

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
21ST MARCH 2023 AT 7.30PM IN GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE
HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr S Gregory, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs J Sadler, M Petrie, Cllrs C Ross and W Robson
2 member of the publics

- 0323.01 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr S Lawson
- 0323.02 **Declarations of Interests.** None
- 0323.03 **Minutes** of the meeting held on **23rd January 2023** having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a true record.
- 0323.04 **Items arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2023.**
- a) Parking on the Village Green. Minute 0123.07b refers. Polite notices had been placed on the windscreens of the cars parked on the village green and this now appears to have stopped.
 - b) Hallington New Houses, state of the road. Minute 0123.08 refers. Northumberland County Council had finished the work on the bridge and had reported the road up to the farm.
- 0323.05 **County Councillors Report.** Cllr Mrs V Jones gave her verbal report on matters relating to Northumberland County Council and the parish of Whittington. This included an update on the County Council’s Budget and an update on the reporting system for local issues. Mrs Jones also advised that the speed survey carried out in Great Whittington Village had not shown an issue with speeding. A speed indicator sign was suggested however the Parish Council would have to agree to maintain them. Cllr Mrs Jones agreed to look into 20mph advisory signs.
- 0323.06 **Planning Matters**

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
22/03996/LBC 22/03995/FUL	North Farm, Hallington	Corner infill extension partially in place of existing and construction of detached garage WITHDRAWN
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 office (as amended) GRANTED
23/00791/VARYCO	Buildings to the north and land to the west of Hallington Mill	Variation of condition 2 and 10 on approved application 22/001481/FUL in order to alter new access from Type C construction (Heavy Vehicles) to type B construction (Medium Vehicles)
23/00862/FUL	Land South of Bingfield Farm	To regularise change of use of garden area from agricultural to residential use.

- 0323.07 **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
Calico UK Ltd	Website SSL Cert renewal – Replacement for cheque 10867	28.80	4.80	24.00	10869
CPRE	Membership 2023	36.00		36.00	10870
J R Harding Services	Tree works	1440.00	240.00	1200.00	10871
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	163.20		163.20	10872
HM Revenue Customs	PAYE	40.80		40.80	10873
Great Whittington Village Hall	Hall rental – March 2023	15.00		15.00	10874
Mrs A Senior	Expenses – postages/travel	22.29		22.29	10875
ICO	Data protection registration fee	40.00		40.00	10876
Great Whittington Village Hall	Grant aid 2023 (Mid Tyne Trust funds)	1036.00		1036.00	10877

0323.08 Great Whittington Village Hall and the village environment.

- a) **Village Hall.** Phil Hinchcliffe gave an update on the improvements to the Village Hall including the installation of the heat pump and the upcoming installation of the solar panels. A request was made from the Village Hall for a grant from the Parish Council to install a bench to commemorate the King's Coronation. It was agreed to grant £1036 to the Village Hall Committee using the remaining earmarked funds from the Mid Tyne Trust. The funds from the Mid Tyne Trust are to be used for the benefit of the community.
- b) **Dog Fouling.** Dog fouling continues to be a problem in Great Whittington with people dropping bags of dog waste around the bins when they are full. Cllr S Gregory is to try and speak to the refuse collectors to ensure they are emptying the litter bins.
- c) **Tree planting and guards.** A resident attended the meeting to discuss the planting of trees on the Great Whittington to Matfen road where trees had been destroyed when the hedges had been cut back. The Parish Council advised that this was up to the individual landowners. It was also noted that the tree guards used are not biodegradable and are often left around the trees.

0323.09 To receive Councillors reports and Highway matters.

- a) Hallington. It was noted that Cllr S Lawson had cut the hedges around Hallington Mill. It was also noted that a planning application had been received downgrading the access at Hallington Mill from taking coaches to mini buses only.

0323.10 Correspondence/Information items All correspondence received since the January 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 – emergency road closure notice C212 East Quarter Junction to Little Bavington, Hallington
- North of Tyne Combined Authority – No NTCA Precept on Council Tax.

0323.11 **Date of next meeting** – The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23 May 2023** at 7.30pm in Great Whittington Village Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.