

WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor S Gregory, Chairman of the Council together with Councillors A Williamson, P Martin, J Sadler, E Gillam, W E Robson.

Also present: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council

0920.01 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None

0920.02 **MINUTES** of the meeting held on **21 JULY 2020** having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

0920.03 **ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) **Bingfield Road.** Minute 0720.03a refers. Northumberland County Council had come out and dug the ditch on the wrong side of the road. Cllr S Gregory had emailed NCC however is yet to receive a reply.
- b) **Weed Spraying.** Minute 0720.08c refers. Cllr S Gregory confirmed that Simon Ogg had carried out the weed spraying. It was noted that if the Parish Council wanted Simon Ogg to carry out a weed spray this would cost in the region of £380-£400. It was felt this was not necessary as residents are cleaning outside of their own properties.
- c) **Dog Fouling.** Minute 0720.03b refers. Simon Ogg advised that the problem with dog fouling had improved. Simon Ogg is still to erect the dog fouling signs.
- d) **Litter bin.** Minute 0720.08a refers. A litter bin had been ordered from NCC however this had not been received. The clerk will chase this up with NCC, Neighbourhood Services.
- e) **Tree Works.** Permission had been granted to remove the 2 trees outside the Old Blacksmiths Cottage. Cllr S Gregory to look into getting these removed. It was AGREED to plant shrubs in place of the trees.

0920.04 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.** Cllr Mrs Jones was unable to attend the meeting and a report was not available.

0920.05 **PLANNING MATTERS**

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
20/01130/FUL	Bingfield Farmstead, Bingfield	Erection of one 3.5m x 3.5m feed bin next to an agricultural shed. GRANTED
19/03701/FUL	Land South West of Gardeners Cottage, Bingfield	Construction of 2no holiday lodges with parking and new access GRANTED
20/01488/VARY CO 20/01492/VARYCO 20/01486/LBC	Bingfield Mews Access Track, Bingfield Combe to Bingfield Paddock	Variation of condition 2 (plans) pursuant to planning application 19/01995/FUL in order to change materials and alter window openings on approved plans WITHDRAWN
20/02369/FUL	North Clarewood Farm, Farm Buildings, Great Whittington	Retrospective: Proposed installation of ground source heat pump and associated ground loops
20/02462/LBC 20/02461/FUL	Hallington Hall, Hallington	New build garaging areas (2 buildings, one 4 no spaces, one 2 no spaces) and associated works, with conversion and extension of adjacent potting shed for home office/WC use.
20/02469/VARYCO 20/02468/VARYCO	Bingfield Mews, Bingfield	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of application 19/01996/LBC and 19/01995/FUL – Dropping of single window sill on West elevation to create symmetry with other glass doors of wider elevation
20/02418/TREECA	Village Green, Great Whittington	Works to trees in a Conservation Area: Rowan Tree – fell due to poor condition, root decay and proximity to Old Blacksmith Cottage. Rowan Tree – fell due to proximity to Old Blacksmith Cottage. Trees will be replaced by 2 suitable replacements. PERMIT
20/02786/FUL 20/02787/LBC	Buildings to the North and Land to the West of Hallington Mill	Small scale tourism development consisting of construction of a multi functional events venue in replacement of an existing Hay shed, conversion of a historic threshing barn into a small holiday home, associated access, car parking, services and landscaping works.

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0920.06 FINANCE

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** Payments were reviewed and it was AGREED to approve the items of expenditure on the list previously circulated.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
J C Accountants	Internal audit fee	37.20	6.20	31.00	010775
N E Groundcare Ltd	Grass cutting and tree supply and planting	2135.00		2135.00	010776
Mrs A Senior	Clerical services	160.00		160.00	010777
H M Revenue and Customs	PAYE	40.00		40.00	010778
Mrs A Senior	Expenses – postages	16.77		16.77	010779
Income					
H M Revenue and Customs	VAT refund	556.07		556.07	10.08.20

- 0720.07 **GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL AND THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT.** Cllr J Sadler advised that he had resigned from the Village Hall Committee. The Village Hall Committee had purchased a marquee to erect outside the Village Hall to allow for events to go ahead with social distancing. A coffee morning had been held in the marquee and had worked very well. During these times the maximum capacity of the hall is 15 however the marquee can hold many more. As the weather had changed, the awning had been taken down however the frame remains erected outside the hall. It was suggested that the frame should be taken down over the winter months. Cllr J Sadler to discuss with John Roberts. The Village Hall committee had elected several new members and the thoughts are to refurbish the Village Hall in the future.

0720.08 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) **To discuss village maps erected in Great Whittington.** Home made signs had been erected during the initial period of lockdown to assist delivery drivers in finding properties. After discussion, it was felt that these signs had serviced their purpose and the Parish Council would request that they were removed. It was suggested that the Parish Council could assist in providing a more permanent solution at the Village Hall.
- b) **Speeding.** Cllr S Gregory had contacted Northumbria Police who were going to carry out some speed checks in Great Whittington. It was suggested requesting funding from Cllr Mrs V Jones for some signs in Great Whittington. Community Speedwatch was briefly discussed. This Northumbria Police initiative allows volunteers to carry out speed checks in the parish and send the collected data to them for action.
- c) **Road flooding.** Problems with flooding on the road between Hallington and Cheviot Farm continue where there is a dip in the road. Cllr S Gregory is to chase this up with NCC.

0920.09 TO CONSIDER PRIORITIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

PROGRAMME 2021-2022. Northumberland County Council is giving parishes the opportunity to submit 3 priorities for consideration to be included in the 2021-22 LTP. The feedback from the Parish Council's submissions in 2020-21 were as follows:-

- Resurfacing of the road north of Hallington High Farm – This has been recorded as a maintenance issue and will be considered when developing future planned maintenance programmes.
- Installation of passing places on the Bingfield Road – Passing places do not score highly enough to be included.

- 0920.10 **CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence received since the July meeting had been noted and most has been circulated to all councillors by email.

- Northumberland County Council – New Pavement Licensing Regime
- Northumberland County Council – White Paper – Planning for the Future
- Northumberland Local Plan – Phase 2 Examination Hearings
- Age UK Northumberland – Update on services and activity packs for older people

0920.11 INFORMATION ITEMS.

Copies of all information items are available from the Clerk on request.

- NALC – weekly eNews
- Community Action Northumberland – CAN eNews August 2020
- Clerks and Councils Direct – September 2020 Issue 131
- Campaign to Protect Rural England – Countryside Voice Summer 2020; Fieldwork Summer 2020

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0920.12 **ANY URGENT BUSINESS [FOR INFORMATION ONLY]**

- a) **Wildflower Area.** Creating a wildflower area had been discussed with Simon Ogg. It was felt that this could be a costly exercise and would need further thought.
- b) **Conservation Area Management Plan.** This had been discussed briefly earlier in the year. It was AGREED to defer this matter.

0920.13 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 7pm. The advice from NALC/SLCC currently is for Parish Councils to still meet virtually.

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