



Thursday 11th June 2026

To: The Members of Whitwick Parish Council

(Chair Sue Colledge, Cllr Audrey Barker, Cllr Tony Barker, Cllr Elijah Bennett, Cllr Amanda Briers, Cllr Phil Casson, Cllr Tony Gillard, Cllr Peter Moulton, Cllr Andy Roach Cllr Ray Woodward, Cllr Michael Wyatt)

Dear Councillors,

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

I hereby give notice that the next full council meeting of Whitwick Parish Council will be held at:

**Whitwick Park Hall, Whitwick Park, North Street, Whitwick, Coalville,
Leicestershire LE67 5HB on**

Thursday 18th June 2026 at 7.00pm

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

The public and press are invited to attend meetings of the Parish Council.

In accordance with The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 the meeting may be recorded by any form of audio, visual or electronic means.

To view the full agenda, please visit www.whitwickpc.org or contact our office team for a copy on 01530 459527 or email clerk@whitwickparishcouncil.gov.uk.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Kaye".

Sharon Kaye
Parish Clerk

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AGENDA

26-239 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

26-240 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest, in regard to any agenda item.

26-241 COMMUNITY POLICING

- a) Attendance at meeting by local PCSO, or to receive and note any current report, if available.
- b) Dates of future beat surgeries to be provided

26-242 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

To receive representation and questions from the public in respect of items of business on the agenda.

26-243 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

To receive a report from the County Councillor, if any.

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26-244 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

To receive reports from District Councillors, if any.

26-245 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To comment on the latest planning applications, received as a consultee from NWLDC, including any applications received up to the meeting date.

26-246 LOCAL PLAN

To receive an update from the Parish Clerk about an upcoming Clerk's briefing regarding the proposed submission of the Local Plan (Regulation 19) by NWLDC, and the next public consultation which should take place between July and September 2026.

26-247 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

To receive an update from the Parish Clerk about the results from the first stage of the Community Governance Review regarding unparished areas including Thringstone and Coalville, and the second stage consultation dates of 1st of July 2026 to 13th September 2026.

APPENDIX B

26-248 STAFFING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

To receive and note the Staffing Committee meeting minutes from 27th May 2026.

APPENDIX C

26-249 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting, held on:

26th February 2026
 19th March 2026
 26th March 2026
 21st May 2026
 9th June 2026

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26-250 FINANCE – BANK BALANCES

To approve the bank balance figures provided to members as follows:

	Current Acct	Deposit Acct	Investment	TOTAL
31/05/2026	£251,293.50	£13,309.77	£225,695.26	£474,490.06
30/04/2026	£275,454.11	£13,309.77	£225,000.00	£486,998.47
31/03/2026	£133,617.66	£13,309.77	£225,000.00	£371,927.43

26-251 FINANCE – INCOME & EXPENDITURE

To receive and note the income and expenditure reports for May 2026.

26-252 FINANCE – PAYMENTS TO APPROVE

To approve the payments to be made for June 2026.

26-253 COMMUNITY PROJECTS – VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS (VAS)

To note the latest data has been published on <https://whitwickpc.org.uk/news/>.

26-254 COMMUNITY PROJECTS – CCTV

To receive an update from the Parish Clerk.

26-255 GRANT DONATION LETTERS RECEIVED

To receive an update from the Parish Clerk regarding two grant donation offers received.

26-256 ANNUAL INSURANCE

To receive an update from the Parish Clerk regarding the annual insurance policy review and approve the insurance quote for 2026-2027, if available.

26-257 LAPTOP QUOTE

To approve a quote for a replacement laptop for the Parish Clerk.

26-258 LEGACY GRANT FUND

To review and agree current Council initiatives that may be applicable for a Legacy Grant Fund application.

