

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held at 19:00 on Wednesday 12 November 2025

Present:

Councillor T Munro (Chair)

Councillor K Austin

Councillor H Green

Councillor D Munro

Councillor J Paget

Councillor F Raspin

Councillor J Raspin

2 Members of Public (MOP)

1. **To Receive and Accept Apologies and Reasons for Absence** – No apologies received.
2. **To record declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests from members on any items to be discussed** - None.
3. **To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest (forms to be completed before the meeting)** – None.
4. **Public Participation Session** – to allow members of the public to speak to the meeting (no decisions can be made on any items raised in this session).

A representative from the Just Good Friends Club spoke about the Community Sensory Garden at Whitwell Station, which celebrated its first year in October. Their current project is provision of a coffee kiosk; however, they have no services. Cllr T Munro has previously spoken to the nearby building contractors who intimated that they may be able to help and he is happy to approach them again.

1 MOP left at 19:15

4.1. **Members of the Parish Council and public to raise matters of importance with the Police**

PC A Podam had sent his apologies. The following issues were raised: -

- It was noted that PC Podam had attended the Remembrance event when he was not scheduled to work. This was very much appreciated, and thanks would be sent to him and his Sargeant informed.
- A MOP commented that vehicles were trying to drive through the road closure and maybe the road should be blocked off sooner. However, it was noted that the parade reached The Square early.

4.2. **Members of the Parish Council and the public to raise matters of importance with the County Councillor**

The County Cllr had sent his apologies. The following issues were raised: -

4.2.1. A MOP commented on Portland Street being a dangerous road with DCC's refusal to install a white line on the bend, where there have been some accidents. The Parish Council would write to the Highways Dept to inform them that their experiment has failed, making the problem even worse, and request them to re-consider this policy cc County Councillor. The MOP has provided the Police with dashcam footage of speeding vehicles.

4.2.2. DCC to be asked whether the reason they do not install child-shaped bollards outside schools is due to funding or policy cc The Headteacher.

4.2.3. Re-starting Speedwatch to be advertised with a request for volunteers. 1 MOP would volunteer.

1 MOP left at 19:33

4.2.4. The overgrown hedge near the Butchers has still not been trimmed back to the wall enough. Also, the overgrown hedge on Old Green Close past the old Welfare building.

4.3. **Members of the public to raise matters of importance with the Councillors present**

Bolsover District Council (BDC) - None.

Parish Council

4.3.1 The Clerk was thanked for her part in the organisation of the Remembrance event.

4.3.2 Thanks to be passed on to the WCC Manager, staff, and all who supported the Parish Council firework event, which was phenomenally successful, with a wonderful firework display.

5. **To consider for approval the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 October 2025**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2025 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

6. **To consider any matters arising (for information only) from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 October 2025**

6.1. Item 4.2 BT should have sorted the manhole cover on Sunnyside.

6.2. Item 4.2.1 It was hoped that Cllr R Hallett can report back on his request for DCC to finance speed restriction measures in Whitwell.

6.3. Item 9 – All Holiday Club Committee Member’s DBS fees have been reimbursed.

6.4. Item 13 – War memorial to be monitored for staining/water ingress.

6.5. Item 20 – The next Climate Action Working Group meeting to be set at the December Council meeting.

6.6. Item 23.3 – BDC are expecting a full planning application from Great Wolf to be submitted in December.

7. **Accounts for Approval and Payment** – It was **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment. Cllr J Paget signed the invoices: -

Direct Bank Payments to be Authorised			
Payee	Goods/Services	Amount	Budget
Thorpes Building Supplies	Repairs/Maintenance	21.90	63
Thorpes Building Supplies	Repairs/Maintenance	15.50	63
Scribe A/cs (Starboard Systems)	Annual Licence Fee	1368.00	81
CPRE	Membership	29.00	30
Whitwell Community Centre	Poppy Wreath	20.00	71
Life Publications Ltd	Newsletter Distribution	151.20	33
	TOTAL	1605.60	

8. **Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation**

The Financial Reports were accepted and bank reconciliation for October signed by Cllr K Austin. Hanging Basket sponsorship to be advertised in the next newsletter.

