

WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th March 2018 in Great Whittington Village Hall
(Subject to Parish Council approval)**

PRESENT: Councillor S Gregory, Chairman of the Council together with Cllr A Williamson, Cllr Mrs E J Tiffen and Cllr P Martin

Also present: Mrs M Senior – Clerk

1353. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Mrs Veronica Jones, Mrs C Edy

1354. MINUTES of the meeting held on **16th January 2018** having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

1355. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

1356. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. The consultation period began on 9th March and will run until 23rd April 2018. The document is on Northumberland County Council’s website, in Corbridge Library and County Hall. The Neighbourhood Plan will now be a material consideration in any planning application. Northumberland County Council will inform the Parish Council of any feedback at the end of the consultation. John Roberts will forward the link to the consultation to the Parish Council. Parish Councillors are asked to encourage residents to respond to the consultation.

1357. MATTERS ARISING.

a) **NOTICE BOARD.** Minute 1349. The new noticeboard is to be located at the Village Hall. Mrs Senior will order the noticeboard, as agreed.

b) **GREAT WHITTINGTON MEMORIAL.** Minute 1350 refers. The Village Hall committee will be contacted to request permission for the memorial to be displayed in the Village Hall. The Parish Council will formerly request for the memorial to be given back to the Parish.

1358. PLANNING MATTERS

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
17/03271/FUL	Whittington Mill	Conversion of existing barns and construction of link between barns and house. GRANTED
17/03954/FUL	Shepherds House, Halton Castle	Replacement and extension of the current rear wing to link it to the existing farm buildings to create a single four bedroom dwelling, including the reconstruction of the dilapidated north range of farm buildings to make it fit for habitation and the refurbishment of the existing house WITHDRAWN
17/01201/FUL 17/01202/FUL	Land East of Beukley Mast, Great Whittington. Land West of Great Whittington and South of Roses Bower	Proposed construction of new building for organic free range egg production including new access track and hardcore area. GRANTED
18/00683/VARYCO	Mill View, Great Whittington	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 17/00092/FUL in order to alter the floor plan, site plan and elevations creating a slightly smaller extension
18/00533/FUL	East View, Great Whittington	Demolition of small outbuilding and the erection of a single storey garden room. Rebuild a low garden boundary wall using stone to the same height as the original. Reinstate the original salvaged iron railing onto the new wall at the same height as the original.

1359. EXPENDITURE AUTHORISATION:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical services	140.00		140.00	010680
H M Revenue & Customs	PAYE	35.00		35.00	010681
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Subscription	36.00		36.00	010683
Income					
H M Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	392.39		392.39	12.03.18

1360. HIGHWAYS MATTERS.

a) **POT HOLE.** There are two large potholes on the road out of the village towards Matfen going east. These had been reported.

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- b) **SNOW CLEARANCE.** Snow clearance by Northumberland County Council had been poor. The Parish Council is very grateful to the farmers who had cleared the roads however there are now large piles of earth piled up on the grass verges.
- c) **BINGFIELD ROAD.** Resurfacing works are to be carried out 608 April 2018. A meeting had been held with Highways, NCC to discuss the various issues.

1361. **CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence received since the January meeting had been listed on the agenda and was duly noted.
1362. **GRASS CUTTING.** It was agreed to accept the quote from Northumberland County Council for the 2018 grass cutting season. £189 per cut (8 = £1512 plus VAT). Mrs Senior will contact NCC.
1363. **REQUEST FOR GRANT AID.** A request had been received from Citizens Advice Northumberland for a donation. No donation will be made at this time.
1364. **WHITE MEDICAL GROUP.** Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group had approved the request to close the Stamfordham surgery on 31st March 2018. All Stamfordham patients will be contacted to confirm that the closure is going ahead.
1365. **PROPOSED DIVERSION AT SHEPHERD'S HOUSE, HALTON CASTLE.** Northumberland County Council had received an application for the diversion of a section of public footpath 13 (Whittington) in relation to the redevelopment of Shepherd's House at Halton. The Parish Council had no objection to this diversion.
1366. **INFORMATION ITEMS.**
Copies of all information items are available from the Clerk on request.
- Campaign to Protect Rural England – North East Newsletter Winter 2017/18
 - Clerks and Councils Direct – March edition No 116
 - NALC – weekly eNews
 - Community Action Northumberland – News Winter Issue – January 2018
1367. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 May 2018 at 19:30 in Great Whittington Village Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

_____Chairman