

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 20th February 2024 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)
Borough Cllr L Gibbon
Seven Members of the Public

The Vice Chairman, Cllr M Thompson, opened and chaired the meeting.

- 24/110. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Brock, Cllr M Bratherton and Cllr M Crook.
- 24/111. **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.
- 24/112. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 January 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 24/113. **Public Forum**
Members of the public were invited by the Vice Chairman to address the Councillors with any concerns or issues that they may have.
- A number of Whitley residents, particularly School Lane, will be hugely affected by the proposed planning application for a Golf Driving Range development at Walnut Tree Business Park and would like the support from the Parish Council.
- Residents of Greenhill Lane would like to express their thanks to our Borough Councillors, particularly Borough Cllr L Gibbon, for instigating action in the Lane. Further investigation is needed for an action plan, Cllr P Barber and Cllr R Brock will converse with residents.
To be put on the agenda for March.
- The Parish boundary map has been requested to be on the website.

- 24/114. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
 Borough Cllr L Gibbon attended the meeting to give a detailed report on various updates and a copy of the report was circulated to all Cllrs.
- The CWaC CEO session is going ahead on the 29th February 2024 at Wincham Community Centre with all Parish Councils from the Marbury Ward invited.
- 24/115. **Planning (1)**
 Reference Number: 23/04013/FUL
 Address: Greenhills Farm, Greenhill Lane, Whitley
 Proposal: Extension and roofing over silage clamp
No Objections.
- Appeals (0)**
- Notice of Decisions (0)**
- Appeal Decisions (0)**
- 24/115.i. Due to a number of residents concerns regarding the Warrington Borough planning application for a ‘Proposed Driving Range’ at Walnut Tree Business Park, Stretton and the Councillors research, it was agreed that Whitley Parish Council will fully support the objections from Stretton Parish Council.
Objections – 2023/01488/FULM
Whitley Parish Council, as the bordering Parish Council to the proposed development cited above, hereby raise our objection to any proposed grant of planning approval for this development on the basis of the reasons cited in the notice of objection issued by Stretton Parish Council, and uploaded to the Warrington BC Planning Portal on the 10th January 2024, time-stamped 15:13:19.
- 24/116. **Correspondence**
Resolved that the Clerk had circulated by email to the Parish Councillors documents received to date.
- 24/117. **Finance**
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| WMT Landscaping | |
| Village Pond Tree | |
| Bank Trans | £ 100.00 |
- Resolved** that payments listed were approved.
- 24/117.i. The Clerk informed the Cllrs that the sign up for the FILCA qualification will be in March 2024.
- 24/117.ii. The Clerk will look for quotes to replace the Parish Council’s laptop to present to the committee.

- 21/118. **Annual Parish Assembly**
The Village Hall has been booked by Cllr P Barber for Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 7.00pm.
- 24/119. **D-Day 80th Anniversary**
To be incorporated with the Rose Queen Festival at the Village Hall on the 08th June 2024. The celebrations will continue after the 6.00pm finish of the Rose Queen Event and the theme will be D-Day fancy dress.
Noted that the Clerk email the Dutton Cllr who has offered to help Cllr J Cooper.
- 24/120. **Millenium Garden Grant**
The committee decided that a hedge would be more beneficial at this time for the garden area and would aid the protection of the wildlife.
Resolved that Cllr R Brock converse with the Parish Council's village landscaper to begin the project.
- 24/121. **Town Pit Recognition Sign**
The wording for the sign will be 'Contribution towards railings from Whitley Village Residents'.
Noted for Cllr J Cooper to continue with this project.
- 24/122. **Whitley Nature Reserve Car Park**
Cllr J Cooper informed the Cllrs that the car park surface is in a bad condition and the lease states a 50/50 contribution between the Parish Council and the Fishing Syndicate.
The perimeter railing is rotting being at least 15 years old and needs replacing.
Resolved that Cllr J Cooper obtain quotes for the work needed.
- 24/123. **To Note Matters Arising**
Borough Cllr L Gibbon stated that quite a number of the A49 signage posts are leaning quite badly and would need to be reported.
- 24/124. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**
The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7.00pm in Whitley Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed as a true record:

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**Cllr R Brock
Chairman**

Dated: 19th March 2024