9. **Whitwell Common Recreation Ground**

Two further quotations have been provided. A funding bid to the Tarmac LCF will be completed.

10. **To consider response from BDC regarding draft orchard lease**

It was **resolved** to instruct the Council’s solicitor to make the suggested changes to the draft lease and submit to BDC. Regarding BDC’s requirement for a management and maintenance plan to be added to the lease, WPC need to work on a plan before it is agreed with BDC.

11. **Correspondence**

It was **resolved** to deal with correspondence as follows: -

11.1. DALC Newsletters – the October and November newsletters were noted.

11.2. Great Wolf Lodge – consultation issues raised - noted

11.3. Resident – Firework Displays – WPC are sympathetic to a reduction in noise levels for consumer sales and will contact our MP regarding supporting this issue but do intend to continue to provide a traditional display, giving residents prior notice of our event.

12. **Planning Matters**

It was **resolved** to deal with planning as follows: -

12.1. 25/00420/TCON – Multi-stemmed Elm sectional dismantle to ground level, 11 High Street S80 4QZ – It was noted that this application has already been determined.

12.2. 25/00451/FUL – Two storey side extension, 15 Franklin Avenue S80 4PP – No objections

- 12.3. DBCP Street Name & Numbering, Boleappleton Farm, Bolsover S44 6PA – No comments
- 12.4. DBCP Street Name & Numbering, land between Leaholme & Fallows End & rear of Mill Lane, Bolsover – no comments.
- 12.5. 25/00456/TCON – Tree works to T1 Maple, crown raise up to 5.5m over road and up to 4m over garden; T2 Maple, pollard due to extensive dieback in crown; T3 Damson, reduce height by around 4m. 9 Mason Street S80 4RL – No objections

Planning not Listed

- 12.6. 25/00453/FUL – Replace garage with larger timber structure and porch to front, 7 Butt Hill S80 4RP – No objections, subject to in keeping within the conservation area.
- 12.7. 25/00457/FUL – No objections.

13. Progress Reports

Holiday Club

Cllr J Raspin reported that all Ofsted DBS checks have been completed. Ofsted criteria have now changed, which will be considered at the next meeting on 24 November. She wishes to thank everyone for all their efforts.

Quarry Liaison Meeting

Cllr F Raspin attended the meeting and raised concerns regarding dust complaints. The management team were concerned that people thought they were not taking compliance seriously and a member of the team is happy to attend a council meeting. It was suggested that they be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, date to be set at the December meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 7.00 pm.

15. Fifteen-minute public session for members of the public to comment on items discussed at this meeting (no decisions can be made on any items raised in this session) – None.

16. To consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) to exclude members of the public and press from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

16.1. Whitwell Community Centre Cleaning Staff

Retirement of one member of cleaning staff on 30 November 2025 was accepted.

It was **resolved** to enter a cleaning contract with Crystal Clean to cover the vacant post, to be reviewed after 12 months.

16.2. To consider arranging Annual December Training Event

It was **resolved** to hold the event on Monday 15 December 2025 at 7.00 pm. Catering to be arranged.

16.3. Cllrs T Munro and J Raspin had attended an emergency planning meeting at BDC and had asked whether there could be any training for Parish Councils. A BDC officer would be happy to attend a Parish Council meeting and give a 10–15-minute training session. It was suggested that this be diarised for Mar/April 2026.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:26

Signed (Chairman)

Date

List of Resolutions

74/2025-26 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2025 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

75/2025-26 It was **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and Cllr J Paget signs the invoices. The Financial Reports were accepted, and Cllr K Austin signed the bank reconciliations.

76/2025-26 It was **resolved** to instruct the Council's solicitor to make the suggested changes to the draft lease and submit to BDC. Regarding BDC's requirement for a management and maintenance plan to be added to the lease, WPC need to work on a plan before it is agreed with BDC.

77/2025-26 It was **resolved** to deal with correspondence.

78/2025-26 It was **resolved** to deal with planning.

79/2025-26 It was **resolved** to enter a cleaning contract with Crystal Clean to cover the vacant post, to be reviewed after 12 months.

80/2025-26 It was **resolved** to hold the December Training event on Monday 15 December 2025 at 7.00 pm. Catering to be arranged.