

Whitley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 18th February 2025 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 L Gibbon

25/105. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Barber.

25/106. **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.

25/107. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Item number 25/098 Drainage – The agreed in principal funding was unanimously voted to the amount of £1,000.00 per annum from WNR income.

25/108. **Public Forum**
There were no members of the public present.

25/109. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
Apologies were received from Borough Cllr P Marshall.

Borough Cllr L Gibbon attended the meeting reporting on information regarding the Ward. A detailed account of various issues was previously emailed and circulated.

Council tax will increase by 4.99%, the Police and Fire Service will also increase.

Devolution, there will be a Mayor election in 2026 to cover the three areas, Cheshire West, Cheshire East and Warrington.

25/110. **Planning (0)**

Appeals (0)

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Notice of Decisions (0)

Appeal Decisions (0)

- 25/111. **Correspondence**
Resolved that the Clerk had circulated by email to the Parish Councillors documents received to date.
- 25/112. **Finance**
Resolved that payments listed in Appendix 1 were approved.
- 25/113. **To Note Review of Policies**
The following policies were previously distributed to all Councillors for reviewing and to be noted.
Model Standing Orders, Model Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct, Health and Safety, Asset Register and Transparency Code.
- 25/114. **Village Flood Working Group**
The Village Hall has been booked for a meeting to form a ‘Village Flood Working Group’ on the 19th February 2025.
Borough Cllr P Marshall will be attending.
Noted Cllr J Cooper will attend the first meeting to represent the Parish Council.
- 25/115. **VE Day – 8th May 2025**
Cllr J Cooper informed the committee that the village hall and field are booked and this will be a joint venture with village groups.
- 25/116. **Whitley Nature Reserve**
Cllr R Brock reported that work has commenced on the fencing at the Nature Reserve,
- 25/117. **Dark Lane Update**
Cllr P Barber and a couple of residents have started to investigate using a drain jetter, the next step will be inserting a tracer.
- 25/118. **Greenhills Update**
Cllr R Brock stated that ten potholes had been filled approximately three weeks ago and another five this week.
- 25/119. **To Note Matters Arising**
Borough Cllr L Gibbon commented that there was a tree dangerously overhanging on School Lane near the village hall.

Cllr J Cooper stated that there is a dead tree on Raddel Lane that would need reporting to the Borough Council.

Cllr J Cooper would like to note appreciation from the Parish Council to the resident of Willow Bank Farm for generously cleaning the railings at Town Pit.

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25/120.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 18th March 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm.

Signed as a true record:

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**Cllr R Brock
Chairman**

Dated: 18th March 2025

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Appendix 1 – Payments February 2025

WMT Maintenance	
WNR Strim	
Bank Trans	£ 40.00

Amazon	
Office Keyboard	
Bank Trans	£ 19.99

WMT Maintenance	
Footpath Strimming	
Bank Trans	£332.50