WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Held at 19:00 on Wednesday 14 October 2026

Present:

Councillor T Munro (Chair) | 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 –** Apologies and reasons for absence were accepted from Councillors K Austin and H Green.
   Cllr S Maiden was absent.

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).
   Two members of public made comments on some agenda items and on this year's hanging baskets.

   Members of the Parish Council and public to raise matters of importance with the **Police**
   PC A Podam had sent his apologies and provided a report on crime figures.

   4.1. Members of the Parish Council and the public to raise matters of importance with the **County Councillor**
   The County Councillor had sent his apologies. The following issues were raised: -
   (i) Funds have been provided by central government for road repairs but there is very little evidence of new road surfaces in and around the Whitwell Parish. Particular issues were raised about pot holes near the Half Moon pub on the A619, Boalers Corner which has only been patched, and Station Road to the A60. cc: DCC Highways.

   4.2. Members of the public to raise matters of importance with the **Councillors** present
   Bolsover District Council (BDC) – The following issues were raised: -
   (i) The grass verges along the A619 from Southgate Crossroads through to the Explore Park Roundabout, Darfoulds, have relatively recently been mown exposing large amounts of litter on both sides of the carriageway and a tyre. Cllr T Munro to report to the Grounds Maintenance & Street Cleaning Manager.
   Whitwell Parish Council (WPC) – No matters

5. **To consider for approval the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 September 2026**
   Item 4.3 – due to local government re-organisation being paused, District and Parish Council elections due to go ahead in May 2027 will proceed on existing council boundaries rather than new unitary boundaries.
   It was then r**esolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 9 September 2026 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 9 September 2026**
   6.1. Item 4.2(v) Whether the fallen road sign on Creswell Road has been removed.
   6.2. Item 11 – Following the pause in Legacy Project Funding, other opportunities are still open to bid for community projects.

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

Direct Bank Payments to be Authorised			
Payee	**Goods/Services**	**Amount**	**Budget**
Whitwell Community Centre	WPC Waste Bin Collection	160.68	63
Whitwell Community Centre	Photocopier Rental	95.88	39
Turner & Wilson (Whitwell) Ltd	Cemetery Spoil Removal	336.00	52
Bolsover District Council	Annual Play Inspections	234.00	68
Bolsover District Council	Holiday Club Sports Provision	396.00	HAF*
Turner Hire & Sales	Repairs/PPE	96.60	63
Worknest	H&S Pro Year 2	3112.25	29
DCC	Holiday Club Lettings Fee	380.56	37
*Holiday Activities & Food Funding	**TOTAL**	**4811.97**	

8. **Financial Reports and September Bank Reconciliation**
It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Reports. Cllr J Raspin signed the September bank reconciliation.

9. **To consider signing the Orchard Lease**
It was **resolved** that Cllrs T Munro and F Raspin sign the orchard lease, witnessed by the Proper Officer.

10. **To consider seeking quotations for 3-yearly tree surveys**
It was **resolved** to seek quotations for a tree survey to be carried out.

11. **Correspondence**
It was **resolved** to deal with correspondence as follows: -
    11.1. DALC October Newsletter – not yet received.
    11.2. DCC – Local Government Reorganisation Review – noted.
    11.3. BDC – Community Rail Officer – Funding request for double handrails – until Whitwell has a regular, reliable service, the Parish Council will not support this.
    11.4. Transport Team EMCCA – Mayor's Transport Plan Consultation Findings – noted.
    11.5. Just Good Friends Club – Funding for Accessible Walking Routes Map in Whitwell & Creswell – application form to be forwarded.
    11.6. Lhoist – Fugitive Dust – noted.

12. **Planning Matters**
Cllr T Munro declared an interest and took no part in decision making. It was **resolved** to deal with planning as follows: -
    12.1. 26/00020/FUL – Great Wolf Lodge Application – To consider submitting a further response.
    Cllr T Munro left the room for this item at 19:53
    The council considered progress on this application and would submit further comments, re-iterate its concerns and reinforce its objections to this application. Clerk to email a copy to Cllr F Raspin before submitting.
    12.2. Footpath 55, confirmation of diversion order – No objections
    12.3. 26/00155/VAR – Variation to condition 2 of 23/00466/VAR to facilitate a redesign of plot 5 and alterations to the internal layouts of plots 12, 13 and 14. Land along Railway northeast of Southfield Lane, Whitwell – No objections
    12.4. 26/00346/TCON – Removal of Cedar Tree, 50 Hillside, Whitwell S80 4PH - No objections, subject to mitigating planting of two replacement trees elsewhere.
    12.5. 26/00334/OUT – Erection of detached dwelling with all matters reserved (resubmission of 23/00386/OUT) 108 Southfield Lane Whitwell S80 4NR – No Objections

12.6. 26/00345/FUL – Conversion of garage, replacement of garage doors, replacement of side door and installation of side window, 38 High Street, Whitwell S80 4RB – No objections, subject to in-keeping within the conservation area.

12.7. 26/00373/FUL – Proposed stable block with menage. The Stables, Castle Hill Farm, Walls Lane, Whitwell Common – No objections.

Planning Not listed

12.8. 26/00391/FUL – Change of use of ground-floor commercial unit (class E) to 1 no. residential flat (class C3), with associated external alterations including removal of metal fascia sign, restoration of historic timber entablature, street-facing window replacement, side door masonry infill, creation of a new outbuilding door for an enclosed bin store, and installation of a chimney-mounted kitchen extractor fan, 2 High Street S80 4QU – No objections, subject to in-keeping within the conservation area.

Cllr T Munro informed the meeting about the revision of the National Planning Policy Framework for England.

13. **Progress Reports**

13.1. <u>To consider provision of compost and a crab apple tree for the garden at Whitwell Community Centre</u>
Compost has been sourced and the Dale Nursery have kindly offered to donate a native crab apple tree. Some bonemeal will be required and a couple of water butts.

13.2. <u>Holiday Club</u>
Cllr J Raspin reported on a good three-week provision. There has been a decrease in number of attendees, averaging 38-40 per day, with other local provision again being provided. A three-week provision is planned for next year, with more marketing. A Report has been written and will be circulated and tabled at the November meeting. The Ofsted report will be published by them soon.

13.3. <u>Climate Action Working Group</u>
The date for the next meeting was arranged for 2 November at 7.00 pm, room to be arranged.

13.4. <u>Allotments</u>
Allotment inspections have been arranged for 23 October, to be carried out by Cllrs D Munro, T Munro, J Paget and F Raspin, with the Clerical Assistant in attendance. To be reported at November meeting.

14. **Date of Next Meeting –** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 November 2026 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)**

2 MOP left at 20.57

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. WorkNest legal advice for staff using VDUs – it was **resolved** that the Parish Council would pay for eye tests for staff who use VDUs for work.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.05

Signed …..... (Chairman)

Date ….....

List of Resolutions

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