

**WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
(Subject to Parish Council approval)**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Gregory Chairman  
 Councillor P Martin  
 Councillor A Williamson  
 Councillor C Edy  
 Councillor E J Tiffen

**Also present:** Mrs M Senior Clerk  
 Mrs V Jones County Councillor

**1392. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr K Laing

**1393. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

**1394. MINUTES** of the meeting held on **22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018** having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

**1395. MATTERS ARISING.**

a) **NOTICE BOARD.** Minute 1375a refers. Thanks were expressed to Cllr A Williamson for helping to install the new notice board outside the Village Hall. Cllr A Williamson and the clerk have a key to open the cabinet.

b) **GREAT WHITTINGTON MEMORIAL.** Minute 1375b refers. Cllr S Gregory is to chase this up.

**1396. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE.** The Independent Examiner's Fact Check Report had been received and circulated to all councillors. Several minor amendments had been made to the Neighbourhood Plan and the Examiner stated that the plan had met the basic requirements. It was proposed by Cllr S Gregory, seconded by Cllr A Williamson and **AGREED** to accept the modifications proposed by the examiner. Once Northumberland County Council have the Parish Councils acceptance they can then proceed towards referendum.

**1397. PLANNING MATTERS**

a) Planning Application 16/00013/FUL – Enforcement issues had been ongoing since February 2018. Cllr S Gregory had been dealing with the Enforcement Officer. It was agreed that Cllr Gregory would email the Parish Council's concerns to the officer involved.

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
18/01749/FUL	Land West of village Hall, Great Whittington	Application for 10no detached dwellings
18/01883/FUL	Vallum House, Halton Shields	2 new conservation grade roof windows to the north facing roof elevation. <b>GRANTED</b>
18/01882/LBC	The Gin Gan, Great Whittington	Installation of woodburning stove to premises including flue extract through existing roof.
18/02320/FUL	Land West of West Bingfield, Woodland Barn, Bingfield	Erection of an agricultural shed

**1398. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical services	140.00		140.00	010691
H M Revenue & Customs	PAYE	35.00		35.00	010692
Mrs A Senior	Expenses	42.25		42.25	010693
Northumberland Assoc of Local Councils	Subscription 2018-19	130.41		130.41	010694
FEL Accounts	Internal audit fee	30.00	5.00	25.00	010695
Great Whittington Village Hall	Hire of village hall	60.00		60.00	010696
<b>Income</b>					
Northern Electric	Wayleave	15.22		15.22	30.05.18

**1399. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.** County Councillor Mrs V Jones gave her verbal update on matters relating to Northumberland County Council and Whittington Parish.

- Great Exhibition of the North** is to run from 22 June to 9 September with 56 days of free events
- Consultation on Draft Local Plan** will run until 15 August 2018. The plan gains more strength as it goes on and Cllr Jones is confident it will go through
- Broadband.** A scheme is to go ahead in Halton Shield.
- Highways Matters.**
  - Bingfield Road. This has been partially done. C212/C223 Bingfield had been completed.
  - Resurfacing of the Great Whittington Road to Ryal is to be carried out.
  - Great Whittington to Roses Bower. Some work had been carried out. Highways are now monitoring this road.

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- Pot Hole on the Matfen road had been filled however not the pot hole on the other side of the road.
- Bingfield to Hallington crossroads had been delayed from April.
- Priority Signage. Cllr Mrs V Jones had been informed that this had been corrected however to date this had still not been done.

- 1400. GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL AND VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT.** Quotes had been received for the railings and a new gate. Further quotes will be requested.
- 1401. CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence received since the May meeting had been listed on the agenda and was duly noted.
- 1402. INFORMATION ITEMS.**  
Copies of all information items are available from the Clerk on request.
- NALC – weekly eNews
  - Community Action Northumberland – CAN eNews June 2018
  - Community Action Northumberland – Temporary Events and Road Closures in Northumberland
  - Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2018 Issue 118
  - Campaign to Protect Rural England – Summer 2018 Newsletter
- 1403. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS.**
- a) **Gritting.** The road through Great Whittington does not get gritted during the winter even though it is a bus route including school buses. Cllr Mrs V Jones to establish if the roads will be treated during severe weather.
  - b) **Great Whittington Road to the Military Road.** The road is wearing away and verge repairs are required. There is also a large pot hole approaching the junction with the Military Road and another coming towards Great Whittington just before the bridge.
  - c) **Village Bench.** It was noted that the bench in the village was broken and needs to be replaced. A new one will be ordered from Marmax Products.
  - d) **Road Sweeper.** The road sweeper will be requested.
  - e) **Weed Spraying.** The clerk will contact NCC to establish when the village will be sprayed.
- 1404. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAMME 2019-2020.** This item was deferred to the September meeting. Cllr Mrs V Jones to be copied into the Parish Council's priorities.
- 1405. TREE SURVEY.** Confirmation had been received that the tree survey will be carried out in the next few weeks. It was suggested that the Parish Council plant a few trees to replace any which need to be felled. Possible locations; outside Village Hall; Oliver's Farm. Parish Councillors to bring any ideas of places which will benefit to the next meeting.
- 1406. UPDATES.** The minutes will be circulated to all councillors within one week of the meeting. A summary of any actions and items discussed will be prepared and placed in the notice boards. Items of correspondence will be copied to all councillors.
- 1407. COUNCILLOR.** It was noted that Cllr Mrs C Edy is to move out of the village. [*Update: Cllr Mrs C Edy is able to continue to be a Parish Councillor until the next election should she wish to do so*]
- 1408. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 19:30 in Great Whittington Village Hall.

\_\_\_\_\_Chairman