

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
22nd NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM IN GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr S Gregory, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs W Robson, J Sadler and S Lawson, M Petrie.
1 member of the public

- 1122.01 **Apologies for absence** – None
- 1122.02 **Declarations of Interests, if any** – Cllr S Lawson declared a personal interest in item 1122.05a, planning application 22/03735/VARYCO.
- 1122.03 **Minutes** of the meeting held on **27th September 2022** having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a true record.
- 1122.04 **Items arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2022.** None.
- 1122.05 **Planning Matters**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
22/01384/FUL	South View, Great Whittington	Internal alterations, demolition of rear sun room and replacement with new sun room. Conversion of existing barn to studio/home office and re cladding with timber cladding. Replacement of existing timber sash windows with double glazed sash windows. GRANTED
22/03735/VARYCO	Hallington Hall, Hallington	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on approved application 20/02461/FUL to allow change of use of new build garage B element to home/estate office. <i>The Parish Council has no objection or comment to make.</i>
22/01481/FUL	Buildings to the north and land to west of Hallington Mill	Change of use of existing hay shed to form multi-functional events venue and proposed minor repairs and works GRANTED

1122.06 **Finance/Administration**

- a) Accounts for payment. Payments were reviewed and it was AGREED to approve the items of expenditure on the list, previously circulated.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PAYEE	DETAILS	NET AMOUNT	VAT	GROSS AMOUNT	REF
RBL Poppy Appeal	Poppy wreaths x 2	50.00		50.00	10855
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	163.20		163.20	10856
HM Revenue Customs	PAYE	40.80		40.80	10857
Mrs A Senior	Expenses – postages/travel/stationery	35.06		35.06	10858
Great Whittington Village Hall	Hall rental – November 2022	15.00		15.00	10859
NE Groundcare Ltd	Grass cutting 2022	2600.00		2600.00	10860
Sport Tynedale	Grant aid	80.00		80.00	10861
Matfen & Ryal PCC	Grant aid	100.00		100.00	10862

- b) To consider request from Sport Tynedale for financial support. It was AGREED to grant £80.00 to Sport Tynedale.
- c) To consider budget and agree precept for 2023-2024. The draft budget for 2023-24 was agreed with expenditure estimated at £6,380, a copy is attached to this minute.
- d) After discussion, it was AGREED to increase the precept for 2023-2024 to £6,000 which equates to £25.09 per year for a Band D property.

- e) To consider contribution to Matten & Ryal PCC to assist with maintenance of churchyards. It was AGREED to make a contribution of £100 towards the maintenance of the churchyards in Matten and Ryal.
- 1122.07 **Great Whittington Village Hall and the village environment.**
- a) Planning Permission has still not been granted for the installation of the solar panels. The Planning Department has queried the visibility of the panels over the flat roof of the toilets and also the loss of car parking spaces. The committee had responded to the queries and a decision should be received within the next week or so.
- b) Heat pump should be installed before Christmas. There is a 2 month wait for the solar panels and these will be ordered as soon as planning permission has been received. There is a 6 month wait for the batteries. The initial costs were estimated at £71,000, costs will now be in the region of £75,000-£76,000. Grants of £72,000 had been granted and the Village Hall is making a contribution of £10,000 from their reserves towards the work.
- c) Northern Powergrid Resilience Fund. The Village Hall had been granted £4,000 from the fund and orders had been placed for a gas hob, gas heaters and a generator. This will allow the Village Hall to become a Warm Hub.
- 1122.08 **To receive Councillors reports and Highway matters.**
- a) Various signs around the Parish had not been repaired/replaced. Northumberland CC has a backlog however the various repairs will be chased.
- 1122.09 **Grass cutting.** The cost of grass cutting in 2023 will be £2,600, no increase on 2022. It was AGREED to continue with the current contractor for the coming year.
- 1122.10 **Correspondence/Information items** All correspondence received since the September meeting had been noted and most had been circulated to all councillors by email.
- NALC – Weekly News
 - Community Action Northumberland – CAN eNews – Monthly
 - Northumberland County Council – Town, Parish and Community Council Conference
 - Northumberland County Council – Update on recycling/Invitation to visit Recycling Plant at West Sleekburn.
 - Campaign to Protect Rural England – Members Update – Midsummer 2022
 - Northumberland County Council – Proposal to extend the duration of a Public Spaces Protection Order for the control of dogs.
- 1122.11 **To consider Northumberland Gypsies, travellers and Travelling Show people Local Plan Call for sites.** Northumberland CC is making provision for a number of transit sites to meet the identified needs of gypsies and travellers. In order to inform the allocation of sites to meet the identified accommodation needs, the Council is undertaking a 'call for sites'. It was AGREED to note the request however no comment would be made.
- 1122.12 **Updates.**
- a) Community Field. No further progress had been made.
- b) Tree works. Two Ash Trees need to be felled in Great Whittington. Cllr S Gregory will ask for recommendations for a tree surgeon. It was AGREED to contact the Woodsman Arboriculture for advice on how to dispose of the wood from the Ash trees with die back.
- c) Dog Warden. Cllr S Gregory had contacted the NCC Dog Warden after the last meeting. He had visited Great Whittington and asked anyone to contact him should there be any further problems with dog fouling in the village.
- d) Defibrillator pads. The pads for the defibrillator at Hallington will need to be replaced soon. It was AGREED to arrange this when needed.
- e) Hallington Mill. The Parish Council was hoping County Councillor Mrs Jones would be at the meeting to give an update on any progress with traffic calming/tree lopping at Hallington Mill. The clerk will contact Cllr Mrs Jones for an update.
- 1122.13 **Date of next meeting** – The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 24th January 2023** at 7.30pm in Great Whittington Village Hall.