

Whitley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 15th October 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 P Marshall
 Head of Whitley School Russell David
 Five Members of the Public

The Chairman, before the meeting commenced, offered the Parish Councils sincere condolences to the family of Mr John Sugden. A respected, well-known resident and ex-Parish Councillor.

25/063. **Apologies for Absence**
 There were no apologies received.

25/064. **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.

25/065. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
 The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/066. **Public Forum**
 Head of Whitley School had sent a report to the Parish Council with informative updates. The school has recently been inspected by Ofsted, awaiting the full report.

An increase in dog mess around the village, a notice on the village WhatsApp would help to ask owners to pick up.

25/067. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
 Borough Cllr P Marshall attended the meeting, winter fuel payments coming to an end.
 National planning framework, submission has been sent, a few months before results, this will drive the local plan for the area.
 Members budget needs to be spent by Christmas, ideas and improvements for the village would be required.

Chairman Initials

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- 25/068. **Planning (1)**
Reference Number: 24/02439/FUL
Address: Lyndale, Street Lane, Whitley
Proposal: Two storey rear extension with external canopy, including two proposed new dormer windows at first floor with associated internal remodelling of an existing dwelling and conversion of an existing garage.
No further comments to be added.
- Appeals (1)**
Reference: 2023/01488/FULM
Site Address: Walnut Tree Farm, Northwich Road, Warrington
- Notice of Decisions (1)**
Reference: 23/01561/FUL
Site Address: Whitley Farm, Hall Lane, Whitley
Refusal
- Appeal Decisions (0)**
- 25/069. **Correspondence**
Resolved that the Clerk had circulated by email to the Parish Councillors documents received to date.
- The circular bench opposite the Church, located on the spinney, the tree located inside the bench needs attention and maintaining.
Noted Cllr R Brock will obtain quotes.
- 25/070. **Finance**
Resolved that payments listed in Appendix 1 were approved.
- 25/070.i. **Asset Register**
Resolved to accept the review.
- 25/071. **Millennium Garden**
Cllr M Bratherton has been regularly mowing the grass and the hedge has been trimmed recently. The grass is to be replaced by bark.
Resolved that a quote from WMT Services, village maintenance, be obtained.
- 25/072. **Greenhills Update**
Greenhills will need resurfacing, but the flooding would have to be controlled first. Permission from the council is needed to work on the drain. Borough Cllr L Gibbons is helping with the issue and representatives from the Borough Council have been to visit. The legal radical implications for the Parish Council to get financially involved are huge. Hopefully this issue will be added to the next financial budget at Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council.
- 25/073. **Whitley Nature Reserve – Part 2 Confidential**
Resolved to exclude the public on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

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25/074. **To Note Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.

25/075. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**
The next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 19th November 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm.

Signed as a true record:

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**Cllr R Brock
Chairman**

Dated: 19th November 2024

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Appendix 1 – Payments 2024

WMT Services	
Village Maintenance	
Bank Transfer	£ 320.00
Interfloral	
Condolences Flowers	
Bank Transfer	£ 49.50