

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

**Present:**

Councillor F Raspin (in the Chair)  
Councillor S Maiden  
Councillor J Raspin

Councillor K Austin  
Councillor D Munro

Councillor H Green  
Councillor J Paget

County Councillor R Hallett

1. **To Receive and Accept Apologies and Reasons for Absence** – Apologies and reason for absence were accepted from Councillor T Munro. Cllr F Raspin chaired the meeting.
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).
  - 4.1. **Members of the Parish Council and public to raise matters of importance with the Police**

PC A Podam had sent his apologies due to unforeseen circumstances. The following issues were raised: -

    - (i) Antisocial behaviour with motorbikes on Welbeck Street and a Volkswagen parked on double-yellow lines.
    - (ii) E-scooters and bikes swerving in and out of the traffic.
  - 4.2. **Members of the Parish Council and the public to raise matters of importance with the County Councillor**

The County Councillor had met with a DCC officer and chased-up some issues: -

    - (i) Installation of adequate parking before the Station Road bridge and a 30mph limit on the opposite side.
    - (ii) Installation of dragon's teeth markings and change of speed limits on the B6043.

The following issues were raised: -

    - (iii) An update was requested on the overhanging hedging from the old Welfare building. Cllr Hallett responded that there is a backlog, with safety issues being carried out first. He was provided with the what3words to identify the area.
    - (iv) Replacement of the bollards on the grassed area at the top of Spring Hill is required as it is now being used as a parking area on a bend with double-yellow lines. He was provided with the what3words.
    - (v) Footpath 59 from the corner of Station Road to Butt Hill is becoming increasingly impassable and becomes mossy and slippery when water from the adjacent house guttering flows onto the path.

Cllr R Hallett left at 19:11
  - 4.3. **Members of the public to raise matters of importance with the Councillors present**

**Bolsover District Council (BDC)** – Cllr J Raspin reported that the final decision about which model of local government organisation will be implemented in Derbyshire will soon be made public.

**Whitwell Parish Council (WPC)**

    - (i) Cllr F Raspin reported on the Whitwell Colliery 40-year anniversary of closing reunion being held at Whitwell Community Centre on Saturday and requested tidying up of the pit wheel. He had received an enquiry about moving the wheel to a more central location, but this was not currently possible.
    - (ii) Cllr S Maiden reported on a vehicle parking on Parish Council land in front of The Nest on East Parade. Clerk to write that the council would appreciate them not parking on the land, which is not its intended purpose, and to come and chat to the council with any issues.

5. **To consider for approval the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 June 2026**  
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 10 June 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 10 June 2026**  
Item 16.1 – Posters have been received from the school children, with some being selected to be copied and laminated for display on the Village Green.

7. **Accounts for Approval and Payment** – It was **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment. Cllr J Paget 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                    | P C Waste Bin                                | 160.68         | 63            |
| "                                            | Photocopier Rental                           | 95.88          | 39            |
| "                                            | PAT Testing/Various                          | 115.67         | 63            |
| Ofsted                                       | Playscheme Annual Registration Fee           | 50.00          | 37            |
| Morton Michel                                | Playscheme Insurance                         | 376.56         | 28            |
| Turner & Wilson                              | Cemetery Spoil Removal                       | 336.00         | 52            |
| Fire & Light                                 | Parish Store Fire Alarm/Emerg Lights testing | 72.00          | 41            |
| SLCC                                         | Annual Membership Renewal                    | 253.00         | 30            |
| Turner Hire & Sales                          | PPE                                          | 57.31          | 59            |
| DVLA – credit card payment                   | Electric Vehicle Tax                         | 362.50         | 35            |
|                                              | <b>TOTAL</b>                                 | <b>1879.60</b> |               |

8. **Financial Reports and June Bank Reconciliation**  
It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Reports. Cllr K Austin signed the June bank reconciliation.
9. **Clarification of Auditor's Recommendation for a separate account for credit card transactions**  
The Clerk had requested clarification of the recommendation for a separate account for credit card transactions, which related to the Scribe Accounting System and it was **resolved** that this would be implemented.
10. **To consider FuelGenie updated terms and conditions for council fuel card**  
It was **resolved** that the Clerk investigates the option for a pre-paid credit card.
11. **Draft Orchard Lease**  
Following the working group meeting held on 22 June, the amended draft lease was forwarded to BDC. It was **resolved** to await a response from BDC.
12. **Whitwell Common Recreation Ground Project Completion**  
Clerk gave an update on the Whitwell Common project. A photo opportunity to be arranged during the summer holidays. It was **resolved** to purchase a drop-post barrier for maintenance vehicle access.
13. **To consider Grass-cutting contract tendering 2027-2030**  
It was **resolved** to agenda this item for September for the council to formulate a firm proposal.
14. **To consider the opportunity to bid for funding from BDC's Legacy Project**  
It was **resolved** to request our District Councillor to nominate a replacement community hall for this project and apply for the full replacement amount for a traditional masonry building, as per the feasibility summary.

## 15. Correspondence

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

- 15.1. DALC July Newsletter – Home Office webinar on Martyn's Law to be forwarded to Community Centre Manager.
- 15.2. Installation of Dragon's Teeth on High Street – Noted.
- 15.3. Resident – Great Wolf – Noted.
- 15.4. DALC – Change of Chief Executive Officer – Noted

Correspondence not listed: -

- 15.5. Two emails from residents regarding the Village Green and upcoming well dressing – to be informed that there is a management plan, which will take 3 years+ before any substantial increase in wildflowers. The area was not previously intensively managed so did not require stripping back. However, to blend renaturing and amenity use, the top mowed area near the tree, bench and pump will be increased next week creating an open area for the well dressing.
- 15.6. Email from resident regarding BDC's garden at the end of New Street, kerbsides and Village Green – to be informed about Village Green, and Cllr J Raspin would raise the garden and kerbside issues at the briefing on Monday.
- 15.7. Email from Conservation Officer with her availability to meet with Councillors – September availability to be requested.

## 16. Planning Matters

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

- 16.1. 26/00020/FUL – Further information on New Leisure Resort (sui generis) incorporating Water Park, Adventure Park, Hotel, Conferencing Facilities and Staff Accommodation with associated access, parking and landscaping. Application accompanied by an Environmental Statement. Land south of Springfield Farm at corner of Gapsick Lane and Worksop Road, Whitwell Common – nothing in the additional information revises WPC's view of the proposal therefore WPC's initial submission stands.

Planning not listed: -

- 16.2. DCC – Proposals for Parking Restrictions – introducing restrictions on Welbeck Street, reducing parking, would exacerbate problems elsewhere, and other restrictions require enforcement.

## 17. Progress Reports

### 17.1. Holiday Club

The Summer Holiday Club is all arranged, with Ofsted recommendations relating to the committee being fully implemented, and there will be a full inspection this year. There currently haven't yet been many registrations received. One member of staff cannot work, but there are still sufficient staff and volunteers.

### 17.2. Climate Action Working Group

Cllr J Raspin will send information to the Clerk about Transition Bolsover, managing the shift towards carbon sustainable systems, to be shared with the group, inviting the group to a launch on 12 September where a film will be shown of a nature crisis documentary.

- (i) Cllr S Maiden informed the meeting of his attendance at a meeting of the River Idle Management Plan. Something is happening with Bondhay Brook through Whitwell Wood. He will be visiting Clumber Park looking at Whitwell Dicken as one of the starts of the next water catchment area which flows through Whitwell and Welbeck joining the Trent south of the River Idle. They are looking into making Clumber Park more resilient, preventing flooding etc. He will report back in September.
- (ii) Cllr S Maiden queried whether there would be a Climate Action Working Group meeting before the end of July, as reported in the June Minutes. The next meeting is deferred but would not take place in July due to non-availability.

## 18. Date of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 September 2026 at 7.00 pm. Apologies in advance given by Cllr H Green.

19. **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) – no public present.**
20. **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. – no items.**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.14.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date .....

#### **List of Resolutions**

**038/2026-27** It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 10 June 2026 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

**039/2026-27** It was **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment. Cllr J Paget signed the invoices.

**040/2026-27** It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Reports. Cllr K Austin signed the June bank reconciliation.

**041/2026-27** It was **resolved** to implement a separate account for credit card transactions on the Scribe Accounting System

**042/2026-27** It was **resolved** that the Clerk investigates the option for a pre-paid credit card for fuel purchases.

**043/2026-27** It was **resolved** to purchase a drop-post barrier for maintenance vehicle access at Whitwell Common.

**044/2026-27** It was **resolved** to agenda the grass-cutting contract for September.

**045/2026-27** It was **resolved** to request our District Councillor to nominate a replacement community hall for BDC's Legacy Project and apply for the full replacement amount for a traditional masonry building, as per the feasibility summary.

**046/2026-27** It was **resolved** to deal with correspondence

**047/2026-27** It was **resolved** to deal with planning matters