

Whalton Parish Council (WPC)

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 3rd April 2025

Whalton Village Hall 7.30pm

(Draft minutes until signed)

25:22 Present: Councillors: Martin Grix, Marlene Young, Anne Lennard,

In attendance:

M Burn (Clerk)

NCC Councillor Lyle Darwin

4 members of the public attended

25:23 Apologies for absence received: Cllr Andy Shaw, Cllr Stephen Trobe

25:24 Chairman:The meeting was chaired by Cllr A Lennard

25:25 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations: None

25:26 Public questions: A member of the public raised an issue in advance of the meeting regarding the planning application 25/00492/FUL agenda item (10.6 planning). The application was discussed at length with representation of all concerns raised by the public present. Cllr Darwin confirmed the application has been 'called', therefore will be considered by the NCC planning committee. WPC **resolved** to 'comment' on the application raising concerns regarding highways and the access to and from the proposed site. Clerk to action.

25:27 Minutes of previous meeting: (Chair)

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th January 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

25:28 Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)

25.28.01 A brief discussion took place regarding the council elections of 1st May 2025. Clerk confirmed nominations were submitted and the receipts were distributed to Cllrs attending.

25.28.02 The potential for a 'local plan' for the parish was discussed. Clerk to invite the planning officer of NCC to the scheduled parish meeting of July 23rd. Clerk to action

25.28.03 Cllr Darwin kindly agreed to investigate with NCC planning if it is possible to use a metal post for the replacements required in Whalton village green. Previous advice from planning at NCC was to use 'like for like' replacements of timber. Cllr Darwin will report back to the council. Cllr Grix will provide the estimate required for timber 'like for like' at the next meeting of WPC.

25:29 Grant Application:

25.29.01 Discussion took place regarding the grant request made to WPC to support the manufacture & installation of bird boxes parish wide. Council **resolved** to fund the request of 600.00GBP. Clerk to action.

25:30 NCC Cllr Lyle Dawin update:

25.30.01 Cllr Darwin confirmed his support for the purchase costs and installation of the speed indicator equipment, including the costs of installing new posts. Discussion took place regarding the position of the speed indicator(s), council confirmed 3 in total, one of which will be mobile. Council acknowledged the work done by Cllr Shaw & Cllr Darwin to aid the completion of this project. The estimated total cost of the project to be funded by Cllr Darwin is 6K. WPC thanked Cllr Darwin for all the work done and for his funding for the project.

25.30.02 Discussion took place regarding the new bus service 419. Council acknowledged a positive result but agreed to continue to pursue a more suitable bus service in terms of destination and frequency.

25:31 Financial Matters: (Clerk)

25.31.01 Non routine / other payments made

Reimbursement made for defib batteries to the guardian at Ogle	63.54
Clerk paid overtime 2 hours - elections	****

25.31.02 Invoices anticipated.

Metal Plaque for millennial oak	160.00
Internal audit fee confirmed	70.00
Grant payment Whalton garden club	600.00

25.31.03 Balances confirmed to date of the meeting.

Current Account Unity Trust Bank	7,349.65
Saving Account Unity Trust Bank	3,470.91
Total Balances	10,820.56

25.31.04 Clerk confirmed 1st precept of 4,000GBP anticipated within next 2 weeks.

25:32 Correspondence

25.32.01 Clerk confirmed distribution of electronic bulletins NALC, Rural Services & others. Agreed to continue without change.

25.32.02 Clerk explained to council an enquiry was made regarding possible activities to mark the 80th anniversary VE Day. Discussion took place with the opinion that time was now limited for any arrangements. Cllr Young will enquire at the parish church for any services or other arrangements made. Cllr Young confirmed the sale of enamel badges for the British Legion which will provide funding when sold parish wide.

25:33 Planning: (Discussion items)

25.33.01 24/03593/FUL was discussed at length with a member of the public explaining the issues, the application is retrospective and now at appeal.

25.33.02 24/03085/FUL Granted

25.33.03 24/04387/LBC Refused

25.33.04 24/04386/FUL Refused

25.33.05 25/00059/LBC Granted

25.33.06 25/00492/FUL Discussion at length see public question (25:26) above

25:34 Parish Wide Maintenance Schedule 25/26: (Discussion item)

25.34.01 Council confirmed the additional grass cutting (early session) was completed by NCC and was in good order.

25.34.02 Clerk requested those attending to consider more options to be addressed as a part of the annual maintenance programme. The public are encouraged to make suggestions to WPC. Discussion took place regarding the use of the NCC fix my street application online.

The meeting closed at 20.55

25:35 Date of Next meeting(s): Wednesday 7th May 2025 19:00 - The Annual parishioners meeting. Followed by 19:30 Annual parish council meeting - Whalton Village Hall

Signed.....(Chairman)

Date.....

