



**WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
MEETING HELD
ON 18 June 2026 AT
TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH**

PRESENT

Cllr Michelle Woodburn – Chair
Cllr Anthony Eccles – Vice Chair
Cllr Martin Carefoot
Cllr Barbara Clarke
Cllr Dave Price

Mr Mike Thorpe – Parish Clerk

26/27.46 APOLOGIES

It was noted that Councillor Chattein had apologised for her absence.

26/27.47 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved - That the minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 11 June 2026 be signed as a true and correct record.

26/27.48 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Resolved - That there were none.

26/27.49 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved – That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following two items of business on the grounds that there is likely to be a disclosure of exempt information which is described in paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

26/27.50 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – LONGRIDGE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB (Paragraph 3)

A request was considered from Longridge Town Football Club for financial assistance with the cost of two urgent maintenance requirements, namely the football pitch renovation and surface improvements and the servicing and repair of the club's Toro triple mower.

Resolved - That approval be given to the payment of £15,709.07 to Longridge Town Football Club.

As Chair, Parish Councillor Michelle Woodburn declared a personal interest in the following item as she is a member of Whittingham and Goosnargh Sports and Social Club. Whilst she remained in the meeting during discussion on the item, the Chair took no part in the decision taken thereon.

The Vice-Chair, Parish Councillor Anthony Eccles, took the Chair for the following item of business only.

26/27.51 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – WHITTINGHAM & GOOSNARGH SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB (Paragraph 3)

A request was considered from Whittingham & Gossnargh Sports and Social Club for financial assistance with the cost of internal fixtures and fittings at the new club.

Members discussed the request at length.

Resolved - That approval be given to the payment of £22,475.00 to Whittingham & Goosnargh Sports and Social Club.

The Chair, Parish Councillor Woodburn, resumed the Chair.

26/27.52 Resolved – That the following items of business be considered in public.

26/27.53 PARISH PLAN 2023-2026

Members discussed the need for a Working Party to discuss the Parish Plan for 2023-2026.

Resolved - That a Working Party be established to consider and update the Parish Plan. The working party to comprise of all Parish Council Members and the Clerk.

26/27.54 ST JOHN’S CHURCH – FEASABILITY STUDY

The Council discussed the options on the way forward following the circulation of the revised Feasibility Study on options for the future development of St John’s Church.

Resolved - (i) That Buttress undertake soft market testing of the Community-led model;
(ii) that the parking situation be explored with Homes England, including land south of the Church; and
(iii) that an access strategy be discussed with Homes England and/or Barratt Homes to confirm whether access from Teasel Close could be secured in principle.