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Parish Council reaches 10 year milestone

Tuesday the 18th May marked the tenth anniversary of the very first meeting of Whitwick Parish Council at Whitwick Methodist Church Hall!

At 7.00pm that night eight brand new parish councillors—3 of whom remain members of the council to this day (Cllrs Barker, T Gillard and Spence) — took their seats in Whitwick Methodist Church Hall to be welcomed by officers of the North West Leicestershire District Council who explained patiently just what running a fledgling council entails.

After initial introductions the first item of business for the new council was to appoint a Chairman. With 2 parish councillor positions still vacant it was agreed to appoint a temporary chair until the parish council reached its full complement.

Creating a small piece of history that evening **Cllr Sue Colledge** became the very first Chairman of Whitwick Parish Council.

Over the years the parish council has been exceptionally fortunate to have a relatively small and dedicated group of councillors and staff working to

improve the lives of the residents of Whitwick.

During the first decade of the parish council two councillors have been singled out for special recognition. **Cllr Derek Howe** (now retired) and **Cllr Ray Woodward** (Chairman for 7 years) have both been conferred as honorary freemen of the Parish of Whitwick. You may not know that all parish councillors give their time without payment.

Of course a parish council is much more than meetings, it is about improving the lives of Whitwick residents and so the most important things are the projects that we have completed in those first ten years. There has been the conversion of a set of disused public toilets into a vibrant community office; the reopening of a closed youth club into a regularly used Park Hall; grit bins around the village; flower displays on entrance signs to the parish; the erection of a flag pole; support for vulnerable residents during the Covid-19 pandemic; Vehicle Activated Speed Signs and other projects to reduce speeding traffic; financial support for community groups and so much more.

It has been an incredible first decade and as a parish council we are very much looking forward to our second!

Whitwick Parish Council – A decade in numbers



19 Parish Councillors and 118
Parish Council meetings



4 Chairmen – Cllrs Colledge,
Woodward, Spence and Collins



4 different venues – Whitwick Methodist Church,
St John the Baptist Primary, Park Hall and online



4 Parish Clerks / Parish
Managers

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Parish Manager: Mrs Cathy Tibbles
- Community Office, 3a Market Place, Whitwick, LE67 5DT (Opening hours: Weds 1.00pm to 4.00pm, Thurs / Fri 10.00am to 1.00pm)
- Telephone: 01530 459527
- Email: clerk@whitwickpc.org
- Whitwick Park Hall, North Street, Whitwick, LE67 5HA (available for hire)
- Park Hall Bookings: bookings@whitwickpc.org

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: TUESDAY 29 JUNE, THURSDAY 15 JULY AT WHITWICK PARK HALL