

Whitley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 16 September 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

 Russell David – Head of Whitley Village School

 Two Members of the Public

26/045. **Apologies**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr G Warburton.

26/046. **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 8. Greenhills.

26/047. **Minutes of the Pervious Meeting**
The minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 15 July 2025 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Noted that 26/036 should read ‘Devolution, a vote for commencement at Full Council has been postponed until September 2027’.

26/048. **Public Forum**
26/048.1 Members of the public
No matters arising.

Noted that no resolutions can be made during Public Forum.

26/048.2 **Police Report**
A crime report from PCSO Diana Wiggins had previously been circulated to the committee.

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- 26/048.3 **Whitley Village School Report**
A report from Russell David, Head of Whitley School, had previously been circulated to the committee. The school now has a population of 78 pupils. A joint initiative between Cheshire Constabulary and Cheshire West to promote local road safety has been arranged to fit in with their Parking Charter. A 2026 educational trip will be arranged after the success of the 2025 one.
- 26/049. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
Apologies had been received from Borough Cllrs L Gibbon and N Wright. Borough Cllr P Marshall attended the meeting and updated the committee on recent news including Witton Street, Devolution and Frodsham Connections meeting in October 2025.
- 26/050. **Matters for Discussion in Closed Session**
Staff Matters
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.
- 26/051. **Matters for Discussion in Closed Session**
Pit 2
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.
- 26/052. **Matters for Discussion in Closed Session**
Greenhills
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.
- 26/053. **Planning (3)**
Reference Number: 25/01813/FUL
Location: Little Epps, Village Lane, WA4 4EJ
Proposal: Rendering of all elevations of dwelling and garage.
No objections
- Reference Number: 25/02478/FUL
Location: Beechway, Raddel Lane, WA4 4EE
Proposal: First floor rear extensions.
No objections
- Reference Number: 25/02489/FUL
Location: Town Pit Farm, Bentleys Farm Lane, WA4 4QN
Proposal: Removal and replacement of existing orangery with single storey side extension, linked covered walkway and new rear courtyard wall.
No objections
- Appeals (1)**
Reference Number: 23/02972/FUL
Appeal Reference: 25/00074/ND
Location: Turkey Oak Cottage, Bentleys Farm Lane, WA4 4QN

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Notice of Decisions (0)

Appeal Decisions (0)

Resolved A Planning Working Group is to be formed consisting of Cllr M Thompson, Cllr J Cooper and Cllr M Crook. Delegation to the PWG will be granted for time sensitive planning applications and applications received during recess.

26/054.

Finance

Resolved that payments listed in Appendix 1 were approved.

Resolved Repair/Flood Grant Policy and Procedure be adopted.

26/055.

Councillor's Reports

Noted no matters for discussion.

26/056.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 7.00pm in Whitley Village Hall.

Meeting closed at

Signed as a true record:

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**Cllr M Thompson
Chairman**

Dated: 21 October 2025

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Appendix 1 – Payments August 2025

TND
Clerks Printer
Bank Trans £ 91.67

McAfee
Clerks Laptop (2 years)
Bank Trans £ 89.99

Payments September 2025

ThenMedia
Website
Bank Trans £145.00

RBLI
Tommy Statues
Bank Trans £715.00

Screwfix
Safety Signs
Bank Trans £ 13.99

Safety Signs Ltd
Safety Signs
Bank Trans £ 23.28

WMT Maintenance
Village Maintenance
Bank Trans £660.00

WMT Maintenance
Pit
Bank Trans £ 60.00