



**WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
MEETING HELD
ON 11 June 2026 AT
GOOSNARGH VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Cllr Michelle Woodburn - Chair
Cllr Martin Carefoot
Cllr Lauren Chattein
Cllr Dave Price
Cllr Michelle Woodburn

Mr Mike Thorpe – Parish Clerk

City Cllr Harry Landless

PCSO Ellie Burke
PCSO Jack Goodwin

Representatives from Longridge Town FC and Whittingham & Goosnargh Sports and Social Club.

APOLOGIES

MIN 26/27.28 It was noted that Councillors Clarke and Eccles apologised for their absence.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

MIN 26/27.29 It was resolved that the minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 14 May 2026 be signed as a true and correct record.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MIN 26/27.30 The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 May 2026 be noted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

MIN 26/27.31 Members accepted it was their responsibility to declare any interests in respect of matters contained on the meeting agenda. The Clerk reported that no written requests for dispensations had been received.

UPDATES ON PUBLICLY RAISED MATTERS

MIN 26/27.32 Updates were provided on matters raised by the public at the last meeting in respect of:

- Longridge Ward at Longridge Ward Community Hospital
- LCC Household Waste Recycling Centre, Longridge – letter sent to LCC regarding its relocation on public safety grounds.
- Goosnargh Village Green – Replacement Tree
- Cumeragh/Whittingham Lane – Highway damage now repaired.
- Former Whittingham Hospital Site – Flower Beds

It was resolved:

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(i) That support be given to the Campaign Group trying to raise awareness of the issues surrounding the closure of the Longridge Ward at the local Community Hospital. It was noted that a publicity event was planned in Longridge on Saturday 20 June 2026.

(ii) that Denise Wolstenholme, one of the campaign leaders be invited to attend and address the meeting of this Committee to be held on 9 July 2026.

(iii) that approval be given to the payment of £141.60 to Tarleton Plant Hire for the purchase and planting of a Prunus Kanzan tree on Goosnargh Village Green in remembrance of former Parish Councillor Eddie Marginson.

(iv) that Barratts be requested to consider allowing the removal of bedding plants from the development site before they are destroyed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 26/27.33 It was resolved that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Representatives Preston City Council and Lancashire Constabulary were in attendance and reported on the following matters:

- That Preston City Council was in a political state of no overall control although the Labour Party still retained the largest party.
- The progress of Local Government reorganisation which will result in Lancashire County Council and Preston City Council being replaced by a Unitary Authority.
- Monthly crime statistics for the Parish and advice on requesting emergency and non-emergency responses from the Police.
- Information was provided on the In The Know scheme.

No members of the public were present.

MIN 26/27.33 It was resolved that reports be noted.

REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Requests for financial assistance were presented by Longridge Community Action on behalf of Longridge Town Football Club and by the Chairman for Whittingham & Goosnargh Sports and Social Club respectively.

MIN 26/27.34 It was resolved:

(i) that consideration of both requests be deferred.

(ii) that Cllr Price meet with representatives from both organisations to obtain appropriate financial and other information that will assist the Council in making its decision.

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk submitted a report on various matters that had been brought to his attention since the last meeting.

MIN 26/27.35 It was resolved;

(i) that the report be noted.

(ii) that approval is given to the payment of £108 to JC Holdens to undertake repair work to the window on the bus shelter on Church Lane.

CIL BUSINESS PLAN

Members received updates on the following CIL projects:

- Teens Play Area, Goosnargh Village Green
- Woodland Path
- Replacement Play Equipment, Goosnargh Village Green
- St John's Church Feasibility Study

MIN 26/27.36 It was resolved to confirm to Preston City Council that this Council wishes work on the Teen Play Area to commence this Summer rather than the alternative option of Autumn.

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GOOSNARGH LANE – NO WAITING RESTRICTIONS

It was reported that the Council had been informed by Lancashire County Council that a decision was made on 5 March 2026 to prohibit vehicles waiting on part of Goosnargh Lane and came into force on 8 June 2026. The Parish Council did submit an objection to the proposal.

MIN 26/27.37 That the report is noted.

LONGRIDGE ENVIRONMENT GROUP EVENT

The Chair reported on her attendance at an event held at Christ Church, Berry Lane, Longridge on 3 June 2026, to view and discuss a screening of the *People's Emergency Briefing* film on the threats to British life from ongoing damage to nature and to our climate.

MIN 26/27.38 It was resolved that the Council offers to host a similar event in the village.

PARISH PLAN 2023-2026

MIN 26/27.39 It was noted that the Parish Plan was due to be reviewed.

PRESTON CITY COUNCIL PLAY STRATEGY

It was reported that Preston City Council is developing a Play Strategy to guide how play spaces across the City are improved and invested in over the next ten years. Members confirmed they had received online surveys to complete during the information gathering phase.

MIN 26/27.40 That the report is noted.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Members considered content for the next edition of the Council's Newsletter.

MIN 26/27.41 It was resolved that Cllr Chattein act as lead in respect of the production of the quarterly newsletters.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Clerk presented the following financial statements to the Council:

- Bank reconciliation statements for April and May 2026
- Lists of payments for April and May 2026
- Lists of receipts for April and May 2026
- Summaries of Expenditure and Income for April and May 2026.

MIN 26/27.42 It was resolved to note the reports.

PRESTON YOUTH FORUM

MIN 26/27.43 It was resolved:

- (i) That Cllr Carefoot represents the Council at a meeting for Parish Representatives to be held on 16 June 2026 at Toll Bar Cottage commencing at 18:00 hours.
- (ii) that the Clerk represents the Council on the Preston Youth Forum.

MEETING DATES 2026/27

MIN 26/27.44 It was noted that meetings had been arranged for the following dates in 2026/27:

- 9 July 2026
- 10 September 2026
- 8 October 2026
- 12 November 2026
- 14 January 2027
- 11 February 2027
- 11 March 2027
- 8 April 2027
- 13 May 2027 (AGM) and Annual Parish Meeting

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MIN 26/27.45 It was noted that the next meeting be held on Thursday 9 July 2026.

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