

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 21st November 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 (Clerk)

 Executive Headteacher Mrs H Broom

 Five Members of the Public

24/080. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Crook.

24/081. **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.

24/082. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 October 2023 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/083. **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 Executive Headteacher, Mrs H Broom, provided a written report for the Councillors that had been circulated at the meeting.

Residents voiced their concerns regarding the village pond flooding.

24/084. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
There were no Borough Councillors in attendance due to a Cheshire West and Chester meeting.

24/085. **Planning (0)**

Appeals (0)

Notice of Decisions (0)

Appeal Decisions (0)

- 24/086. **Correspondence**
Resolved that the Clerk had circulated by email to the Parish Councillors documents received to date.
- Parking concerns on going around Raddel Lane up to Town Green. To inform the residents, a polite notice on the website and village Whatsapp group will be posted.
- 24/087. **Finance**
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| WMT Landscaping | |
| Village Maintenance | |
| Bank Trans | £300.00 |
- Resolved** that payments listed were approved.
- 24/088. **Budget 2024-2025**
Resolved that a 5% increase on the precept is to be implemented for the following financial year. The decision was made after careful consideration, discussing the forecast and what would be best for the village and the residents.
- 24/089. **Clerk's Salary – Part 2 Confidential**
Appendix 2023/11/21
- 24/090. **WMT Grounds Maintenance Contract – Part 2 Confidential**
Appendix 2323/11/21
- 24/091. **Greenhill Update**
Cllr R Brock recently met with the Public Rights of Way representative at Greenhill, any updates will be reported back to the Parish Council.
- 24/092. **Whitley Nature Reserve**
Cllr J Cooper will be attending a Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop in January 2024 at Chester.
- Cllr J Cooper will advise where the new benches are to be positioned.
- 24/093. **To Note Matters Arising**
The website needs to be utilised more in informing the residents what the Parish Council achieves.
- 24/094. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**
The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7.30pm in Whitley Village Hall.
- The meeting closed at 8.54 pm.**

Signed as a true record:

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**Cllr R Brock
Chairman**

Dated: 16th January 2024