

WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT: Cllr S Gregory, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs A Williamson, W E Robson, S Lawson and M Petrie.

0921.01 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** J Sadler

0921.02 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** Nothing to declare.

0921.03 **MINUTES** of the meeting held on **13 July 2021** having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

0921.04 **ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) **Bank Account Signatories.** Minute 0721.07a refers. The forms had been sent to Bank of Scotland to update the signatories.

0921.05 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.** Cllr Mrs V Jones was unable to attend the meeting.

0921.06 **PLANNING MATTERS**

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
21/00488/FUL	Clydesdale House, Great Whittington	Single storey extension including a new link between the house and the garage and a new external staircase to the rear of the existing garage. GRANTED
21/01126/FUL	Woodland Barn, West Bingfield	Rear elevation single storey extension. REFUSED.
21/03264/FUL	Leadgates, Great Whittington	Alterations and construction of single storey extension to existing dwelling infilling southwest corner of building, associated drainage and external works.

0921.07 **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) **TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM SPORT TYNEDALE FOR GRANT AID.** A request had been received from Sport Tynedale 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	Clerical Services	160.00		160.00	010807
HM Revenue Customs	PAYE	40.00		40.00	010808
Great Whittington Village Hall	Hall rental – September	15.00		15.00	010809
Mrs A Senior	Expenses – postages, travel	41.54		41.54	010810
Income					
Northumberland CC	Precept payment	2500.00		2500.00	07.09.21

0921.08 **GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL AND THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT.**

- a) **Great Whittington Village Hall.** Philip Hinchcliffe attended the meeting and gave an update on matters relating to the Village Hall. A copy of his report is attached to this minute. It was noted that the Parish Council website made reference to John Roberts presentation which is no longer available. This will be removed.
- b) **Overhanging trees.** It was noted that there are overhanging trees and shrubs on the back lane. It is the landowners responsibility to clear these.
- c) **Dog Fouling** continues to be a problem even with the additional bin. There had been problems with the emptying of the additional bin however NCC had been contacted and it is now resolved.
- d) **Defibrillator.** It was AGREED to pay for the defibrillator pads to be replaced at a cost of £148.50 + VAT. The clerk will arrange the order.
- e) **Notice board.** Costs had been obtained to replace the notice board in Hallington. These range from £648 - £903. Mandy Senior can provide a notice board which is surplus to requirements and will arrange collection with Cllr Gregory. This notice board is lockable.

0921.09 **TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS.** It was noted that a section of the A68 will be closed for resurfacing over the next few weeks/months. Patching had

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been carried out on the Military Road however a large pothole had appeared. This will be reported to NCC.

- a) **Grass cutting 2022.** When the Village Green was registered in 1972 there were 17 pieces of land. Various areas were removed between 1991-1993. It was AGREED to obtain an up-to-date map of the registered village green to ensure the grass cutting contractors are cutting the correct areas.
- b) **Tree works.** It was noted that several Ash trees in Great Whittington have Ash die back and two birch trees need to be crown lifted. The clerk will submit an planning application to carry out the work.

0921.10 **CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence received since the July meeting was noted and most had been circulated to all councillors by email.

- Northumberland County Council – Definitive Map Modification Order 1 2021 (Footpath 13).
- Northumberland County Council – Free Tree Giveaway. Northumberland residents, schools, community groups and town and parish councils have the opportunity to claim a free tree from Northumberland County Council to plant on their land. Northumberland County Council is linking up with The Queen’s Green Canopy campaign to encourage everyone to plant a tree for the Jubilee. There are 10,000 trees ringfenced for residents and 5,000 trees ringfenced for schools , community groups and town and parish councils in packs of 10, 30, 60, 90 or 120.
- Northumberland County Council – Climate Emergency Declarations. In 2019 NCC declared a climate emergency and set itself the challenge of reducing carbon emissions across the County of Northumberland to ‘net-zero’ by 2030. To do this NCC needs the support of Town and Parish Councils. A discussion took place as to what Whittington Parish Council could do to assist with the Climate Emergency Declaration. The following were discussed; Electric Vehicle Charging Points; Planting of Hedgerows and encouraging residents to plant small fruit trees; Planters/troughs around the villages growing communal vegetables/herbs etc; support small scale energy generation; encourage car sharing; organise multi delivery shopping trips/solid fuel deliveries.
- Northumberland Association of Local Councils Member Census. An email had been received from NALC requesting all Councillors to complete the Member’s Census online.

0921.11 **INFORMATION ITEMS.**

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

- NALC – weekly eNews
- Community Action Northumberland – eNews – July 2021
- Campaign to Protect Rural England – Countryside Voices - Summer 2021

0921.12 **ANY URGENT BUSINESS [FOR INFORMATION ONLY].** It was noted the Great Whittington notice board would need to be revarnished in due course.

0921.13 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9 November 2021 at 7.30pm in Great Whittington Village Hall.

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