

Whitley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 21 October 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
Five Members of the Public

26/057. **Apologies**
There were no apologies received.

26/058. **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.

Cllr R Brock declared an interest in agenda item 8. Greenhills.

26/059. **Minutes of the Pervious Meeting**
The minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 16 September 2025 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

26/060. **Public Forum**

26/060.1 Members of the public.

Resident, Mr M Simpson, came to the meeting to personally thank the Parish Council for the support at Greenhills Lane. Despite the heavy rain recently there has been no flooding enabling the residents to use the Lane.

Cllr M Thompson would like to extend the thanks to the Borough Councillors and Cllr R Brock.

Noted that no resolutions can be made during Public Forum.

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- 26/060.2 **Police Report**
No updates.
- 26/060.3 **Whitley Village School Report**
Headteacher, Russell David, attended the meeting, gave a written report that had been circulated to the committee. Points included staff development and leadership meetings. Significant changes including the introduction of a new National Curriculum, a revised Ofsted framework and reforms in Special Educational Needs. Prospective families for school visits are now preparing for the reception admissions.
- 26/061. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
Cheshire and Warrington Combined Authority is to be formed in 2026 and for the region to elect its first Mayor in 2027.
The consultation for the Local Plan has now closed and got a good response. Any unnecessary Green Belt encroachment has been challenged. Finally, Lynn A petition has been launched calling for urgent resurfacing of the pedestrian area of Witton Street and High St in Northwich.
- 26/062. **Pit 2**
The dog foul bin at the entrance of Pit 2 overflows when not emptied frequently by WBC. An extra bin and a dog bag dispenser would hopefully help.
Resolved Cllr M Thompson to source a waste bag dispenser and report back to the Council.
- 26/063. **Walled Area Resurfacing**
Cllr M Thompson reported that the walled area on Village Lane needs maintenance. As the walls are historic there may be funding available.
Resolved Cllr M Thompson and Cllr J Cooper to research and contact the residents.
- 26/064. **Greenhills**
As discussed in the Public Forum.
- 26/065. **A49 Layby Litter Bin**
The litter bin has been set on fire, the bin has been cleared away but hasn't been replaced.
Noted Borough Cllr L Gibbon is assisting with this concern.
- 26/066. **Village Welcome Pack**
Cllr P Barber would like to start a 'New Resident Welcome' leaflet. This would be Parish Council lead but will include information about the village.
Noted Cllr M Thompson has requested the Cllrs to bring ideas to the November meeting to be decided what will be added to the leaflet.
- 26/067. **Planning (1)**
Reference Number: 25/02557/FUL
Location: Marbury Cottage, Bentleys Farm Lane, WA4 4QW
Proposal: New access for field and stable.
Concerns regarding highways.
- Appeals (0)**

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Notice of Decisions (0)

Appeal Decisions (0)

26/068.

Finance

Resolved that payments listed in Appendix 1 were approved.

26/068.1

The village maintenance quote for 2026 was received and discussed.

Noted two more quotes to be sourced for the village maintenance plan.

Location of Tommy Statues, the grass section opposite the church for one set and one set to the left of the gates at Pit 2.

A Remembrance flag to be ordered and delivered to Cllr J Cooper for the flagpole at Pit 2.

26/069.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 7.00pm in Whitley Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.26pm

Signed as a true record:

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Cllr M Thompson
Chairman

Dated: 18 November 2025

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Appendix 1 – Payments October 2025

RBLI Remembrance Flag Bank Trans	£ 19.98
Village Hall Room Rental Bank Trans	£ 30.00
WMT Maintenance Village Maintenance Bank Trans	£330.00
WMT Maintenance Village Maintenance Bank Trans	£ 45.00
WMT Maintenance Village Maintenance Bank Trans	£ 15.00
123 Reg Website Bank Trans	£ 38.39
123 Reg Website Bank Trans	£100.66

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