

Whitley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 15 July 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 P Marshall
 PCSO Diana Wiggins
 Russell David – Head of Whitley Village School
 Two Members of the Public

26/032. **Apologies**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Bratherton.

26/033. **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.

**Cllr R Brock declared an interest in agenda item 9.3. Greenhills.
Cllr G Warburton declared an interest in agenda item 6, planning application 25/01735/FUL.**

26/034. **Minutes of the Pervious Meeting**
The minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 17 June 2025 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

26/035. **Public Forum**
26/035.1 A report from Russell David, Head of Whitley School, had previously been circulated to the committee. A few points are the 150th anniversary of the school was a tremendous success. There will be a change of Headship, Russell David.

Greenhill Lane and the Parish Councils contribution were queried but until a written cost report is received, there can be no vote on a decision.

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The spinney requires a replacement pipe and the Parish Council has been asked to fund it.

It is noted that no resolutions can be made during Public Forum.

26/035.2 **Police Report**

A crime report from PCSO Diana Wiggins had previously been circulated to the committee.

26/036. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**

Apologies had been received from Borough Cllrs L Gibbon and N Wright.

A detailed report had been circulated prior to the meeting from Borough Cllrs P Marshall and L Gibbon.

A highways maintenance trial will begin, and this involves access to a team for a week. They can repair signs around the village that requires maintenance, a list would be useful of any simple repairs that are needed.

Devolution, a vote for commencement at Full Council has been postponed until September 2025.

26/037. **Planning (1)**

Reference Number: 25/01735/FUL

Location: The Village Bakery, Village Farm, Street Lane, WA4 4EN

Proposal: Change of use of bakery and new detached garage to replace store building.

No objections

Appeals (0)

Notice of Decisions (0)

Appeal Decisions (0)

26/038. **Finance**

Resolved that payments listed in Appendix 1 were approved.

26/039. **'Consultation on Housing Allocations' Meeting Review**

Cllr M Thompson and Cllr J Cooper attended the meeting on the 08 July 2025.

A report will be circulated in due course.

26/040. **Village Projects and Matters**

26/040.1 **WNR**

Cllr J Cooper reported that the dog fouling is getting worse by the day.

Resolved that the Clerk to purchase a dog fouling sign (3) and a no parking, access needed sign.

Tommy Statues

Locations for Tommy Statues were discussed.

Resolved if the statues are obtained, the locations will be the Nature Reserve (PC land), the grass verge outside the church (PC land) and the Village Hall.

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- 26/040.2 **Village Hall and PC Representative**
Cllr J Cooper would like to know the relationship between the Village Hall and the Parish Council and is quite concerned that a PC event had been booked then cancelled. Cllr P Barber confirmed that he is the Parish Council's representative.
- 26/040.3 **Greenhills Update**
Cllr R Brock has requested that the pricing report to be put in writing for the Parish Council.
Noted that the Parish Council will not be liable for any works undertaken.
Noted that Borough Cllr P Marshall will converse with Cllr R Brock regarding Members Budget availability.
- 26/041. **Councillor's Reports**
Noted no matters for discussion.
- 26/042. **Future Agenda Items**
Greenhills Update.
Risk Assessment Review (September).
- 26/043. **Matters for Discussion in Closed Session**
Noted no matters for discussion.
- 26/044. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**
The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 7.00pm in Whitley Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.49pm.

Signed as a true record:

..... **Cllr M Thompson**
Chairman

Dated: 16 September 2025

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Appendix 1 – Payments June 2025

Zurich Insurance Annual Renewal 2025 Bank Trans	£363.00
WMT Maintenance Village Maintenance Bank Trans	£330.00
Rymans Stationery Files Bank Trans	£ 17.96