

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held at 19:00 on Wednesday 10 June 2026

Present:

Councillor T Munro (Chair)
Councillor D Munro
Councillor J Raspin

Councillor K Austin
Councillor J Paget

Councillor H Green
Councillor F Raspin

1 Member of Public

1. **To Receive and Accept Apologies and Reasons for Absence** – Apologies and reason for absence were accepted from Councillor S Maiden.
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).
Cllr T Munro reported on items raised with him by members of public: -
 - (i) Issues with an empty property on Mill Lane. He has contacted the Environmental Health Department (EHD) and tried to contact the owner. The CAN Rangers are aware of the issues.
 - (ii) A build-up of rubbish/detritus at the old Co-op building. EHD have been requested to contact the owner.
 - (iii) Enquiry from a resident about why some of the Quarry field has not been cut. Cllr J Raspin explained that it was part of No Mow May and a BDC Officer will be monitoring the area on Friday morning.
 - 4.1. **Members of the Parish Council and public to raise matters of importance with the Police**
No Police were present, but Cllr T Munro would speak to them regarding issues with a property on Mill Lane.
 - 4.2. **Members of the Parish Council and the public to raise matters of importance with the County Councillor**
The County Councillor was not present, but he would be contacted for an update on the overhanging trees from the old Welfare flats.
 - 4.3. **Members of the public to raise matters of importance with the Councillors present**
Bolsover District Council (BDC) - Cllr T Munro reported on a successful AGM. BDC are pressing forward towards local government re-organisation and are expecting a final decision about which model of local government reorganisation will be implemented in Derbyshire by the end of June 2026.
Whitwell Parish Council (WPC) – No matters
5. **To consider for approval the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 May 2026**
Item 5 – Cllr S Maiden's name to be removed from the Playscheme Committee and replaced by Cllr J Paget. It was then **resolved** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13 May 2026 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.
6. **To consider any matters arising (for information only) from the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 May 2026**
Item 8.2 – No update received from Cllr R Hallett following his meeting with Highways.
Item 8.2 – Clerk had contacted DCC Highways regarding outstanding Traffic Order for High Street and was informed that high priority orders are being processed but they will consider the dragons teeth installation and respond.

Item 18.5 – The Headteacher and staff would be delighted to ask children to make some posters for the Village Green, hopefully by 26 June.

Item 10 – Cllr D Munro enquired about the community governance petition, which is in the Community Centre Foyer.

Item 18.7 – Further correspondence was received from a resident regarding the Mill Lane Allotment site and the metal referred to was subsequently removed.

Item 20.1 – Cllr J Paget has researched tree planting, with Autumn being the best time. It was noted that the recently planted honeysuckle requires supporting.

7. **Accounts for Approval and Payment** – It was **resolved** to vire £675.00 from the General Reserve to the Climate Change Initiatives budget to cover the cost of professional charges and to approve the following accounts for payment. Cllr J Paget signed the invoices: -

Direct Bank Payments to be Authorised			
Payee	Goods/Services	Amount	Budget
Ateeco	Internal Audit Fee	200.00	19
Thorpes Building Supplies	Repairs inv 43835 & 43836	22.29	63
Local Authority Technology CIC	Parish Online Mapping Software	120.00	30
Sovereign Play	40% Interim Balance – Play Equipment	8830.81	Funding
Sovereign Play	30% Final Balance – Play Equipment	6623.10	Funding
Ilett & Clark	Professional Charges – Orchard Lease	675.00	83
Turner Hire & Sales	PPE/Repairs	109.31	59/63
Cheapestprintonline	Newsletter Printing	101.00	33
	TOTAL	16681.51	

8. **Financial Report, Statement of Account for the year ended 31.3.26 and May Bank Reconciliation**

It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Report and Statement of Account for the year ended 31.3.26. Cllr H Green signed the May bank reconciliation.

9. **Internal Auditor's Report**

The Clerk was thanked for her work on the audit. The Auditor's Report was accepted, subject to clarification of the recommendation for a separate account for credit card transactions.

10. **Approval of the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31.3.26**

It was **resolved** to approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31.3.26.

11. **Approval of the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31.3.26**

It was **resolved** to approve the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31.3.26.

12. **Dates set for Notice of Public Rights (30 working days, including first 10 days in July 2026)**

It was **resolved** that the dates for notice of public rights be set from 12 June 2026 – 23 July 2026.

13. **To consider the Council's Solicitor's review of the draft Orchard Lease**

It was **resolved** to set up a working party of 3 Councillors, Cllrs K Austin, J Paget and J Raspin and Clerk to review the draft Orchard Lease with a view to making a recommendation to the full Council in July. Date to be arranged.

14. **Correspondence**

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

14.1. DALC June Newsletter – Noted.

14.2. Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust – Chesterfield & Bolsover "Buildings at Risk" Project – Cllr D Munro reported on her attendance and she had volunteered to be trained to carry out surveys on Grade II listed buildings using the merging maps app. to identify them.

14.3. BDC – CCTV Scheme – Noted.

14.4. Resident – Great Wolf update – Noted.

15. **Planning Matters**

Cllr T Munro declared an interest and took no part in decision making.

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

- 15.1. 26/00149/FUL – Replacement Windows and additional door to front elevation (3&5 Portland Street), 3 Portland Street, Whitwell S80 4RJ – No objections, subject to adherence with conservation regulations.
- 15.2. EIA Scoping Opinion Request Report – Explore Way, Steetley – No comments
- 15.3. 25/00462/FUL – Erection of Garage and Vehicular Access, 19 Hillside, Whitwell S80 4PF – No objections
- 15.4. 25/00196/FUL – Two store Side Extension, 7 Belfmoor Close, Whitwell S80 4NZ – No objections

16. **Progress Reports**

16.1. Village Green

A number of concerns have been raised regarding re-wilding progress on the Village Green. A meeting of the Climate Group to be arranged before the end of July to consider progress and making a recommendation for re-wilding going forward. In the meantime, the Clerk to ensure that a path is mown from the bench plinth to the top and all paths mown weekly.

17. **Date of Next Meeting** – The next meeting on Wednesday 8 July 2026 at 7.00 pm.

18. **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)**

Issues with item 15.3 were raised, which Cllr T Munro would bring to the attention of the Planning Officer, also that it is a retrospective application.

1 MOP left at 20:16

19. **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.**

19.1. To Consider Staff Training

It was **resolved** that the Parish Handymen would meet with the Bolsover Countryside Partnership Manager on Friday for informal training.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:26

Signed (Chairman)

Date

List of Resolutions

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