

Whitley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 7.00pm

Councillors: Cllr M Thompson (Chairman)

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

- * denotes attendance

Also in Attendance: T Noble (Clerk)
Borough Cllr L Gibbon
Borough Cllr P Marshall
Russell David – Head of Whitley Village School
Two Members of the Public

Due to the absence of the Chairman, Cllr M Thompson, the Vice Chairman, Cllr J Cooper conducted the meeting.

- 26/070. **Apologies**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Thompson and Cllr M Crook.
- 26/071. **Declarations of Interest**
Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in which they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached. Declarations are a personal matter for each Member to decide and the decision to declare or not, is the responsibility of the Member.
- 26/072. **Minutes of the Pervious Meeting**
The minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 26/073. **Public Forum**
26/073.1 **Members of the public**
Concerns from a resident regarding Town Pit Pond flooding, the Borough Councillors will investigate any help to assist.
- Noted** that no resolutions can be made during Public Forum.

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- 26/073.2 **Police Report**
PC Dan Vinton emailed the Parish Council to introduce himself. PC Vinton will be working alongside PC Wiggins in the Marbury ward.
- 26/073.3 **Whitley Village School Report**
Headteacher, Russell David, attended the meeting, gave a written report that had previously been circulated to the Councillors.
Electric work is due to take place during the summer holidays, involving the removal of overhead power connections and also external wiring attached to the school building. The works will be subject to permits and planning consent.
Local authorities have reported a steady decline in the number of children seeking school places.
The Department for Education has commended the school for outstanding attendance.
Children are learning their parts for the Christmas Nativity. Preparations are underway for Christingle Service which will take place at St Lukes Church.
- 26/074. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
The monthly detailed newsletter has been circulated and some updates including:
Frequency of heavy rains and the winter season, the Borough Cllrs are prioritising interventions for known flood areas making sure gully clearing schedules are up to date, drainage hotspots are being properly surveyed, and vulnerable areas are receiving the right attention.
Progress has been made securing needed resurfacing work. Residents updates and photographs submitted through the portal are a great help.
With planning, applications are monitored closely and are working to ensure the voice of the Parish Council is heard. Encouragement to all Parish Councils to stay engaged when the next consulting phase opens.
PSCO's are being reduced across Cheshire from approximately 70 to 27.
More information will soon be made available. This change should take effect from April 2026.
- 26/075. **Raddel Lane Footpath**
Cllr J Cooper stated the footpath is severely overgrown and is a safety issue for pedestrians and pupils wishing to walk to Whitley Village School.
Resolved Cllr P Marshall will contact Highways.
- 26/076. **Walled area Resurfacing**
Noted Cllr J Cooper and Cllr M Thompson will speak to residents and report to the committee.
- 26/077. **Village Welcome Pack**
Noted Cllrs were asked to bring their ideas for content of the leaflet and this item will be added to the February agenda.
- 26/078. **Parish Council Meeting Dates**
The Cllrs discussed the advantages and disadvantages of changing the meeting dates for various reasons.
Noted to stay on the third Tuesday of the month until further discussion.

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26/079. **Planning (0)**

Appeals (0)

Notice of Decisions (2)

Reference Number: 25/02557/FUL

Location: Marbury Cottage – New access

Approved

Reference Number: 25/00340/FUL

Location: Hatton View Farm – Change of use to office and widen gate posts

Approved

Appeal Decisions (1)

Appeal Reference Number: APP/A0665/W/25/3363476

Location: Springpool Fisheries

Granted

26/080. **Finance**

Resolved that payments listed in Appendix 1 were approved.

26/080.1 **Recess Payments**

Resolved that the Clerk and Chairman have delegated powers to process payments during the recess.

26/081. **Dog Waste Dispenser**

Cllr M Thompson had sourced three costs for a dog waste dispenser to be located at Pit 2.

Resolved to wait to see if bins are going to be emptied before any purchases.

26/082. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**

The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 20 January 2026 at 7.00pm in Whitley Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.26pm

Signed as a true record:

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**Cllr M Thompson
Chairman**

Dated: 20 January 2026

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Appendix 1 – Payments November 2025

RBLI Remembrance Flag Bank Trans	£ 19.98
Village Hall Room Rental Bank Trans	£ 30.00
WMT Maintenance Village Maintenance Bank Trans	£330.00
WMT Maintenance Village Maintenance Bank Trans	£ 45.00
WMT Maintenance Village Maintenance Bank Trans	£ 15.00
123 Reg Website Bank Trans	£ 38.39
123 Reg Website Bank Trans	£100.66

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