

## WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021

**PRESENT:** Cllr S Gregory, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs A Williamson, J Sadler, W E Robson, S Lawson.

0721.01 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** M Petrie

0721.02 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** Nothing to declare.

0721.03 **MINUTES** of the meeting held on **18 May 2021** having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

0721.04 **ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES –** Nothing to report.

0721.05 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.** Cllr Mrs V Jones gave her verbal report on items relating to Northumberland County Council and local issues relating to Whittington Parish.

- a) **Speed survey.** The results of the speed survey had been received which showed average speeds of 21 mph with the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds of 27mph and 28mph. It was agreed that the speed survey had been carried out in the wrong area and Cllr Mrs Jones would request that this was carried out again in a different location. An application for 20mph had been lodged and would be funded by Cllr Mrs Jones's members funding. The scheme will be assessed by Highways Department to see if it meets the criteria.
- b) **Local Transport Plan 2022-2023.** Parish Councils will have the opportunity to submit priorities to the LTP and it is suggested that a 20mph is submitted as one of the priorities.
- c) **A68 accidents.** There have been a number of accidents on the A68 due to aqua planning. Northumberland County Council is currently putting a business case together and will deliver the scheme September/October if funding is received. Work will be carried out on the culvert and outfall with a secondary inlet into the culvert and work on the road surface.

0721.06 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) **Planning Application No: 20/03388/FUL.** Shildon, Corbridge. Change of use from dwelling house and cottage to guest accommodation; single storey rear extension to form wedding venue and car parking. This application has been granted by committee on 13 July 2021.

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
21/00232/FUL	Leadgates, Great Whittington	Alteration and extension of existing garage creating one and a half storey ancillary annex, associated drainage and external works (as amended) <b>GRANTED</b>

0721.07 **FINANCE**

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** Payments were reviewed and it was AGREED to approve the items of expenditure on the list previously circulated. The clerk will contact Bank of Scotland to update the signatories on the bank accounts.
- b) **RISK ASSESSMENT.** The risk assessment circulated to Councillors was noted and accepted.
- c) **TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CITIZENS ADVICE NORTHUMBERLAND FOR GRANT AID.** A request had been received from Citizens Advice Northumberland requesting a financial contribution. After discussion, it was AGREED to send a £50 donation.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
Mrs A Senior	Expenses	56.13		56.13	010799
Great Whittington Village Hall	Hall rental – May	15.00		15.00	010800
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	160.00		160.00	010801
HM Revenue Customs	PAYE	40.00		40.00	010802
Calico UK Ltd	Website domain name	24.00	4.00	20.00	010803
Great Whittington Village Hall	Hall rental – July	15.00		15.00	010804
Plexus Media	Website hosting	29.95		29.95	010805
Citizens Advice Northumberland	Donation	50.00		50.00	010806
<b>Income</b>					
Northern Powergrid	Wayleave	15.22		15.22	02.06.21
HM Revenue and Customs	VAT refund	90.00		90.00	03.06.21

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- 0721.08 **GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL AND THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT.** The current committee has, as well as organising a number of village events, also applied for two grants. One to the National Lottery for money to overhaul the heating system involving installing an air source heat pump powered by solar panels. The other to the county council's community chest fund for money to install an AV system including a big screen and projector. Applications to both sources were encouraged by Louise Currie. Louise Currie, CAN advised that all members of the Village Hall committee must be a Trustee. Cllr A Williamson is currently a Trustee however a replacement will need to be found in the next few months. Cllr A Williamson will stay on the committee until the AGM in September when he will resign. Cllr J Sadler brought up the subject of Great Whittington having some children's play equipment, possibly in the Village Hall Garden. There is currently funding via the Community Foundation's Windfarm Community Grants. Concerns were expressed over supervision, maintenance and insurance. Cllr J Sadler is to speak to one or two parents for their views and discuss with the Village Hall committee.
- 0721.09 **TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS.** Several issues reported to Northumberland County Council Highways are still outstanding. It was noted that the flooding issue at Hallington has not been resolved. Cllr S Lawson had sent photographs to Highways Dept. Cllr Mrs V Jones advised that Northumberland County Council had confirmed it was on their list to do.
- 0721.10 **CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence received since the May meeting was noted and most had been circulated to all councillors by email.
- Northumberland County Council – Northumberland Local Plan Examination; Consultation on Main Modifications
  - Northumberland County Council – Project Gigabit: Call for evidence
  - Thanks were received from Paul Martin for the voucher from the Parish Council for 30 years' service.
- 0721.11 **INFORMATION ITEMS.**  
Copies of all information items are available from the Clerk on request.
- NALC – weekly eNews
  - Northumberland County Council – NCC Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter May 2021
  - LCR Magazine – Issue 2 2021
- 0721.13 **ANY URGENT BUSINESS [FOR INFORMATION ONLY].** It was noted that the notice board in Hallington will need to be replaced soon. The clerk will obtain costs to replace.
- 0721.14 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 7 September 2021 at 7.30pm in Great Whittington Village Hall.

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Chairman