26-259 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 25th June 2026 7pm Extraordinary Full Council meeting, at Whitwick Park Hall

Thursday 16th July 2026 7pm Full Council meeting, at Whitwick Park Hall

Thursday 17th September 2026 7pm Full Council meeting, at Whitwick Park Hall

Thursday 15th October 2026 7pm Full Council meeting, at Whitwick Park Hall

26-260 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

N.B. THIS IS A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN PUBLIC AND THERE IS A STATUTORY RIGHT FOR ANYONE TO RECORD IT. Please can everyone read this advice and important information.

Standing Order 5.8 states: Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is permitted." The Council asks to be notified prior to the start of the meeting so that councillors and members of the public are aware. Please note the Chairman has the right to ask the recording be stopped if the Chairman reasonably believed that the meeting is being disrupted because of the recording, if the recording is preventing the public participating or is inhibiting community involvement or if the meeting moves into confidential session. If you object to being recorded, please notify the Chairman or Parish Manager. We will endeavour to ensure that your objections are respected. However, we are not able to guarantee this. This is a meeting held in public and there is a statutory right for anyone to record it. Anyone at the meeting may use Twitter, Facebook or similar social media provided that the Chairman does not consider their actions are disrupting the proceedings of the meeting.

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APPENDIX A

Dear Sharon,

Please find below my County Councillor report for the forthcoming Whitwick Parish Council meeting, together with responses to several matters raised by councillors.

Church Lane Bus Route

I am continuing to pursue the Church Lane bus route issue and remain committed to pushing for either the reintroduction of the smaller minibuses, which were successfully utilised for a period following representations made by residents, or for the route to return to Brooks Lane, which accommodated the service prior to the current arrangement.

It is worth noting that when the route was moved from Brooks Lane to Church Lane, a number of residents who previously benefited from the service were also affected. Any future review must therefore consider the interests of all residents and users of the route.

In relation to the term "BusGate", this is simply an informal phrase that has developed locally to describe the controversy and debate surrounding the route. It is not an official term and has no bearing on the formal review process being undertaken by the County Council.

Silver Street Roadworks

Following concerns raised by residents, I have written directly to Severn Trent seeking clarification regarding the repeated works on Silver Street and requesting further information regarding future planned works. I am currently awaiting a response and will provide an update once one has been received.

Parsonwood Hill Parking Concerns

I am continuing to look into parking and traffic concerns around Parsonwood Hill and have raised the matter with the relevant County Highways officers.

I am also exploring the possibility of arranging a site visit involving the County Council's Cabinet Member so that concerns raised by local residents can be considered directly.

81 Main Street, Thringstone

I have recently received further correspondence regarding amendments being sought to the approved children's care home development at 81 Main Street, Thringstone.

Although planning matters fall within the remit of North West Leicestershire District Council, I have contacted both District Council officers and County Highways officers seeking clarification regarding the proposed amendments and any potential impact on parking, traffic movements and highway safety.

I will continue monitoring the situation and will update residents once further information becomes available.

Email of 7 July 2025

I have checked my records and cannot locate an email sent to me on 7 July 2025 at approximately 10:13am. If possible, I would be grateful if this could be resent so that I can review it.

During my first few months as a County Councillor I received a significant volume of correspondence and whilst I always endeavour to respond to all matters raised with me, it is possible that an occasional email may not have reached me or may have been inadvertently missed.

County Council Update

At County Hall, the administration continues to focus on improving services whilst delivering value for taxpayers.

Recent work includes:

- Continued progress on the County Council's Efficiency Review and Transformation Programme.
- Additional investment into highways maintenance and transport infrastructure.
- Ongoing investment in flood resilience and prevention measures across Leicestershire.
- Continued improvements to SEND services and reductions in EHCP waiting times.
- Progress on major infrastructure projects, including the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road.
- Council Tax set below the maximum permitted increase for the first time in many years.

As always, I remain available to assist residents and parish councillors with any County Council related matters.

