Whittington Parish Council

**DRAFT Minutes** **Parish Council Meeting** **Monday 20th January 2025 at 7.00pm**

*Preceded by a Public Meeting at 6.45pm* in Whittington Village Hall

Clerk: Gillian Newton, 14 Marton Drive, Bare, Morecambe, LA4 6RB. 07773678608 [clerk@whittington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@whittington-pc.gov.uk)

Agenda & Minutes of meetings available on the noticeboards, by request from the Clerk and at <https://www.whittington-pc.gov.uk/> Audit details by request and [whittington-pc.gov.uk/other-documents/](https://www.whittington-pc.gov.uk/other-documents/)

2 members of public present at the public meeting. Items discussed included the proposal for 2 Concealed Entry signs at either end of the village; Bin day – possibility of 8 wheelie bins in front of the previous Dragon’s Head frontage; Rumble strips and steel posts for a SpID.

Present at the meeting: Cllrs Colin Hall, Malcolm Fell, David Hutton, Janet Preston and the Clerk, Gillian Newton. One member of the public was present.

1. Apologies for absence were received from City Councillor Ross Hunter.
2. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th November 2024 were read and agreed as a true record and signed by Cllr Hall
3. Clerk’s report – Clerk’s & Councils Direct newsletter January Issue 157 available and at <https://www,clerksandcouncilsdirect.co.uk/> ; Notification by text of removal of B.Atkinson as signatory.
4. **PACT**. 1 crime reported during September – Criminal damage and arson, which includes damage to buildings and vehicles and deliberate damage by fire, on or near Docker Lane. Investigation complete – no suspect identified. No crimes reported during October. 1 crime reported during November – Violence and sexual offence on or near Docker Lane, Newton.

Lancashire Constabulary representative PC 3511 James Hodgson, Lancaster, Lune Valley Rural Areas. <https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/ContactAnOfficer/Create?collarNumber=3511&firstName=James&lastName=Hodgson> The link to local crime figures available at <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/lancashire-constabulary/upper-lune-valley/?tab=CrimeMap> Tel: 101 for non-emergencies, or from an internet connected mobile, 112. Download <https://what3words.com/about-us/> to identify your exact location eg: bus stop at village hall is surprises:splashes:printers

1. **Finance**
2. S137 donation requests; Maximum spend £3,729.40 (£10.81 per head x 345 population 2021 census); Previously donated £746.36 leaving £2,983.04 for donations. CHEQUE 717 £25.00 S137 Royal British Legion agreed by Cllrs; CHEQUE 718 £300.00 S137 North West Air Ambulance agreed by Cllrs; CHEQUE 719 £80.00 S137 Arkholme & District Women’s Institute agreed by Cllrs.
3. CHEQUE 714 cancelled – written incorrectly.
4. CHEQUE 716 £252.00 Christian Douglass Accountants LTD payroll services 01/04/23 – 31/12/24 agreed by Cllrs
5. CHEQUE 715 £60.00 Colin Hall for Christmas tree from S.Close agreed by Cllrs
6. S/O 6th January payment Clerk’s quarterly wage £350.00
7. Shooting Rights at Town Quarry due £200.00 from Henry Armitage
8. Grazing Rights at Town Quarry due £50.00 from Gillian Sedgeley
9. S/O HMRC PAYE £87.40
10. D/D Easy Websites Ltd £39.96

ADDITIONAL TO AGENDA

Precept request to Lancaster City Council £6,200.00 agreed by Cllrs

Current account sheet £14,261.40 on 13/12/24 Bonus Saver Account sheet £147.94 13/12/24

1698 **Planning**

1. **24/00600/FUL** Demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of an agricultural livestock building and **24/00599/FUL** Erection of an agricultural livestock building for Mr David Airey, West Hall, West Hall Lane, Whittington, LA6 2PO Amendments submitted 31/12/24 – revised location plan. **Awaiting decision**
2. **24/0185/TCA** Notice of intention to carry out works to trees T1 fell Poplar, T2 fell Spruce, T3 reduce lower limbs Spruce, T4 re-coppice Willow, Mr. D/Hutton, 5 Manor Farm, Whittington, LA6 2NU **Permission granted**
3. **24/01181/LB** Listed building application for the replacement of existing timber windows with new hardwood slimline double glazed windows for Mr & Mrs Mackereth, Whittington Farm, Main Street, LA6 2NX **Awaiting decision**
4. **24/01308/RCN** Removal of condition 3 on planning application 01/78/922 relating to occupancy by an agricultural worker for Mrs Christina Altham, Mill Bank, Mill Lane, Whittington, LA6 2DG **Awaiting decision**
5. **24/00842/FUL** Installation of a sewage treatment plant for The Trustees of R.C.North Dec’d, Lune View, Docker Lane, Newton, LA6 2PA Amendments submitted 03/12/24 - revised location plan. **Awaiting decision**

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**25/00057/AD** Agricultural Determination for construction of an agricultural access track for Mr E Mackereth, Whittington Farm, Main Street, Whittington, LA6 2NX **Awaiting decision**

Planning applications available for public viewing at <http://planapps.lancaster.gov.uk/publicaccess/>

**1699 Correspondence**

1. **LALC/NALC** Lancaster area committee meeting 15/01/25 **Lancaster City and Lancashire County Council** Consumer Alerts for December and January circulated electronically and displayed on noticeboards;. Traffic issues <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/>report-it-on-the-go/ Parishioner identified a vehicle parked on periphery of the village, vehicle since been removed from this area; Empty grit bin filled at Docker; Damaged road sign reported between Borwick and Docker. Electronic communication update. Contact 3 villages Email [wagtailnews@gmail.com](mailto:wagtailnews@gmail.com) Subscribe to WhittingtonNews online blog, send contact details to [whittingtonparish@gmail.com](mailto:whittingtonparish@gmail.com) . Parish Council website photograph of 2,000 pixels submitted for banner headline. Casual Vacancy – Cllr Hall nominated Ray Woollard, Cllr Fell seconded the motion, Ray agreed and co-opted onto the Parish Council, Declaration completed, Interests forms to be completed for the next meeting.
2. Business introduced by Councillors
3. Cllr Preston reported the recently reported rumble strips maintenance has not been completed satisfactorily, Clerk to contact Highways Dept.
4. Cllr Preston mentioned the possibility of future on road or pavement parking near by new properties. Council agreed to keep an eye on the situation.
5. Cllr Fell reported ongoing works to be undertaken on the Lune Valley Ramble down by the river in Spring, and ongoing discussion about the footpath to the church.
6. Lancashire Best Kept Village competition, Cllrs agreed not to enter this year and to continue with the local Gardening Competition. Cllrs agreed that an entry in 2027/28 could be possible.
7. Cllr Woollard reported that the benches required repair and maintenance, Cllrs agreed.

Date of next meeting **Monday 17th March** in Whittington Village Hall at **7:00pm**

preceded by a public meeting at **6:45pm**.

Dates of 2025 meetings on alternate months, Mondays 7.00pm start

19th May Parish Assembly, APCM and PC meeting start 6.30pm;

21st July; 15th September and 17th November

Cheques agreed by Cllrs and signed this month by Cllrs Hall, Fell and Hutton

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714 Cancelled, written incorrectly

715 Colin Hall for Christmas tree from S.Close. 60.00

716 Christian Douglass Accountants LTD payroll services 01/04/23 – 31/12/24 252.00

717 S137 Royal British Legion 25.00

718 S137 North West Air Ambulance 300.00

719 S137 Arkholme & District Women’s Institute 80.00