

WHITTINGHAM, CALLALY & ALNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Tuesday 15th April 2025, 7pm at Whittingham Memorial Institute Hall

Chair: Cllr Brian Wood
Present: Cllrs Andrew Whincup (Vice Chair), Karen Armstrong, David Bateson, Richard Bateson, Jamie Bolton, Jonathan Clark, Elidh Gardiner, Stu Gray, Kate Turvey
Clerk: Mrs Sarah Trushell
Attendees: 15 members of the public

37/25 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs James Renner, Andrew Young

38/25 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Andrew Whincup - 41/25(1)

39/25 **Minutes of the Meeting of 18th March 2025**

Cllr Clark raised an objection regarding the validity of the vote on the minutes of the previous meeting. The Chair ruled that the vote stands and confirmed the minutes as an accurate record. Cllr Clark did not approve the minutes.

40/25 **Public Participation Time**

Item 42/25 was discussed

41/25 **Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting**

1) **Path along Riverside**

Work waiting on stone. Cllr Armstrong will follow up with Cllr Stephen Bridgett. It was noted that 50% of the invoice is now due.

42/25 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

A discussion was held regarding the progress and future direction of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was confirmed that previous wording relating to the Neighbourhood Plan has been withdrawn, and there are no restrictions on membership of the new committee.

Cllr Clark raised a concern about the update published on the Parish Council website. It was agreed that the update will be removed, and the Clerk will upload a revised version.

Action: A vote on the new steering group will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

43/25 **Community Matters**

1) **Restoration of historic cast iron road signs.**

Enquiries ongoing. Clerk and Cllr Elidh Gardiner have some leads to follow up.

44/25 **Parish Council Administrative Matters**

1) **Standing Orders**

Received and viewed by councillors.

45/25 **2) Financial Regulations**

Received and viewed by councillors.

3) gov.uk emails

Clerk to investigate costs for setting up gov.uk email addresses for all 12 councillors plus the Clerk.

4) Parish-wide communication

Clerk presented ideas for improving communication with residents, including establishing a mailing list similar to that used by Eglington Parish Council.

46/25 Financial Matters

1) Financial Report and Update

Financial report submitted by Cllr Armstrong.

2) Payments for Authorisation

All payments approved

47/25 Communication Received

1) Information held by the Parish Council / GDPR

The Clerk confirmed that no personal data is currently held regarding public attendance at Parish Council meetings, and lists are no longer taken.

48/25 Planning Matters

1) 24/03224/FUL

The Parish Council maintains its objection.

The Clerk will compile responses to each point raised in the appeal and submit them.

49/25 Clerk / Chair Updates

Postal service to the village remains poor. The Clerk will contact the Post Office to request a formal response.

Cllr Gardiner is managing a grant application for the bus stop and is seeking clarification on required information.

Thanks were given to Cllrs Richard Bateson and Kate Turvey for their service, as they are not standing for re-election.

50/25 Future Meeting Dates (all start at 7pm unless stated otherwise)

20 May 2025

17 June 2025

15 July 2025

No meeting in August 2025

16 September 2025

21 October 2025

18 November 2025

No meeting in December 2025