WHALTON
PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 18th November 2026 - Whalton Village Hall

(Draft minutes until signed)

26:85 Cllr's Present: Dr Lennard (Chair),Grix (Vice Chair),Young,Walton,Storey, Trobe.

In attendance: M Burn (Parish Clerk)
Members of the Public attending - none.

26:86 Apologies for absence received: Cllr Darwin NCC.

26:87 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations: Clerk received declarations of interest from both Cllr Trobe & Cllr Storey, WPC granted ongoing dispensation to both in the matter of land ownership relevant to the WPC neighbourhood plan.

26:88 Public questions received in advance: None

26:89 Minutes of previous meeting: (Chair)
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd September were agreed & signed by the Chair.

26:90 Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)

26.90.01 **Local Plan**:Extensive discussion took place regarding the open event held 24/10/26 with comments and survey statistics debated. It was noted the survey results indicated a priority to ***protect heritage assets and a building design code*** *for the parish.* This information has already been relayed to the NCC neighbourhood planning team. WPC resolved to consult NCC NPT for feedback and guidance. Update to follow in the new year. Survey results & comments received are published on the website.

NOTE: WPC has a dedicated email address for the public use regarding the Local Plan. Public questions or comments are welcome. *whaltonlocalplan@whaltonparishcouncil.gov.uk*.

26:91 Parish Council Meeting Dates: (Clerk)

26.91.01 The list of WPC meetings **2027** now published on the website.
Jan 6th / March 3rd / May 5th / July 7th / Sept 8th / Nov 3rd.

26:92 Policy Documentation (Clerk)

26.92.01 Updated policies are available on the council website

26:93 Cllr Lyle Dawin - Update (NCC)
26.93.01 Cllr Darwin was not in attendance but will receive an update from the clerk.

26:94 Financial Matters: (Clerk)
26.94.01
Non routine / other payments made

NALC online training (Clerk)	42GBP
Chair allowance - Village show prize	20GBP
Reimbursement clerk admin & printing	20.89GBP
Zurich insurance annual policy	264GBP
Royal British Legion donation - Chair	80GBP

26.94.02 Anticipated invoices prior to next meeting in 2027

NALC online training (Clerk) - Local Plans	42GBP
Reimburse clerk purchase of display boards	130GBP
Whalton T Products - Posts prep & installation	4,000GBP

26.94.03 Income anticipated before next meeting

None	0GBP

26.94.04 Clerk informed the council annual insurance was renewed.

26.94.05 **Balances at date of the meeting**

Current Account Unity Trust Bank	9,464.28
Saving Account Unity Trust Bank	6,155.72
Total Balances to date of meeting	15,620.00

26.94.06 The budget for 27/28 was debated at length. WPC **resolved** the precept will remain unchanged at 8K. Clerk to action.

26:95 Correspondence (Clerk)
26.95.01 Routine newsletters were received & circulated to cllr's, clerk confirmed to council that several items of outgoing correspondence had not received a response, this is causing delays to maintenance or other matters. Clerk to action.

26:96 Planning Notifications Received: To consider planning applications & notifications received.
26.96.01 Tresco Ogle26/03445/FUL Extension -Closed 22nd Oct 2026
26.96.02 Tresco Ogle Erection of single storey domestic building - Closed 27th Oct.
26.96.03 Potential planning breach - Reported to NCC & WPC. Extensive discussion took place. Currently under investigation by various agencies including NCC and environmental health regarding water resources throughout Whalton village.Clerk confirmed the incident was also reported to historic England.
26.96.04 Beresford Arms - Decision 07/10/26 **GRANTED.**
26.96.05 Hicks - agricultural building 26/03646/FUL closed 6th Nov.
26.96.06 Clerk confirmed the consultee arrangements for the council.

26:97 NCC Housing Survey for Land Availability Assessment
26.97.01 NCC survey is available online until 09/12/26. Discussion took place regarding the NCC survey. It was noted that 2 areas have been identified within the parish boundary. NOTE: This is the work of NCC and not Whalton parish council.

26:98 Parish Council Website (Clerk)
26.98.01 Statistics
Sept 166 page views 25% by mobile / Oct 170 page views (21% by mobile).

26:99 Transport Issues (Chair)
26.99.01 Chair provided an update on the issue of bus services for the parish confirming the NE Mayors office have supported WPC and have written to NCC for clarification. Awaiting response.
Extensive discussion took place. Chair has requested an update from Neil Easten, head of transport NCC regarding a new bus contract to include provision for both Whalton & Ogle. Chair to update.

26:100 WPC Training via NALC
26.100.01 Clerk confirmed completion of Leadership - encouraging participation. Discussion took place regarding future training. Clerk to reserve Local Planning training for Dec 2026.

26:101 Traffic Warning Flashing Beacon
26.101.01 Discussion took place regarding quotation received and effectiveness of this equipment. Chair to approach the village school to discuss. Possible purchase of another SID was referred to April 2027. Chair to action.

26:102 Backup File Storage Issues
26.102.01 Clerk explained a recent issue during backup of council files. WPC **resolved** to purchase a suitable external hard drive to secure all files. Clerk to action.

26:103 Maintenance Issues
26.103.01 Clerk informed council the gully cleaning can be addressed directly to NCC council Officer who will respond each in turn. The use of What3Words was encouraged for accurate reporting. The road sweeper has not responded to date of the meeting. 26.103.02 Discussion took place regarding water supply issues at Ogle & the sewage treatment works. Cllr Lyle Darwin investigating the sewage works will work with Northumbrian water. Clerk to confirm the action via Cllr Darwin.

26:104 Date of next meeting(s): Wednesday 6th January 2027 7:30pm meeting at front room, Whalton village hall.
26.104.01 Meeting closed at 8:45pm

Signed……..(Chairman) **Date**