

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 7.00pm

- Councillors:
- * Cllr R Brock (Chairman)
 - * Cllr P Barber
 - * Cllr M Bratherton
 - * Cllr J Cooper
 - * Cllr M Crook
 - * Cllr M Thompson (Vice Chairman)
 - * Cllr G Warburton

 - * denotes attendance

Also in Attendance:

T Noble-Ditchfield (Clerk)
Borough Cllr P Marshall
Whitley Headteacher – Russell David
Three Members of the Public

- 24/052. **Apologies for Absence**
There were no apologies received.
- 24/053. **Declarations of Interest**
Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest that they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached.
- 24/054. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 July 2023 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 24/055. **Public Forum**
Members of the public were invited by the Chairman to address the Councillors with any concerns or issues that they may have.
- Whitley Headteacher had provided a written report for the Councillors that had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr R Brock will attend the school at an arranged date to visit the School Parliament.
- 24/056. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
Borough Councillor P Marshall updated the committee on updates around the ward and within Cheshire West and Chester Borough.
- There is a new digital mapping system for gullies and a few are missing from the list. Borough Cllr P Marshall to converse with the Parish Council to get locations.
- 24/057. **Planning (1)**
Reference Number: 23/02724/TPO
Address: The Coach House, Bentleys Farm Lane, Whitley

Proposal: 1 x lime (T1) – Reduce overhanging canopy by 2m and remove broken and dead branches.

No objections

Appeals (0)

Notice of Decisions (1)

Reference Number: 23/01237/FUL

Green Acre, Dark Lane, Whitley

Approved

Appeal Decisions (0)

24/058.

Finance

August

Chalc

Training

Bank Trans

£ 30.00

WMT Landscaping

Village Maintenance

Bank Trans

£300.00

Cheshire Community Action

Membership 2023/2024

Bank Trans

£ 20.00

Amazon

Stationery

Bank Trans

£ 31.71

September

WMT Landscaping

Village Maintenance

Bank Trans

£300.00

Resolved that payments listed were approved.

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The Parish Council has secured an award of £250,00 from The Freedom Fund for help towards the Millenium Garden.

Noted that Cllrs M Bratherton and G Warburton will co-ordinate the project. Cllrs R Brock and P Barber will attend the presentation on behalf of the Parish Council on Thursday 28 September 2023 at the Salt Works.

24/059.

Correspondence

Resolved that the Clerk had circulated by email to the Parish Councillors documents received to date.

24/060.

Review of Parish Council Vision Statement

Councillors reviewed the Parish vision statement.

Resolved Cllr M Bratherton will provide the committee with a few alternatives to be discussed at a future meeting.

- 24/061. **Village Communication**
 An email has been set up for communication within the village. This email will be used to keep the residents informed of Parish Council updates. **Resolved** that Cllr M Thompson and the Clerk will send out a welcome message to the emails received to date.
- 24/062. **Whitley Nature Reserve**
 Cllr J Cooper updated the committee on the lake, including:
 The trees need to be inspected, **noted** quotes are to be obtained.
 Hedge culling is needed, JB to be contacted, **noted**.
 Two more benches to be erected and secured, **noted** positions to be provided.
 Laying of the hedges, **noted** that stakes are to be obtained from the company.
Resolved that money received from the leasing of the lake will be used for the maintenance and upkeep.
- 24/063. **Town Pit Pond**
 Water testing has been carried out and the condition of the water is excellent. There have been sightings of hatching fry and the lonely duck has acquired permanent friends.
- 24/064. **Greenhill Lane**
 Cllr R Brock stated that the lane is still blocked restricting rights of way. **Resolved** that the Clerk contact CWAC again to ask for the lane to be cleared.
- 24/065. **To Note Matters Arising**
 Parish Councillor email addresses will be circulated to all Councillors to comply with GDPR.
- Two garages on Raddell Lane belonging to Weaver Vale Housing, have recently been demolished.
- D Day Anniversary, 6th June 2024, will be added to a future agenda.
- 24/066. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**
 The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 7.00pm in Whitley Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed as a true record:

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Chairman

Dated: 17th October 2023