



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 10th March 2026 at 7:30pm at Whittingham Memorial Hall.**

Present: Paul Bradley (PB), Jacqui Pringle (JP), Sandra McCormack (SM), Stuart Knox (SK), Anton Hoogendoorn (AH), Damien Cruden (DC)

Apologies: David Bateson (DB); Neil Blackshaw (NB); Chris Breeze (CB), Charles Ashby (CA),

1. Apologies for absence received.
 2. Minutes from previous meeting reviewed, all actions completed
 3. A review of NP plans from Northumberland NCC website were reviewed by SG members present. Each SG member provided an overview of the Consultation method from each NP.
 - a. Ellingham (DC)
 - b. Longframlington (AH)
 - c. Embleton (JP)
 - d. Longhorsely (SK)
 - e. Rennington (SM)
 4. A discussion was held after the reviews on how to proceed with a further Consultation. The method of Consultation presented by JP of Embleton was considered a good and relevant model to proceed with. Building upon the 2023 WCA NP Consultancy results, to develop draft Vision and Objectives, review 2023 feedback comments and define which could be within the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan and which would fall under other bodies (NCC, PC, Highways, National Park etc). These to be shared on the PC website.
- AH had prepared for the group and distributed before hand a statistical breakdown of the 2023 WCA NP survey indicating the outcome of the 2023 Consultation and the strength of feelings from those who responded. (Attached)



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Proposed to use this information to develop the draft vision and objectives and submit for the draft document for further consultation with reduced clarification questions and comments sections.

It was thought that this would be inclusive of those who were not able to attend the 2023 consultation, those who are now of an age to participate in the survey, those who have moved to the area within the last 3 years.

It was thought that this clearly demonstrates that the data from the 2023 Survey was being used in a constructive way to move forward with a more focused follow up survey.

The Embleton NP information to be shared with the SG for review **(JP/PB)**

The statistical summary from 2023 prepared by AH to be shared **(PB)**

SG members to review both the above documents and consider Vision and Objectives to be discussed at the next meeting. **(All)**

5. A query was raised regarding funding of Consultation requirements.
WCA Parish Clerk to be contacted regarding PC budget for NP Consultations **(PB)**
6. A clarification question was raised regarding what a NP powers are.
NB's document of NP to be resent to all. **(PB)**
7. AH volunteered to develop an action plan for the Embleton type process. This was gratefully accepted. **(AH)**
8. Date of next meeting Tuesday 24th March 2026 7:30pm, Memorial Hall