

**WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council**  
**Held at 19:00 on Wednesday 8 April 2026**

**Present:**

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

Councillor K Austin  
Councillor J Paget

Councillor S Maiden  
Councillor F Raspin

2 Members of Public (MOP)

1. **To Receive and Accept Apologies and Reasons for Absence** – Apologies and reason for absence were accepted from Councillor H Green.
2. **To record declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests from members on any items to be discussed** – Cllr K Austin declared an interest in item 19.1.
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 left the room for the following item: -
  - (i) A representative from the NotoWolf Action Group said they appreciate the consideration which the Parish Council has given to the Water Park Planning Application and its response is noted. The Action Group is keen to ensure that all available information is available to the Parish Council on this matter which is of great local importance. If the request by Stuart Adolph and those in favour of the Water Park for a meeting is granted, then the Action Group will expect to be given equal opportunity to address the Council. They hoped that the Council will be content to determine its position based on the wealth of publicly available information.
  - (ii) The Clerk was thanked for including the article in the newsletter regarding dog owners following the country code. Cllr T Munro re-joined the meeting
- 4.1. **Members of the Parish Council and public to raise matters of importance with the Police**  
No Police were present. No issues were raised.
- 4.2. **Members of the Parish Council and the public to raise matters of importance with the County Councillor**  
Cllr Hallett had sent his apologies. The following issues were raised: -  
Cllr T Munro has been informed by a District Councillor who has recently met with Bridget Gould from DCC Highways, that the information passed on from Cllr Hallett advising that repeatedly reported potholes move down the queue is untrue and the opposite applies.
- 4.3. **Members of the public to raise matters of importance with the Councillors present**  
**Bolsover District Council (BDC)**
  - 4.3.1 Cllr S Maiden enquired about the outcome of BDC's visit to Wildes regarding dumping of waste materials, as it is still visible in the corner including breeze blocks. Cllr J Raspin advised that BDC have visited and spoken to them but were informed that they have never had building works. This would be followed up, and Cllr Maiden is also happy to meet with them.
  - 4.3.2 Cllr T Munro reported that he had delivered a letter to a property on Portland Street advising them to remove fly-tipped bags from the highway within 3 days, before it was reported to the Environmental Health Department, which would lead to a fine.**Whitwell Parish Council (WPC)** – No matters
5. **To consider for approval the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 March 2026**  
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 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 11 March 2026**

Item 18.3 An update on the orchard cutting to be requested from BDC.

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

| <b>Direct Bank Payments to be Authorised</b> |                                  |                 |               |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Payee</b>                                 | <b>Goods/Services</b>            | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Budget</b> |
| Whitwell Community Centre                    | Photocopier Rental               | 95.88           | 39            |
| Whitwell Community Centre                    | PC Waste Bin (Veolia)            | 160.68          | 63            |
| Whitwell Community Centre                    | Repairs/Grounds Maintenance      | 118.98          | 63            |
| DALC                                         | Membership Renewal               | 1343.70         | 24            |
| Bolsover District Council                    | Rates – Cemetery                 | 442.00          | 51            |
| Turner Hire                                  | PPE                              | 192.25          | 59            |
| Crystal Clean Services Ltd                   | Cleaning Contract 11265          | 855.20          | 13            |
| GB Sport & Leisure                           | Replacement Play Equipment       | 1705.32         | 63            |
| Tarmac Ltd                                   | Third Party Contribution         | 2055.37         | Reserves      |
| Sovereign Play                               | 30% Deposit – New Play Equipment | 6623.10         | Funding       |
| Mole Country Stores                          | Flower seeds/feed/compost        | 78.25           | 63            |
| Whitwell Community Centre                    | Grant – Community Events         | 12000.00        | 70            |
|                                              | <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>25670.73</b> |               |

8. **Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation**

It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Reports and the bank reconciliation for March be signed by Cllr K Austin.

9. **Whitwell Common Recreation Ground**

9.1. It was **resolved** to appoint Sovereign Play and instruct them to proceed with quote reference N2/40456 dated 23 September 2025 for the prompt payment offer of £18,397.51 +VAT (including independent inspection). Payments to be made of 30% deposit, 40% 10 days prior to commencement on site and 30% upon completion of works.

9.2. It was **resolved** to make a Third-Party Contribution of £2,055.37 to Derbyshire Environmental Trust from the Play Equipment (new) Reserve.

10. **Garden at Whitwell Community Centre – To consider budget implications following a site visit (Cllr J Paget)**

Cllr J Paget reported on the site meeting held on 27 March with volunteers and the Parish Handymen, where removal of the New Zealand Flax and 2 large Yuccas was discussed, to be removed by a volunteer free of charge, and replacement shrubs to be identified. Potential donors to be contacted

11. **To consider Draft Parish Council Spring Newsletter**

Some amendments were made to the draft and it was **resolved** that it could then go to print. Contributors to be thanked for their input. BDC to be asked how signatures could be collected for the community governance petition from electors not currently residing in the parish.

12. **To consider request from WCC Management Committee for Friendship Hall Car Park Surfacing**

It was **resolved** that investigations are made into options, with quotes possibly being provided for the June meeting.

13. **To consider offer of £250 donation from the Whitwell Co-operative Store for a Christmas Tree (Cllr T Munro)**

It was **resolved** to accept the offer of donation of £250 from the Whitwell Co-operative Store for a Christmas Tree.

14. **To consider BDC's offer for continuation of the Service Level Agreement for Playground Inspection & Maintenance**

It was **resolved** to accept BDC's offer for continuation of the Service Level Agreement for Playground Inspection & Maintenance 2026-27.

**15. To consider a Funding Request from Whitwell Forward**

It was **resolved** to grant £500 from the grant budget and £500 from reserves and to inform them to contact BDC's Arts Officer for additional funding.

**16. Whitwell Conservation Area (Cllr K Austin)**

It was **resolved** to invite BDC's Conservation Officer to meet with Councillors to discuss preservation of the conservation area and what steps can be taken to ensure that there are no planning breaches impacting the area.

**17. To consider the Grass-Cutting Contractor's Request for Contract Invoicing/Payment**

It was **resolved** that the Grass-Cutting Contractor could be paid 8 equal instalments in arrears from April-November this year.

**18. Correspondence**

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

18.1. DALC April Newsletter – not yet received

18.2. Stuart Adolph – Great lakes Derbyshire Ltd – WPC considers that it has responded to the planning application and made observations based on the multiple pages of documents included, and Great Lakes should address those observations through the planning process, which the Parish Council will monitor and make further observations if it so wishes. Therefore, WPC will decline the invitation to meet with them.

**Correspondence not listed: -**

2 MOP left at 20:31

18.3. Grass-cutting Contractor (i) Whitwell Common Recreation Ground – BDC's Housing Manager to be contacted to pass on the contractor's concerns regarding access onto the grassed area and WPC's concerns regarding access for the play equipment installers. (ii) Potential access issues for mowing around memorials in Whitwell Cemetery when the grave contractor fills up to the stone wall – to be considered at the Cemetery Committee site meeting on 14 April 2026.

**19. Planning Matters**

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

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

19.1. **Temporary Road Closure Application, 1<sup>st</sup> Whitwell Scout & Guide Group, Well Dressing Parade 2-3pm 18 July 2026 – No objections**

19.2. Owner of the cherry tree in The Square, which now must be felled as an emergency, to be thanked for saving the tree for so long.

**20. Progress Reports**

**20.1. Climate Action Working Group**

Cllr J Paget reported on the meeting held on 30 March 2026, which was well attended. The group worked through the second part of the Environment & Biodiversity Action Plan, which she had sent out earlier, and she informed the meeting of recommendations made. A management plan was required to go with the orchard lease and Cllr S Maiden agreed to produce a plan like the Village Green plan. Cllr K Austin provided his scout email address for contact regarding a community litter-pick.

**21. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting, being the Annual Parish Council Meeting, will be held on Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 7.00 pm. The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 April at 7.00 pm (Cllr F Raspin gave his apologies).

**22. 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.**

**23. 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.**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:08

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date .....

#### **List of Resolutions**

**001/2026-27** It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2026 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

**002/2026-27** It was **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and Cllr J Raspin signs the invoices. The Financial Reports were accepted, and Cllr K Austin signs the bank reconciliation.

**003/2026-27** It was **resolved** to appoint Sovereign Play and instruct them to proceed with quote reference N2/40456 dated 23 September 2025 for the prompt payment offer of £18,397.51 +VAT (including independent inspection). Payments to be made of 30% deposit, 40% 10 days prior to commencement on site and 30% upon completion of works.

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**005/2026-27** It was **resolved** that the Spring Newsletter could go to print, subject to suggested amendments.

**006/2026-27** It was **resolved** that investigations are made into options for Friendship Hall surfacing, with quotes possibly being provided for the June meeting.

**007/2026-27** It was **resolved** to accept the offer of donation of £250 from the Whitwell Co-operative Store for a Christmas Tree.

**008/2026-27** It was **resolved** to accept BDC's offer for continuation of the Service Level Agreement for Playground Inspection & Maintenance 2026-27.

**009/2026-27** It was **resolved** to grant Whitwell Forward £500 from the grant budget and £500 from reserves and to inform them to contact BDC's Arts Officer for additional funding.

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**011/2026-27** It was **resolved** that the Grass-Cutting Contractor could be paid 8 equal instalments in arrears from April-November this year.

**012/2026-27** It was **resolved** to deal with correspondence.

**013/2026-27** It was **resolved** to deal with planning matters.