

## **Whalton Parish Council (WPC)**

**Wednesday 10th September 2025 - Whalton Village Hall**

### **Open Parish Council Meeting**

(Draft minutes until signed)

**25:64 Cllr's Present:** Vice chair Martin Grix, Marlene Young, Chair Dr Anne Lennard, Stephen Trobe, David Storey.

#### **In attendance:**

Malcolm Burn (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr Lyle Darwin (NCC)  
0 members of the public attended.

**25:65 Apologies for absence received:** Cllr P Mitchinson

**25:66 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations:** Cllr Stephen Trobe regarding village hall grant.

**25:67 Public questions:** None received

#### **25:68 Minutes of previous meeting:** (Chair)

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd July 2025 were amended to show the change to agenda item 25:63, date of next meeting, agreed and signed by the Chair.

#### **25:69 Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)**

25.69.01 The previously postponed meeting to discuss the Local Plan has now been confirmed as **Wednesday 26th November** in the village hall. County council officer Rob Naples (Neighbourhood planning) will be attending. This is an additional council meeting for Local Plan business only. The meeting is open to the public. Start 19:30.

25.69.02 The clerk confirmed completion of the asset register in accordance with Zurich insurance Ltd. Total assets are 28k. Clerk to arrange payment of invoice to Zurich 264GBP.

#### **25:70 NCC Cllr Lyle Dawin:**

25.70.01 Cllr Darwin confirmed a limited attendance to the most recent Cllr surgery held in August. A date for another surgery in November is to be confirmed and advertised.

25.70.02 Cllrs discussed the issue of the speed indicators and use of collecting data. Cllr Grix will report back to council in November. Discussion also took place regarding the possible position of a new pole for Ogle to support the mobile speed indicator. Clerk to request Elan City Ltd (supplier) to contact the Chair directly with information & advice.

25.70.03 No new developments are reported regarding bus routes and availability (working a 3 yr contract). Cllr Darwin will continue to report back to WPC for progress.

25.70.04 Discussion took place regarding posts & chains at Whalton village. Cllr Darwin to explore funding and report to WPC.

25.70.05 Cllr Darwin to follow up outstanding repairs required to curbs at Ogle.

**25:71 Financial Matters:** (Clerk)

25.71.01 Clerk confirmed WPC had received payment of the precept on the 4th September at 4K.

25.71.02

Non routine / other payments made

None	
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25.71.03 Invoices anticipated.

Laptop windows 11 for parish clerk - Chair to action	200.00
Zurich Insurance Ltd - clerk to action	264.00

25.71.04 Clerk confirmed balances to date of the meeting.

Current Account Unity Trust Bank	11,292.06
Saving Account Unity Trust Bank 2.25% instant access	3,491.21
Total Balances to date	14,783.27

25.71.05 Confirmation Cllr Grix now has access to banking for WPC via Unity Trust Bank.

25.71.06 The clerk confirmed the closure of the period of public rights (audit). No requests were made.

25.71.07 WPC **resolved** to grant 2K to the Whalton village hall. Clerk to action.

**25:72 Correspondence**

25.72.01 Open invitations were received from Cllr Sanderson NCC to attend information sessions. Discussion took place regarding Cllr attendance.

25.72.02 Cllr Mark Mather, officer at NCC responsible for highways, invited Cllr’s to Local Transport Planning review sessions. Discussion took place.

**25:73 Planning:** (Discussion items)

25.73.01 Whiteside House planning application 25/02687 has expired without comment.

**25:74 Local Transport Planning (LTP)**

25.74.01 NCC highways have confirmed changes to the highway planning (LTP) now a 3 year programme NOT annual.(25.72.02) Discussion took place regarding issues to submit and attendance to review sessions. Previous requests for LTP tasks were noted.

**25:75 Parish Wide Maintenance Schedule 25/26:** (Discussion item)

25.75.01 Estimates received for painting of railings were reviewed. Council resolved to explore requesting community volunteers to complete the work. To be reviewed in November.

25.75.02 Further discussions took place regarding gulley pot cleansing with continued issues reported regarding lack of functioning machines at NCC.

25.75.03 Discussion took place regarding the public toilets understood to be owned by NCC. Clerk to confirm & report to council.

**25:76 Email Issues**

25.76.01 Clerk informed WPC that members have reported problems with suspicious emails which had resulted in the review of passwords and changing of email address for a member of the parish council. In accordance with NALC guidelines WPC members will have .Gov secure emails & a new secure website from April 2026.

**25:77 Date of next meeting(s):**

**Wednesday November 19th** - meeting in the village hall front room.Start 19:30 (Budget meeting for 26/27 - clerk to action).

**Wednesday November 26th Local Plan for Whalton Parish?** The extra open meeting starts at 19:30.

**Signed**.....(Chairman)

**Date**.....

