



Whitley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 17 March 2026 at 7.00pm

Councillors:	*	Cllr M Thompson (Chair)
	*	Cllr P Barber
	*	Cllr M Bratherton
		Cllr R Brock
	*	Cllr J Cooper (Vice Chair)
	*	Cllr M Crook
	*	Cllr G Warburton
	*	denotes attendance

Also in Attendance: T Noble (Clerk)

26/116. **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Brock.

26/117. **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.

26/118. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 17 March 2026 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

26/119. **Public Forum**

26/119.1 **Members of the public**

There were no members of the public present.

A resident on Dark Lane contacted Cllr J Cooper with concerns regarding wildlife in hedgerows, specifically that hedge cutting may be taking place outside the permitted season. It was noted that hedge cutting is not permitted between 01 March and 31 August, with added procedures, outside of this period should only be undertaken where necessary for safety reasons.

Noted that no resolutions can be made during Public Forum.

26/119.2 **Police Report**

No report available.

26/119.3 **Whitley Village School Report**

No report available.



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- 26/120. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
There were no Borough Cllrs in attendance due to an emergency Borough Council meeting.
- 26/121. **Planning (2)**
Reference Number: 26/01096/PIP (permission in principle)
Location: Land at Windy View, Dark Lane, WA4
Proposal: PIP for demolition of stables and construction of two dwellings
Concerns regarding the potential Green Belt designation of the site and deferred to the discretion of the Planning Department in determining the matter.

Reference Number: 26/00641/FUL
Location: Land adjacent to Applecroft, Dark Lane, WA4
Proposal: Erection of self-build dwelling
Concerns regarding the application in relation to potential Green Belt implications, support will be given should it be confirmed that the site is not within the Green Belt.

Appeals (0)

Notice of Decisions (0)

Appeal Decisions (0)
- 26/122. **Finance**
Resolved that payments listed in Appendix 1 were approved.

Precept 2026-2027
The 2026/2027 precept of £12,207.00 has been received on 13 April 2026.
- 26//122.1 **Internal Audit 2025-2026**
The Chair signed the Certificate of Exemption AGAR form (page3), the Annual Governance Statement (page 5) and the Accounting Statement (page 6) for the Clerk to submit to the internal auditors.
- 26/123. **Insurance Renewal 2026-2027**
The insurance renewal is due in June 2026. The current provider, Zurich, has provided a quotation of £363.00, with no increase from the previous year.
Resolved to accept the quotation from Zurich.
- 26/124. **Flood Relief Update**
The Parish Council wished to thank the residents who volunteered to assist with the pipe repairs on land adjacent to Raddel Lane, namely SH, JB, JP, and JP's father. Thanks were also extended to Cllr J Cooper and Cllr P Barber.
It was noted that the grass verges, starting at Dark Lane continuing on, are full of roots from Rogers Wood and may be contributing to flooding issues. Cllr J Cooper was asked to advise who should be contacted at the Borough Council regarding this reoccurring matter.



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- 26/125. **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Assembly**
The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 19 May at 6.30pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Assembly at 7.30pm. Notification will be sent to residents by the village WhatsApp.
Noted Cllr J Cooper to organise light refreshments.
- 26/126. **Part 2 Confidential**
Pit 2
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.
- 26/127. **Calendar Dates 2026-2027**
The Parish Council agreed to amend its meeting schedule to accommodate the Clerk.
Resolved that following the May meeting, meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month on a bi-monthly basis, taking place in July 2026, September 2026, November 2026, January 2027, March 2027 and May 2027.
- 26/128. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**
The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as Tuesday 19 May 2026 at 6.30pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Assembly at 7.30pm in Whitley Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.31pm

Signed as a true record:

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Chairman

Dated: 19 May 2026



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Appendix 1

Payments April 2026

DESCRIPTION	INVOICE	NET	VAT	TOTAL	CODE
Chalc Training	2025/323	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00	204
Village Hall Room Hire	Q42025-26	£75.00	£0.00	£75.00	202

Income April 2026

DESCRIPTION	INVOICE	TOTAL	CODE
Precept 2026-2027	Bank Trans	£12,207.00	102