

WCA Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting 23rd June, 2026
Whittingham Memorial Hall

Present:

Neil Blackshaw, Sandra McCormack, Charles Ashby, Jacqui Pringle

Apologies; Chris Breeze, Stuart Knox. Paul Bradley

1, Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Actions would follow from this meeting.

2. The survey document - review

The latest draft of the forthcoming survey was considered. After detailed discussion it was agreed that the draft was acceptable and that we should proceed on that basis. It was noted that the draft will be circulated as soon as possible to the members of the Parish Council for comment. If there are no suggested changes then we will proceed to printing in anticipation of the survey questionnaire being delivered to every household.

It was agreed in principle that we would nominate a number of local addresses of the Steering Group members to receive the completed questionnaires and that we would seek agreement to nominate the churches in Alnham and Whittingham as additional dropping off points. The deadline for returning the questionnaires was noted as 30th September.

4. School involvement

SN had approached the Headteacher and agreement has been reached that the children will be given the opportunity in discussions before the end of Term lead by teachers to express their view on the village and their hopes for change and the future. The responses will be recorded by the relevant teachers and will be incorporated in the consultation response as a whole.

5. Consultation sessions etc

After extensive discussion it was agreed that the survey would be supported by two 'drop -in 'sessions; one at the Village Show in August and the other to be held at Alnham Church, subject to the agreement of the Church which SM would pursue. These sessions would aim to answer any questions that residents may have in completing survey.

Date of next meeting.

Two possible dates were suggested ; 7th and 14th July. This will be agreed in discussion.