

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON 14 MAY 2026

AT GOOSNARGH VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

In accordance with LGA 1972 Schedule 12 para 17(1) Cllr Dave Hall (Chair of the Parish Council) presided as Chair.

Parish Cllrs - Cllr Martin Carefoot, Cllr Barbara Clarke, Cllr Anthony Eccles
Cllr Michelle Woodburn, Cllr Dave Price and Cllr Lauren Chattein (part)

County Cllr Maria Jones and Mr Salter (observer)

City Cllr Daniel Nuttall

PS Suzanne Harvey

Marion Brewer - Trinity Church

Judith Burn – Whitsuntide Festival

Cllr Woodburn (dual hatted) – Goosnargh & Whittingham in Bloom

Patricia Parker – Cumeragh Village

Julie Buttle – former Clerk to the Parish Council

Mike Thorpe – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

Gillian Paton – Goosnargh Tennis Club

Ellie Burke - PCSO

1. APPROVAL OF 2025 ANNUAL PARISH MINUTES

As the May 2025 Minutes were noted at the June 2025 Parish Council meeting, the Chair signed them as a true record.

2. 2025/26 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT – Appendix A

Cllr Dave Hall, Chair of Whittingham Parish Council presented his report on achievements and activities during the past year and formally announced that this would be his last report because he is to resign as a Councillor for the Parish Council following 15 years' service to the community. Time was taken to reflect on the changes and challenges the Parish has faced during his time as a Parish Councillor. He praised the support of former and current Councillors and in particular the tireless work of Mrs Julie Buttle, the Parish Clerk for the past 15 years until her recent retirement.

3. RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Appendix B

The former Clerk gave the end of year finance report which detailed the income and expenditure for 2025/26. The 2026/27 carried forward CIL balance is **£627,825.13** with expenditure proposals identified on the CIL Business Plan. The Parish Council has reserves totalling **£68,620**.

4. CITY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

The Chair reported that Stephen Whittam who regularly attended Parish Council meetings in his capacity as a City Councillor representing Preston Rural East ward had not been elected at the recent local government elections.

The Chair welcomed City Cllr Daniel Nuttall to the meeting and expressed his hope that he will assist the Parish Council with matters requiring the support of the City Council.

City Cllr Nuttall responded by thanking the Chair and pledging his support to the Parish Council who he was looking forward to working with.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Appendix C

County Cllr Maria Jones reported on the following matters that she has recently or currently assisting with:

- Goosnargh Village Green Playground equipment.
- New Primary School.
- Flooding at Goosnargh Oliverson's Primary School/Caraway Green development.

Parish Members took the opportunity to raise the following concerns:

- The temporary closure of the Longridge Ward at Longridge Community Hospital
- Public safety at the Lancashire County Council Household Waste and Recycling Centre in Longridge.
- Potholes on Goosnargh Lane/Langley Lane.

6. POLICE REPORT – Appendix D

Police Sergeant Suzanne Harvey introduced herself and explained her role within the Neighbourhood Policing Unit.

PCSO Ellie Burke had previously circulated crime statistics for the area but was unable to attend the meeting to present them.

7. COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND GRANT ALLOCATION

When setting the budget, the Parish Council sets aside a small amount of money to assist local community groups organise events or provide activities which will be of benefit to the area or its inhabitants. Organisations benefiting from Community infrastructure donations are also invited to update residents on the funding they have received.

Trinity Methodist Church

Marion Brewer had left the meeting by this point and on her behalf, Judith Burn thanked the Parish Council for the support given to Trinity Methodist Church. An invitation was made to the Parish Council to attend a short dedication service on Sunday 31 May 2026 at the chapel commencing at 16:00 hours followed by afternoon tea in the Church Hall provided by the newly refurbished klitchen.

Goosnargh & Whittingham Festival Committee

Judith Burn thanked the Parish Council for its support and donation of £500 towards the costs of this popular community event.

Goosnargh Tennis Club

Gill Paton was unable to attend the meeting, but a report had been previously circulated which outlined the activities that were available and the improvements that had been made during the past year.

Goosnargh & Whititngham in Bloom

Michelle Woodburn thanked the Parish Council for its donation in 2025/26 and explained that the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition had been cancelled this year. However, she did confirm that the appearance of flower displays around the village were imminent.

PRESENTATIONS

Cllr Dave Hall and Mrs Julie Buttle received tributes and gifts in recognition of the wonderful service given to Whittingham Parish Council.

A draft copy of the Minutes of this meeting will be presented to the Parish Council at their next meeting on 11 June 2026 June 2025, prior to the formal Minutes being approved at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2027.

Signed (Chairman)

Date