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Whitwick Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday 16th October 2025 7pm

Meeting Date: Thursday 16th October 2025

Meeting Location: Whitwick Park Hall, Whitwick Park, North Street, Whitwick, Coalville, Leics LE67 5HB

Meeting Start Time: 7pm

Councillors Present:

- Cllr Sue Colledge (Chair), Cllr Peter Moulton (Vice-chair), Cllr Anthony Barker, Cllr Audrey Barker, Cllr Elijah Bennett, Cllr Amanda Briers, Cllr Phil Casson, Cllr Ray Woodward, Cllr Michael Wyatt.
- **Officers Present:**
- Sharon Kaye, Parish Clerk.

Public Attendees:

- 1 member of the public in attendance.

AGENDA

The Chair Cllr Sue Colledge introduced new Parish Councillor Elijah Bennett, to those members that were not present at the previous meeting, and welcomed him to the Parish Council.
The Chair also welcomed the member of public.

25-319 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Roach and Cllr Gillard who were both on holiday.
On the motion of Cllr Ray Woodward, seconded by Cllr Phil Casson.

Council RESOLVED to accept the apologies.

25-320 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Anthony Barker

Cllr Anthony Barker declared a **registerable interest** in

- North West Leicestershire District Council as a District Councillor
- Holly Hayes Woods as a Director.
- Whitwick Historical Society as a member.

Cllr Audrey Barker

Cllr Audrey Barker declared a **registerable interest** in:

- Whitwick Historical Group as a member.

Cllr S Colledge

Cllr Colledge declared a **registerable interest** in

- Whitwick Historical Group as a member

A **pecuniary interest** as

- a shareholder of Coalville C.A.N.

a **pecuniary interest and registerable interest** as

- a member of Woodstock in Whitwick Committee

Cllr P Moulton

Cllr Moulton declared a **registerable interest** in

- North West Leicestershire District Council as a ward member for the Thornborough Ward

Cllr R Woodward

Cllr Woodward declared a **registerable interest** as

- a member of Whitwick Historical Group
- in the Whitwick Quarry Liaison Group

Cllr M Wyatt

Cllr Wyatt declared a **registrable interest** in

- all matters relating to North West Leicestershire District Council

Cllr Bennett, Cllr Briers, Cllr Casson had nothing to declare.

Received and noted by members

25-321 COMMUNITY POLICING

The Parish Clerk updated members that the local PCSO had not been well and was on restricted duties and was unable to attend this evening. She will also be leaving her current beat area and moving to another patch, so we will be getting a new PCSO.

Received and noted by members

25-322 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

One member of public in attendance. The resident wanted to thank the Parish Council for the flower displays over the Summer and said they were amazing. Members thanked the resident for her kind words, and added that a lot of positive comments had been received from many residents about the planter scheme. Cllr Barker confirmed the Parish Council had approved to extend the scheme next year.

25-323 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Parish Clerk confirmed no report had been received from County Councillor Boam, who was also not in attendance, and had not replied to the invitation email.

25-324 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Barker reported that as the District Councillor for the Hermitage Ward which includes Church Lane. He had visited the area with Cllr Audrey Barker when putting up the Remembrance signs, and residents were queueing to catch the new bus service, so there was a need for it. The residents they spoke to were pleased to have the option of the bus service there, as they previously had to walk much further. He was concerned about the parked cars on Church Lane, where cars were parked on both sides of the road and also on pavements (he provided members with a picture example of the parking). Comments were also made about it being an over-developed area with the factories, houses and cemetery visitors all parking on Church Lane, and it was always congested.

Cllr Moulton reported that NWLDC property services were no longer going to be carrying out safety checks with their open spaces contract at Millfield Recreation Ground at Hugglescote. Whilst not directly affecting Whitwick, it was something to be aware of.

Councillor Moulton also mentioned some residents had raised some issues regarding the North Street Club and the old Elsie's Attic building, with regards to planning and licensing. NWLDC enforcement officers would be investigating the concerns raised.

25-325 PLANNING APPLICATIONS - APPENDIX A

Members reviewed and commented on the following applications, as a Consultee to NWLDC:

25/01271/VCU Land To South Of Loughborough Road Whitwick

Amendments to planning permission 22/01054/FUL (which was for the erection of one self-build dwelling) to add a self-build occupancy condition instead of the S106 agreement

Decision: Objection. The Parish Council object to the amendment to the planning permission, to add a self-build occupancy condition instead of the S106 agreement that had previously been agreed.

The applicant had agreed to the S106 as part of the original application, and should have planned for how this would be funded. The applicant would also have had the opportunity for pre-planning advice.

25/01013/VCU 86 Leicester Road Whitwick Coalville Leicestershire

Amendments to conditions 5, 9 and 16 of planning permission 22/01366/OUT which was for the erection of five no. three bedroom dwellings (Outline - access and layout included) to revise the layout.

Decision: No objection.

The Parish Council had objected to the original application, which had then been granted.

25/01387/PIP Land To The South West Of The Former Forest Rock Public House, Off Leicester Road, Whitwick

Permission in Principle for the erection of one self-build detached dwelling.

Cllr Wyatt said he had already submitted an objection to this application, as a District Councillor, as it was on the boundary of his ward. Cllr Wyatt stated it was outside the Limit of Development.

Cllr Moulton said that there were different rules for self-build applications, and different conditions.

Decision: Objection. The Parish Council object as it is outside the Limit of Development and would then set a precedent.

25-326 PLANNING DECISIONS - APPENDIX B

To note the latest planning decisions made by NWLDC.

Received and noted by members

Members then discussed that the Parish Council did not need to have planning decisions as an agenda item as the decisions have already been made by the planning department at NWLDC. The Parish Clerk sends all planning decisions to members by email, so they can still raise any concern with the Clerk, if necessary. On the motion of Cllr Sue Colledge, seconded by Cllr Anthony Barker.

Council RESOLVED to keep planning applications on the agenda, but to remove planning decisions from the agenda for future meetings.

35-327 DATE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 20th November 2025 7pm at Whitwick Park Hall.

Thursday 15th January 2026 7pm at Whitwick Park Hall.

Received and noted by members

35-328 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

To note that all future agenda items should be raised with the Parish Clerk for consideration.

The Parish Clerk reminded members that November's meeting will be discussing budget ideas for 2026-2027.

Received and noted by members

The chair thanked members and the member of public for their attendance.

Meeting Closed: 19:25pm.

Chairman's Signature:

Chairman Name:

Date Signed: