

Whitley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 16th July 2024 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 P Marshall
Six Members of the Public

25/035. **Apologies for Absence**
There were no apologies received.

25/036. **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.

25/037. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th June 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/038. **Public Forum**
The traffic on Pillmoss Lane has significantly increased and the speed of the traffic is becoming a concern.

There has been a report of quite a big hole just past the school that would need reporting.

25/039. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
Borough Cllr L Gibbons sent apologies.

Borough Councillor P Marshall gave a verbal report to the committee on recent events in and around the ward and after the pre-election period.

25/040. **Planning (1)**
Reference Number: 23/01537/S73
Address: Woodview, School Lane, Whitley
Proposal: Replacement two storey dwelling with detached garage – variation
of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning permission 20/04380/FUL
No objection

Chairman Initials

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Cllr P Barber declared an interest in 24/00079/ENF and took no part in the discussion.

Appeals (1)

Enforcement Reference: 22/00248/EBCN

Appeal Reference: 24/00079/ENF

Site Address: Bentleys Farm, Bentleys Farm Lane, Whitley

No objection

Notice of Decisions (0)

Appeal Decisions (0)

- 25/041. **Correspondence**
Resolved that the Clerk had circulated by email to the Parish Councillors documents received to date.
- 25/042. **Finance**
Resolved that payments listed in Appendix 1 were approved.
- 25/042.i. The Clerk contacted the bank to discuss accounts. The Parish Council have a current account and a reserve account. The reserve account is an instant feeder savings. All money receives the higher interest. Money spent automatically gets transferred from the savings to the current.
- 25/043. **Whitley Nature Reserve**
Cllr M Bratherton reviewed and updated the Risk Assessment and recommended that a maintenance plan be devised to help keep the path near the orchard is kept clear.
Noted that the Risk Assessment will replace the previous version and a copy given to the Anglers Club.
- Cllr J Cooper and Cllr M Bratherton informed the committee that the most concerning area is the car park with a risk of vehicles going over the stumps into the water and barriers would be the option.
- Thanks to Mr and Mrs Faulkner for assisting Cllr P Barber with the placing of two benches and Mr Page for taking away the Methodist Chapel bench for cleaning. The bench will be placed back in the village when location decided.
Resolved that the Clerk can order a notice board for the WNR.
- 25/044. **Parish Council Website**
The Clerk circulated examples of websites for the Parish Council from ThenMedia for consideration.
Noted to be discussed at a later date.
- Cllr R Brock declared a personal interest in Greenhills and took no part in the following discussion.**

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Greenhills Update

Three estimates have been received for the replacement pipe. The committee discussed the justification of spending funds, mainly emergency vehicles unable to access vulnerable residents, and the implications of responsibilities to the Parish Council. At a previous meeting the residents spoke about contributing towards the cost.

Noted that the landowner will need to be contacted before any resolutions can be made. Cllr M Thompson and the Clerk will draft a letter to be emailed to the farmer and the Clerk to research the legal side.

25/046.

To Note Matters Arising

The Chetwode has not breached planning to date. It has also been reported to enforcement and they will assign an officer in due course.

The quote for the roof on the bus shelter located on the A559 has been received at the cost of £650.00 and was accepted.

Cllr J Cooper would like a Residents Housing Survey to be an agenda item.

25/047.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 17th September

The meeting closed at 8.24 pm.

Signed as a true record:

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**Cllr R Brock
Chairman**

Dated: 17th September 2024

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Appendix 1 – Payments July 2024

WMT Outdoor Services Village Maintenance Bank Transfer	£ 320.00
Amazon Printer Cartridge x 1 Colour Bank Transfer	£ 16.09
Amazon Printer Cartridge x 1 Black Bank Transfer	£ 14.72
AO Electrics Clerk's Laptop Bank Transfer	£ 419.00
JDH Business Services Audit 2024-2025 Bank Transfer	£ 316.80
SLCC Membership Bank Transfer	£ 79.00
Cllr J Cooper Annual Refreshments Chq: 001313	£ 33.28
Cestrian Safety Signs WNR Bank Transfer	£ 48.00
	<u>£1,246.89</u>

Receipts June 2024

RA Fisheries Year 3 WNR Funds Bank Transfer	£3,000.00
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