defibrillator in Ogle

The clerk report that Northern Powergrid had installed the power supply but had left the wrong box for the meter to be fitted. The clerk was authorised to purchase the Defibrillator, Cabinet, rain canopy plinth and print. **Action SER**

11: Planning

See above

12: Highway issues

12.1 Councillors were concerned at vehicles parking close to the Meldon Road Junction and asked this be raised with the County Council ~~has~~ as a safety concern. **Action SER**

12.2 Councillors noted that parents were continuing to park by the school for noticeable lengths of time when dropping off and collecting children. The clerk will write to the school prior to the start of the Autumn term and request that parents are reminded to park in the village. **Action SER**

12.3 The carriageway holes at the corner by the school have not yet been repaired and Councillors were concerned these will develop into large defects. The clerk will write to the Highways Dept. **Action SER**

13: Village Hall issues

The Hall are in the process of preparing a request for pre-application advice from the Planning Dept.

14: Parish Caretaker and Environmental Matters

The Caretaker was requested to finish painting the roof of the kiosk and to cut down over hanging branches within the highway verge by the Church gates, if these were not the subject of a TPO. **Action SER**

15: Financial Matters

The current accounts were noted (a copy is attached to the signed minutes) and authorised the following payment

- Turtle Engineering – Defibrillator, Cabinet, rain canopy plinth and print - £2106.00 [Amount of VAT included: £351.00]

16: Correspondence

Significant emails had been circulated by the clerk upon receipt

17: Time and date of next scheduled meetings

The Council agreed that they would change the date of the meetings to the third Wednesday of the month, subject to the Hall being available. **Action Cllr Robson**

18: Co-options to the two vacancies

The Council agreed to co-opt Mr Andy Shaw to fill one of the two vacancies on the Council.

19: Staffing Issues

Unfortunately, there had been no applications for the clerk's post. Councillors will follow-up leads within the community. **Action All**

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chair Date

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