

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 18 April 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), K Turvey (KT), A Young (AY)

ITEM	DISCUSSION
043/23 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest	S Gray (SG), E Gardner (EG), J Renner (JR), Declarations of interest - Under 049/23 22/01089/FUL - KA 23/01165/FUL - AW 23/01191/LBC - JC
044/23 Public Participation/ Questions	None
045/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting on 21 March 2023 were APPROVED as a true record.
046/23 Resignation of Councillor	Following confirmation from NCC Elections Office to advertise the role agreement was given to co-opt a new Councillor to replace Chris Durie. The Parish Council had 1 application so have therefore offered the role to applicant Jamie Bolton of Whittingham. Proposed by Councillor Kate Turvey and Seconded by Andrew Whincup There has been a further resignation by Nick Riordan so the Parish Council will now go through the same recruitment process in conjunction with NCC.

047/23

Neighbourhood Plan

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

JC was able to bring us up to date following the recent Public Meeting and subsequent questionnaires.

The Steering Group have been collating the data and as each questionnaire had 53 questions they now have responses that give 2893 opinions or votes.

This has been written down and 48 pages of evidence is available from the various responses.

Individual response information will remain completely confidential and abbreviated Commentary will be initially provided to the Parish Council regarding the various themes.

The next Steering Group Meeting is 27 April with Sarah Brannigan at NCC to plan the way forward.

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

<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/whittingham>

048/23 Highways Matters

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign - Following the agreement of Councillor Steven Bridgett to fund a speed sign at a fully commissioned cost of £6,052 for Whittingham he has now confirmed that this is currently ordered with NCC. Unfortunately there is a massive backlog with speed signs and other Parishes have been waiting many months/ years so has promised to chase for update.

In view of the importance this item will stay on the monthly Agenda.

Action Ongoing - Acting Clerk

049/23 Planning Applications

22/01089/FUL - Land South of Hope Cottage, Whittingham

- **Granted by NCC**

- **23/01165/FUL** - Land South West of Mile Moor Farm Cottages, Whittingham

- **Supported**

23/01191/LBC - Garden Wing 3 Callaly Castle Callaly - Following discussion the Parish Council feels unable to comment on a Grade 1 Listed Building and thinks that decision should be made by experts in Conservation/Heritage together with LBC Planning Officers at NCC therefore in this instance wish to remain **Neutral**.

To consider applications received since the agenda was prepared.

None

050/23 Finance

- i. To receive the monthly finance report for April (*Circulated with the agenda*)
- ii. To approve invoices and expense claims received prior to, or during the meeting.
Invoice received for Annual NALC Fees - £163.25 for Subscription and National Affiliation Fee & £75 for Annual Website Fee = £238.25 - **Approved**
- iii. Clerk's salary and expenses not required in April 2023 as per 57/22
- iv. Agreement from the Parish to appoint Claire Miller as Internal Auditor @ £25 per hour up to £75 - **Approved**

051/23 Matters

Arising

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

052/23 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 also in hand H1 2023

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

Action Ongoing - RB & KT

053/23 Correspondence

The Parish Council have received numerous E Mails offering Coronation flags and memorabilia and whilst feel unable to take the lead on celebrations wonder if it would be appropriate to raise the Union Jack or another flag over the bank holiday weekend? AY has kindly volunteered to discuss with the village "Flag Officer" Chris Breeze.

054/23 Any General Matters

None

055/23 Time and Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16 May 2022 at 7.00pm. Whittingham Memorial Hall.

Signed as a True Record of the Meeting Chair _____

Date _____