

WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th September 2018 (Subject to Parish Council approval)

PRESENT: Councillor S Gregory Chairman
 Councillor P Martin
 Councillor A Williamson
 Councillor C Edy
 Councillor E J Tiffin
 Councillor K Laing

Also present: Mrs M Senior Clerk
 Mrs V Jones County Councillor
 John Roberts Whittington Neighbourhood Plan

1409. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

1410. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

1411. MINUTES of the meeting held on **24th July 2018** having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true record with the following minor amendment. Item 1399d – the resurfacing had been carried out on the Great Whittington to Ryal road.

1412. MATTERS ARISING.

- a) **TREE SURVEY.** Minute 1405 refers. It was noted that the tree survey had been carried out and a report produced. See minute 1427.
- b) **GREAT WHITTINGTON MEMORIAL.** Minute 1395b refers. Cllr S Gregory had spoken to the resident who appears reluctant to part with it.

1413. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE. John Roberts gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. Flyers are being distributed advising of a public meeting on 29th September and the referendum on 5th October. The public meeting is to advise people what the neighbourhood plan. The purpose of the meeting is to give residents the facts and answer any questions.

1414. PLANNING MATTERS

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
18/01882/LBC	The Gin Gan, Great Whittington	Installation of woodburning stove to the premises including flue extract through existing roof. GRANTED
18/02734/LBC	East Farm, Great Whittington	Listed building consent for internal and external alterations
18/02992/VARYCO	East Farm, Great Whittington	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 18/00053/FUL in order to alter approved roof levels
18/02320/FUL	Land West of West Bingfield Woodland Barn	Erection of agricultural shed. GRANTED

1415. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
All About Trees	Tree survey	768.00	128.00	640.00	010697
Marmax Products	Village seat	432.00	72.00	360.00	010698
Mrs A Senior	Clerical services	140.00		140.00	010699
H M Revenue & Customs	PAYE	35.00		35.00	010700
Mrs A Senior	Expenses	31.20		31.20	010701
Enspire Design Ltd	Domain renewal - whittingtonparishndp.org	23.99	4.00	19.99	010702
Enspire Design Ltd	Website hosting 2018-19	156.00	26.00	130.00	010703
Income					
Northumberland CC	Precept	2175.00		2175.00	05.09.18

1416. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT. County Councillor Mrs V Jones gave her verbal update on matters relating to Northumberland County Council and Whittington Parish.

- a) **North of Tyne Devolution** is it's final stages and will bring £20m per year into the area over a 30 year period. An interim major will be appointed.
- b) **Borderlands** brings together the five cross-border local authorities - Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Northumberland County Council and Scottish Borders Council - to promote the economic growth and competitiveness of the area that straddles the Scotland-England border. This will also bring significant funding into the region.
- c) **Visit Northumberland.** Northumberland is in the running to be named Best UK Holiday Destination at the British Travel Awards.

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- d) **Health and Wellbeing Consultation** ends at the end of September. This will be a 10 year.
- e) **Highways Matters.**
- Weed spraying and verge works has commenced.
1417. **GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL AND VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT.** The Village Hall had held a quiz night and the Annual General Meeting will be held shortly.
1418. **CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence received since the July meeting had been listed on the agenda and was duly noted.
1419. **COUNTING OBSERVERS AND POLLING OBSERVERS FOR REFERENDUM.** Request from Northumberland County Council to identify suitable candidates for the observation of the poll and the counting of ballot papers at the Whittington Neighbourhood Plan referendum on 4th October 2018 was received.
1420. **JOINT MEETINGS WITH TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS.** The joint meetings with Town and Parish Councils will take place on Monday 8 October. The meetings will follow a very interactive and participatory format and discussion is usually facilitated at each table by a County Councillor following a brief introduction by officers.
1421. **MATFEN WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT.** Matfen PCC is to restore the two memorial scrolls recording those who served and died in the First World War. There is to be a First World War themed Concert in the Church on 29th September and a Service on Sunday 11th November when the Rolls of Honour will be rededicated as well as recalling those who died. It Was AGREED to donate £100 towards the project.
1422. **HADRIANS NETWORK.** A request for grant aid was received from the Hadrians Network, an organisation who support sufferers of Crohns and Colitis. It was AGREED to donate £100 to this organisation.
1423. **HIGHWAYS ENGLAND.** Improvements to the A69 Bridge End and Styford junctions are to start in September. These improvements will create 18 miles of continuous dual carriageway on the A69 between Newcastle and Hexham and speed up journeys and reduce congestion. Highways England aim to start preparing the site for construction in September 2018 for a start on the main construction work in spring 2019.
1424. **INFORMATION ITEMS.**
Copies of all information items are available from the Clerk on request.
- NALC – weekly eNews
 - LCR Summer 2018
 - Clerks and Councils Direct – Issue 199 – September 2018
 - Campaign to Protect Rural England – Countryside Voice Summer 2018
 - Community Action Northumberland News – Summer Issue August 2018
1425. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS.**
- a) **To agree priority system on Bow Bridge, Great Whittington.** County Cllr Mrs V Jones had met on site with three senior Highways officers in an attempt to resolve the issue. The report from the Highways Engineers stated that the signs were correctly placed to assist with the reduction of speed of vehicles travelling through the village. After a lengthy discussion, it was AGREED that the signs should be reversed and County Councillor Mrs V Jones will advise NCC Highways. It was suggested that signs should be erected stating 'New Road Layout Ahead' to avoid confusion.
- b) **Hallington High Farm.** It was noted that the road north of the entrance of Hallington High Farm is in a desperate state.
1426. **LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAMME 2019-2020.** The following three priorities were agreed to be put forward for the LTP Programme 2019-2020.
- Resurfacing of the Bingfield Road (the remaining section of road)
 - Rumble strips at either end of the village by 30mph limits to slow traffic entering the village.
 - Resurfacing of the Great Whittington to Roses Bower road.
1427. **TREE SURVEY.** The tree survey had been received and circulated to all councillors. It was noted that several trees need to be felled with further works to other trees. Cllr S Gregory to establish the works required and contact Kirkley Hall to see if they could carry out the work for a contribution. It was noted that the stumps of any trees removed would need to be grinded. Replanting would also take place between November and March. A letter had been received from the occupant of The Old Blacksmiths expressing concern over the condition of the trees surrounding their property. Action will be taken as recommended in the survey.

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- 1428. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID.** It was noted that the Queens Head Inn had closed and was being sold. It was felt that the Queens Head should be protected as an asset of community value. The Parish Council can nominate local assets to their local authority to be included on the list of assets of community value. NCC would then have 8 weeks to make a judgement about the assets meets the definition. As the Queens Head is already up for sale it is unclear whether the Parish Council can go ahead with the nomination process. The clerk will contact NCC to enquire. It was agreed to gauge interest for protecting the Queens Head at the public meeting to be held on 29th September. A discussion took place over carrying out viability studies for which you are able to apply for grants.
- 1429. ASPEN RIDGE.** Cllr S Gregory had emailed the Planning Department advising that a significant quantity of building materials had been delivered to the site and requesting the purpose to be investigated. This request had been logged by the Planning Enforcement Team under reference 18/01172/ENDEVT. A site visit will be carried out within 20 working days. The Parish Council will be informed within 28 days of how the matter will be resolved.
- 1430. COUNCILLOR.** It was noted that Cllr Mrs C Edy will stay on the Parish Council in the short term.
- 1431. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 November 2018 at 19:30 in Great Whittington Village Hall.

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