

Whittingham, Callaly & Alnham Parish Council

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NOTICE of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There is a Meeting of the Parish Council on **Tuesday 18 June 2024, at 7.00 pm at Whittingham Memorial Institute Hall**. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. The Parish Council wish to confirm they are adhering to Parish Council guidelines and are happy for members of the public to attend. **Each member of the public will be allowed 5 minutes, or a spokesperson to be nominated if the same topic is to be discussed.** Members of the public can stay after the public session (071/24) as observers but may be excluded for specific items which need to be discussed in confidence. Due to Fire Safety Regulations, all members of the public will need to sign the Attendance Sheet.

AGENDA

069/24 Apologies for Absence, Declarations of interest

070/24 Civility & Respect Pledge to be adopted in conjunction with Code of Conduct Adopted 16 February '21
Chairman, Cllr Brian Wood, proposes to pass a resolution for Whittingham, Callaly and Alnham Parish Council to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge and agree to the statements proposed by The National Association of Local Councils (NALC). (*Circulated with Agenda*)

071/24 Public Questions (Due to Fire Safety Regulations, all members of the public need to sign the Attendance Sheet)

072/24 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 May 2024, to approve (*Circulated with Agenda*)

073/24 Matters Arising from the previous Minutes :

- i. Neighbourhood Plan – The Parish Council are currently liaising with Sarah Brannigan, Neighbourhood Planning Team, Northumberland County Council to attend a meeting to discuss the next steps for the Neighbourhood Plan. Members of the public will be invited to attend this meeting.

Cllr Professor Clark has proposed the following motion : That the Parish Council reaffirms its decision to proceed with the drafting of a Neighbourhood Plan to give effect to the views of parishioners as already gathered, and to be gathered, by consultation; it will invite Ludman Planning Ltd. to be the Parish's Consultant in that process; and it will approach Locality for a grant towards the cost of a Consultant. *Councillors to vote for, against or abstain.*

Cllr Professor Clark has proposed the following second motion : Following on from discussions over the past few months, the Chair is uncomfortable with the lack of feedback of any progress, clarity and transparency that has been provided to the Parish Council by the Steering Committee. The Chair would like to propose a motion to vote on the following: The Steering Committee is to stop its work on the Neighbourhood Plan and no further public consultations, letter, flyers, emails or evidence gathering will be completed. The process will be formally stopped with the NCC. *Councillors to vote for, against or abstain.*

- ii. Donation - Cllr Karen Armstrong proposes that to ensure the PC are meeting audit guidelines, the funds should be held in conjunction with the existing PC accounts and placed in a 95 Day Notice Account at 4%, on the basis that notice can be given and any immediate invoice payments can be made from the current account reserves. *Councillors to vote for, against or abstain.*
- iii. Path along riverside update

- iv. Defibrillator update – Cllr KA

074/24 Communications : Cllr Elidh Gardiner proposes that any form of communication, including emails, likely to cause dissent or confusion (to groups of parishioners) should not be sent by members of the Parish Council as individuals or as members of a sub committee. Any such communications should have WCA Parish Council full approval and go through the Parish Clerk. *Councillors to vote for, against or abstain.*

075/24 Highways Matters : Restoration of historic cast iron road signs update

076/24 Planning Applications :

To consider any applications received since the agenda was prepared.

077/24 Finance :

- i. To receive the monthly finance report for June (*Circulated with Agenda*)
- ii. To approve invoices and expense claims received prior to, or during the meeting
Clerk's expenses for printer cartridges £37.70 to be approved
- iii. Clerk's salary 1 – 30 June '24 15 hours @ £15.00 per hour = £225 to be approved
- iv. Clerk's additional hours for January – May 2024 41.5 hours @ £15.00 per hour = £622.50 to be approved

078/24 Correspondence (not covered elsewhere on the Agenda) :

- i. 24/00395/SN Consultation on Street Naming for Thrunton Brickworks – Councillors observations/suggestions
- ii. Correspondence received from parishioner Helen Bradley

079/24 Any General Matters

080/24 Time and Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 16 July 2024 at 7.00pm. Whittingham Memorial Hall.

ALL MEETING DATES FOR 2024

- Tuesday 16 July 2024
- NO MEETING IN AUGUST 2024
- Tuesday 17 September 2024
- Tuesday 15 October 2024
- Tuesday 19 November 2024
- NO MEETING IN DECEMBER 2024