



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 20 January 2026 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

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

- 26/083. **Apologies**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Thompson and Cllr M Bratherton.
- 26/084. **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.
- 26/085. **Minutes of the Pervious Meeting**
The minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 18 November 2025 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Vice Chairman.
- 26/086. **Public Forum**
26/086.1 **Members of the public**
Noted that no resolutions can be made during Public Forum.
- 26/086.2 **Police Report**
A consultation is currently under way regarding proposed reductions in PCSO provision. In addition, a ballot has been circulated widely, offering options for consideration.

Chairman Initials



- 26/086.3 **Whitley Village School Report**
There was no report available.
- 26/087. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
The monthly detailed newsletter has been circulated and some updates including:
In December, Cllr Phil Marshall tabled a successful motion at Full Council calling for a requested review of Cheshire Constabulary's proposal to reduce Police Community Support Officer numbers.
No further update on Devolution since December 2025. The Mayoral elections will run in May 2027.
In December 2025, the Government launched a new consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework, proposing a major restructure of national planning guidance. The Council will respond formally by 10 March 2026 and residents and Parish Councils are encouraged to engage directly with the consultation.
- Members budget closes for applications on 31 January and funds must be spent by 31 March 2026.
- The Parish Council's members budget application for the flood pipe replacement at the Spinney has been submitted.
Resolved subject to the signing and witnessing of a letter from the landowner confirming that the Parish Council will not be held responsible for any issues arising and granting full authority to access the land, work may then commence.
- 26/088. **Whitley Village School Parking**
Cllr J Cooper commented that parking is causing concern and poses a danger to pedestrians. It was noted that this issue requires attention as a matter of urgency.
Resolved Cllr J Cooper will contact the Headmaster.
- 26/089. **Village Hall Defibrillator**
Cllr P Barber reported that the defibrillator outside the Village Hall requires attention.
Resolved in accordance with the Parish Council's Donation Policy, the relevant form will be emailed to the Village Hall for completion and subsequently presented to the committee.
- 26/090. **Planning (2)**
Reference Number: 25/03926/FUL
Location: Beechway, Raddel Lane, WA4 4EE
Proposal: Garage Conversion to bar, gum and office.
No objection
- Reference Number: 25/03986/FUL
Location: 8 Town Green, WA4 4QQ



Proposal: Demolition existing front extension, side garage, rear extension, erection of part single and two storey front and rear single storey extension.

No objection

Appeals (0)

Notice of Decisions (0)

Appeal Decisions (1)

Appeal Reference Number: APP/A0665/W/25/3370183

Location: Turkey Oak Cottage, Bentleys Farm Lane

Refused

26/091.

Finance

Resolved that payments listed in Appendix 1 were approved.

26/091.1

Budget/Precept 2026-2027

Resolved that a precept increase of 6.78% (£2.28) be implemented for the forthcoming financial year, setting the precept at £12,207.00. This decision was reached following careful consideration of the financial forecast and discussion of what would be in the best interests of the village and its residents.

26/092.

Part 2 Confidential

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Under the Public Bodies, admissions to meetings, Act 1960, the public to be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information of matters.

26/093.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 7.00pm in Whitley Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.09pm

Signed as a true record:

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**Cllr M Thompson
Chairman**

Dated: 17 February 2026

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Appendix 1 – Payments December 2025

Microsoft Renewal Bank Trans	£ 84.99
ThenMedia Website Bank Trans	£ 145.80
WMT Maintenance Village Maintenance Bank Trans	£330.00
WMT Maintenance Village Maintenance Bank Trans	£ 45.00
WMT Maintenance Village Maintenance Bank Trans	£ 15.00

Payments January 2026

Village Hall Room Rental Bank Trans	£ 30.00
SLCC Renewal Bank Trans	£ 75.00