

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 17th October 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
 One Member of the Public

24/067. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Bratherton, Cllr M Thompson and Cllr M Crook.

24/068. **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.

24/069. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 September 2023 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/070. **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.

24/071. **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.

Soot Hill to hopefully reopen at the end of October/beginning of December.

A559 looking into having the speed reduced.

Winnington Bridge still under proposal reviews.

The Borough Plan is underway along with the Marbury ten-year plan.

24/072. **Planning (1)**
Reference Number: 23/02972/FUL
Address: Turkey Oak Farm, Bentleys Farm Lane, Whitley
Proposal: Conversion of four agricultural buildings to create eight new residential dwellings, demolition of one building, landscaping and associated works.
The Parish Council has requested an extension for further information to be obtained.

Appeals (0)

Notice of Decisions (0)

Appeal Decisions (0)

24/073. **Finance**
October
CWAC
Elections 2023

Bank Trans	£181.00
WMT Landscaping Village Maintenance	
Bank Trans	£300.00
Village Hall Hire	
Bank Trans	£ 30.00
123 Reg Domain Renewal	
Bank Trans	£ 21.59
123 Reg Business Renewal	
Bank Trans	£ 100.66

Resolved that payments listed were approved.

24/073.i The Parish Council has secured an award of £250.00 from The Freedom Fund for help towards the Millenium Garden.
Noted that the funds were received on the 06 October 2023

24/074. **Budget 2024-2025**
The Clerk circulated the interim monitoring budget to the committee and asked for any future projects to be discussed and added to the 2024-2025 budget.
Noted that the Clerk will present the final budget in November 2023.

24/075. **Resolution to Exclude the Public**
Resolved to adopt Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as applied by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, members agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting as the

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matters to be discussed are confidential since they relate to an employee of the Council or they involve matters of commercial confidence.

24/076. **Raddel Lane Garages Update**
The two garage plots on Raddel Lane have recently been acquired and plans to demolish and rebuild new garages have been spoken about.
Noted that Cllr J Cooper will keep the committee informed.

24/077. **Whitley Nature Reserve**
Cllr J Cooper updated the committee that the hedge has been cut.
Two extra benches will be positioned and secured around the lake.
Noted that Cllrs Brock, Barber and Cooper to arrange.

Hedge laying will commence on the 2nd November 2023.

24/078. **To Note Matters Arising**
The ‘Whitley Village’ signs on the A49 need to be cleaned.

Raddel Lane up to Town Green is unsafe for pedestrians and school children walking back and forth with the paths being overgrown from the grass verges.

24/079. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**
The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 7.00pm in Whitley Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed as a true record:

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**Cllr R Brock
Chairman**

Dated: 21st November 2023