

# Whitley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 21st January 2025 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  
   Head of Whitley School Russell David  
   Five Members of the Public

25/090.       **Apologies for Absence**  
                  There were no apologies received.

25/091.       **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.

25/092.       **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**  
                  The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/093.       **Public Forum**  
                  Head of Whitley School had sent a report to the Parish Council with informative updates including but not limited to, admissions, a new premises manager and investments in facilities.

25/094.       **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**  
                  Apologies were received from Borough Cllr P Marshall.

Borough Cllr P Marshall sent an email to inform the committee that the flooding issue has been escalated through the portal and onto senior officers. Currently, it is with the Principal Flood Risk Engineer.

Borough Cllr L Gibbon attended the meeting to inform the committee on recent updates from Cheshire West and Chester.

Devolution (DEVO) is being introduced and maybe as early as 2026. A Task Group has been set up working across three authorities, Cheshire West, Cheshire East and Warrington. Main interests will be transport and local infrastructure, skills and employment support, housing and strategic planning,

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economic development and regeneration, environment and climate change and health, wellbeing and public services reform.

The Cheshire West and Chester portal needs to be utilised more to report all issues and concerns. CWaC is also on Alexa by downloading the free app for up-to-date information about Council services.

25/095. **Planning (0)**

**Appeals (0)**

**Notice of Decisions (1)**

Reference: 24/01561/FUL

Site Address: Whitley Farm, Hall Lane, Whitley

**Refusal**

**Appeal Decisions (0)**

25/095.i 23/02972/FUL Turkey Farm, in January a biodiversity report had been submitted but no drainage report to date.

25/096. **Correspondence**

**Resolved** that the Clerk had circulated by email to the Parish Councillors documents received to date.

25/097. **Finance**

**Resolved** that payments listed in Appendix 1 were approved.

25/097.i **Quote for Village Maintenance**

WMT Maintenance has presented a quote for the continuation of grounds maintenance. Verge mowing for April to October 2025, £2,310.00.

**Resolved** that the 2025 quote be accepted.

25/098. **Town Pit**

Drainage issues around Higher Whitley, proposal for resolving drainage: Neighbours have suggested a camera down from the outlet pipe from Town Pit Pond, along Raddel Lane housing, into Wendy's wood leading onto the Council tip and exiting into a farmers ditch. Cllr R Brook advised that CWaC has put this on a list to look at.

The proposal is to use an amount of money that is put aside annually into a fund specifically for drainage issues. Details are to be discussed and decided by the PC. Money could be contributed from WNR funds.

Cllr Bratherton suggested a flood plan committee with a PC representative plus residents and any interested parties as a flood plan is essential for the village.

**Noted** that agreed in principle regarding funds.

**Resolved** that a Village Flood Working Group be formed and advertised on the website and the village WhatsApp group. First meeting date will be 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at the Village Hall.

25/099. **Highway Drains**

As above.

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- 25/100. **Whitley Nature Reserve**  
WMT Outdoor Services costed the maintenance that is required at the Reserve. Knee high fencing will be £394.14 and dead hedging at £340.00. **Resolved** to commence with the improvements.
- 25/101. **VE Day – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Noted** An event for VE Day in May will be held for the community with a donation of £250.00 from the Parish Council.
- 25/102. **Greenhills Update**  
No improvements to report.
- 25/103. **To Note Matters Arising**  
Dog fouling is a problem in the village, this should be reported on CWaC website.
- 25/104. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**  
The next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

**The meeting closed at 8.43 pm.**

**Signed as a true record:**

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**Cllr R Brock  
Chairman**

**Dated: 18th February 2025**

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## Appendix 1 – Payments December 2024

Microsoft Renewal Bank Trans	£ 59.99
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## Payments January 2025

WMT Maintenance Village Verges Bank Transfer	£320.00
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Village Hall Rent Bank Transfer	£ 30.00
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