

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 February 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), S Gray (SG)

ITEM	DISCUSSION
015/23 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest	K Turvey (KT), N Riordan (NR), A Young (AY), There were no declarations of interest.
016/23 Public Participation/ Questions	None
017/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting on 17 January 2023 were APPROVED as a true record.
018/23 Resignation of Councillor	Councillor Chris Durie of Whittingham tendered his resignation in January 2023. This has been regretfully accepted by the Parish Council and wishes to offer thanks to Chris for his active participation over the years. The post of Vice Chairman will be filled by Councillor Andrew Whincup who was proposed by Richard Bateson and seconded by James Renner. The Parish Council will look for a replacement in the coming months.

019/23

Neighbourhood Plan

A monthly update was given by JC on the Neighbourhood Plan who confirms that the Steering Group are now meeting weekly.

They continue to liaise with Sarah Brannigan at NCC ahead of the first public meeting on the 11th March.

JC confirmed that the Parish consists of 352 Dwellings (excludes commercial) and there is now a confirmed list of properties within the boundaries

The Steering Group members (in conjunction with associates) will hand deliver a paper leaflet as a final reminder about the proposed meeting

Further monthly updates to follow.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

The very first Public Meeting on the Parishes Neighbourhood Plan is Saturday March 11th 2023 from 10am - 12noon.

020/23 Land owned by the PC or NCC

The Neighbourhood Planning Team have asked for clarification of public land owned within the Parishes of Whittingham, Callaly and Alnham.

As far as members are aware the only land owned by the Parish Council is the Village Green outside of the Old Court House where the Christmas Tree is placed.

The members think that the only land actually owned by NCC is by the hedge at The Croft.

As far as members are aware the rest of the Land around Whittingham is owned by the Ravensworth Estate.

021/23 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.

022/23 Planning Applications

22/04487/FUL - Land North of Pennylaws Farm, Alnham - **Withdrawn**

22/03049/FUL - Aln View, Whittingham - **NCC Granted**

22/03050/LBC - Aln View, Whittingham - **NCC Granted**

30700200 - Planning pre-consultation enquiry for telecommunication installation at Alnham, Linhope, Northumberland - **Noted**

To consider applications received since the agenda was prepared.

22/04682/FUL - Yelwater, Whittingham - **NCC Granted**

023/23 Finance

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

024/23 Section 137 Grants

The Council had received 3 applications for S137 Grant Funding. After discussion and consideration the Parish Council agreed to award to the following 3 organisations included in the financial year ending 31 March 2023.

- St Bartholomew's, Whittingham Churchyard/burial ground - £1000
- 1st Whittingham BP Scout Group - £200
- Vale News - £550

025/23 Matters Arising

- i. **Vale News** - As part of the Neighbourhood Planning Team research JC raised the Vale News as an excellent form of paper communication. However it has come to light that delivery is fairly random across outlying areas in Callaly and Alnham. In order to rectify this needs to be addressed plus it also allows the 3 Parishes to build together. Now we have the 352 dwelling addresses we can use these to cross reference where delivery may be lacking and how this can be rectified. This will be discussed in partnership with Penelope Bayley who is wonderfully responsible for this bi-monthly newsletter.

- ii. **Traffic Signs and Traffic Management in Whittingham** - This has been raised as part of the Neighbourhood Plan and JC will look to contact NCC to further discuss the various signs and speeds throughout the Village.

- iii. **Christmas Tree and Lights** - Delighted to announce that Aileen Telfer and Ronnie Car have volunteered to be our Whittingham Village Green Christmas Tree Officers!

The Parish Council is very grateful and our thanks go to Aileen and Ronnie who will ensure that the Christmas Tree and lights are sorted in a timely Fashion.

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

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

026/23 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 confirmed that this is an Agenda item at the next Alnham Church Meeting on 1 March 2023.

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

Action Ongoing - RB & KT

027/23 Correspondence

- i. Coronation Community Fund - **Noted**
- ii NCC (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order - Confirmation Notice of extension - 3 years from 31 January 2023 - 30 January 2026 - **Noted**
- iii. No NTCA Precept on Council Tax for 4th year running - **Noted**

028/23 Any General Matters

None

029/23 Time and Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 21 March 2022 at 7.00pm. Whittingham Memorial Hall.

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