



WHITTINGHAM, CALLALY & ALNHAM PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Dear Steering Group member,

Please find below the Minutes of the Meeting of the NP Steering Group on **Tuesday 11th 2026 at 7:30pm** at **Whittingham Memorial Hall**.

Present: Paul Bradley (PB), Neil Blackshaw (NB), Jacqui Pringle (JP), Sandra McCormack (SMc), Chris Breeze (CB), Charles Ashby (CA), Karen Weech (KW)

Apologies: Stuart Knox (SK)

1. Apologies for absence received.
2. Minutes from previous meeting reviewed, all actions completed
3. **PB** provided an update on the draft survey. 23 to date received and inputted into a tracking spreadsheet. A number of comments received which have all been collated based upon parish. Thanks to everyone for getting the surveys out before the Village Show.
4. Discussion on arrangements for Survey Q&A sessions.
 - PB will man the Village Show
 - PB will attend Alnham on 22nd Aug 10-1pm. Anyone else who can make it is welcome to assist.
 - PB will attend the Whittingham session on 29th Aug 10-1pm. Anyone else who can make it is welcome to assist.
 - Posters have been ordered from CBS with Draft Objectives/Vision and large maps available.
 - Discussed how to handle questions. Do not offer opinion as we will wait for all results and as a group develop policies based upon feedback and evidence. Highlight that the Neighbourhood Plan is specifically related to planning issues and must comply with NCC Local and UK National Plans. Any other issues can be raised but may need referring to appropriate bodies e.g. PC, NCC etc
5. **NB** is working through the Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework and will report at future meetings the impact they will have on the Neighbourhood Plan process.



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6. **KW** to contact Rural Housing Facilitator (CAN) to seek a meeting to discuss how they can assist.
7. Northumbrian Water to be contact by **PB** to gain information on local sewerage plans and constraints and future capacity in Whittingham.
8. It was agreed to start preliminary planning for settlement boundary discussions. Each member of the SG is to review the Neighbourhood Plans previously allocated and look through them to see how they approached Settlement Boundaries and evidences used. To be discussed at next meeting. **All**
9. Date of next meeting 25th August 2026, Whittingham Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.