

## WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 January 2019 (Subject to Parish Council approval)

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Gregory Chairman  
 Councillor P Martin  
 Councillor A Williamson  
 Councillor K Laing  
 Councillor E J Tiffin

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

1449. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None

1450. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

1451. **TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR.** It was proposed by Cllr A Williamson, seconded by Cllr K Laing and **AGREED** to co-opt John Sadler onto the Parish Council. Mr Sadler gave and signed his declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council.

1452. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on **20<sup>th</sup> November 2018** having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

1453. **MATTERS ARISING.**

- a) **GREAT WHITTINGTON MEMORIAL.** Minute 1436b refers. Cllr S Gregory had spoken to the resident who appears reluctant to part with it. It was **AGREED** to send a letter to the residents asking for the memorial to be returned to the Parish for restoration and display.
- b) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** Minute 1437 refers. Notification had been received advising that Northumberland County Council has resolved to 'make' the Whittington Neighbourhood Plan and it had been brought into legal force. It now forms part of the statutory Development Plan for the Whittington Neighbourhood Area. Decisions on planning application must now be made in accordance with policies in the Whittington Neighbourhood Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to John Roberts who had led the Neighbourhood Plan. It was suggested that an event be held to thank the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for all of their hard work.
- c) **TREE SURVEY.** Minute 1445 refers. Quotes are awaited for the tree works. Replanting needs to be considered in the near future.

1454. **PLANNING MATTERS**

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
18/03609/FUL	Whittington Mill	Construction of a link extension between an existing converted barn and house. <b>GRANTED</b>
18/01749/FUL	Land West of Village Hall, Great Whittington	Application for 9no detached dwellings (as amended by plans received 8/10/18). <b>GRANTED</b>
18/04320/FUL	Land South West of Gardeners Cottage, Bingfield	Erection of 2 disabled friendly holiday cottages with parking and new access to replace previously approved 3 single storey chalets. <b>OBJECTION SENT</b>

1455. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
Great Whittington Village hall	Grant aid for repairs to railings	450.00		450.00	010711
Mrs A Senior	Clerical services	140.00		140.00	010712
H M Revenue & Customs	PAYE	35.00		35.00	010713
Mrs A Senior	Expenses	25.55		25.55	010714
SLCC	Subscription 2019	21.07		21.07	010715
Northumberland CC	Grass cutting 2018	1814.40	302.40	1512.00	010716
Sport Tynedale	Grant aid	80.00		80.00	010717
Community Action Nland	Grant aid	30.00		30.00	010718
Great North Air Ambulance	Grant aid	150.00		150.00	010719
Great Whittington Village Hall	Photography competition	109.97		109.97	010720

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- 1456. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.** County Councillor Mrs V Jones gave her verbal report on matters from Northumberland County Council.
- a) **LOCAL PLAN.** Comments on the Publication Draft of the Northumberland Local Plan will be invited during a six week period between 30 January 2019 and 13 March 2019. Several drop in sessions had been arranged throughout the County with sessions at Trinity Methodist Church in Hexham on 6 February from 2-7pm and Corbridge Parish Hall on 7 March from 2-7pm.
  - b) **POT HOLES.** Further money had been received from the Government to repair pot holes. Suggestions for areas in need of attention were the junction from Great Whittington onto the Military Road and north of Hallington High Farm Entrance.
- 1457. GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL AND THE VILLAGE ENVIROMENT.** The village hall committee had a new member. The committee need volunteers to help at events and take responsibility for future events. The Christmas Fair and party had been well attended and the monthly coffee mornings are going well. There is now a quiz every Thursday in the Village Hall.
- 1458. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS.**
- a) **GRASS CUTTING.** It was noted that the grass cutting had been below standard last year with very little strimming carried out and the full quota of cuts not being carried out. It was agreed to contact Stephen Wardle at NCC to request a site visit and go through the grass cutting specification for Great Whittington. Cllr S Gregory agreed to continue to cut the grass at the Hallington War Memorial.
  - b) **ROAD SIGNS.** It was noted that debris was left by the road side after road traffic accidents and road signs and cones are left following road works/repairs. These need to be reported to Northumberland County Council.
  - c) **SNOW CLEARANCE.** Cllr Mrs V Jones agreed to remind highways of the need to grit the road through Great Whittington during wintery conditions. It was noted that the A68 north of Stagshaw roundabout had the road closed signs left up for days after last years severe weather even when the road was passable.
- 1459. CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence received since the November meeting had been listed on the agenda and was duly noted.
- 1460. RECOVERY OF COSTS FOR PROVISION OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND OTHER SERVICES TO EVENT ORGANISERS.** Northumberland County Council is proposing to recover the costs incurred by the County Council when requested to provide services such as traffic management, litter picking and refuse collection by organisations running events in the county. This will apply to all events with the exception of Remembrance Day Parades and Armed Forces Parades with effect from 1 April 2019.
- 1461. PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 13 DIVERSION ORDER.** Public footpath No 13 over land situated at is Halton is to be diverted. Copies of the diversion are available on request.
- 1462. INFORMATION ITEMS.**
- Copies of all information items are available from the Clerk on request.
- NALC – weekly eNews
  - Northumberland County Council – Roadside Litter Campaign
  - Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2019 Issue 121
- 1463. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 19:30 in Great Whittington Village Hall.

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