Best Regards,
Cllr. Joseph Boam,
Whitwick Division



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APPENDIX B-1

Parish Clerk

From: CLARE HAMMOND <CLAIRE.HAMMOND@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 June 2026 16:39
To: Parish Clerk
Subject: North West Leicestershire - Community Governance Review
Attachments: Full Community Governance Review - Draft Recommendations Council Report.pdf

Good afternoon Sharon,

I hope that you are keeping well.

As you will be aware, we are currently conducting a Community Governance Review of North West Leicestershire.

As part of the review, we are looking at the creation of a Parish Council for Thringstone.

On Wednesday, our Electoral Review Working Party agreed the draft recommendations to be considered by Council on Monday, 8 June, that will then be consulted on in the next stage.

From the responses to the first stage of the consultation, it is being recommended that we put forward two options to the next consultation stage.

They have recommended that the following be considered:

OPTION 1

- It is recommended THAT:
 - A civil parish be created for the currently unparished area of Thringstone as shown by the red line on the attached map
 - A parish council be created to serve the newly created civil parish.
 - The civil parish be named “Thringstone.”
 - The Council for the civil parish shall have the style of “Parish Council.”
 - The total number of councillors to be elected to the Parish Council of Thringstone is nine
 - The parish council shall not be divided into wards.

- The civil parish and parish council will come into existence on 1st April 2027
- Elections to the new parish council will be held on Thursday 6 May 2027 and every four years thereafter.
- The total precept to be specified in the Reorganisation of Local Government Order is £ **TBC** – *The information will be available for the consultation.*

OPTION 2

- That the currently unparished area of Thringstone become part of the civil parish of Whitwick, and that the Thringstone area becomes a separate ward of that parish and is served by three elected members. (Appendix F)

We also received a request that consideration be given to changing the name of the Broom Leys Ward for the Parish, as should it be agreed that if a new parish be created for the unparished areas of Coalville, a ward name would be Broom Leys.

I have attached the Council report which contains full details of the draft recommendations, along with the plans for your information. As part of the consultation, we will do a direct mail out to the affected properties in the Broom Leys Ward and Whitwick Parish Council to ensure you all have the opportunity to respond to the consultation.

The next consultation will commence on the 1 July and run until the 13 September.

I will advise you of the outcome of the Council meeting next week and provide you further information and links to all relevant webpages for the consultation nearer the time.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards
Clare



Clare Hammond
Democratic Services Team Manager | Legal and Support Services

APPENDIX B-2

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL – MONDAY, 8 JUNE 2026



Title of Report	COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS	
Presented by	Councillor Nick Rushton Infrastructure Portfolio Holder	
Background Papers	Guidance on community governance reviews Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 Council Report – Terms of Reference	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	<p>To date an estimated £4,000 has been spent on Stage 1 of the public consultation process managed out of existing budgets. It is estimated that a further £4,000, if the decision is taken to proceed to Stage 2 of the consultation process for all affected areas.</p> <p>The existing budget is sufficient to cover the £8,000 cost. Any additional expenditure arising from the consultation will be approved in accordance with the Constitution.</p> <p>Signed off by the Acting Section 151 Officer: Yes</p>	
Legal Implications	<p>The Council has responsibility for conducting community governance reviews under the Local Government and Public involvement in Health Act 2007. A review is either commenced as a consequence of a valid petition or application being made or by the Council choosing to conduct such a review where it considers it necessary to make recommendations in relation to parished and unparished areas. The legislation and government guidance set out how such reviews should be conducted and these are considered when conducting all stages of this review.</p> <p>Signed off by the Interim Monitoring Officer: Yes</p>	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	<p>Offices have taken the decision to outsource some of the work connected to Stage 1 analysis and progression to Stage 2 consultation to an experienced local government consultant, provided by the Association of Electoral Administrators (AEA). The cost of this is included in the estimate noted above.</p> <p>Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes</p>	

Purpose of Report	To advise members of the outcome of the first stage consultation of the Community Governance Review, to present the draft recommendations and to seek a decision on progression of the public consultation to Stage 2.
Recommendations	<p>1. THAT THE PROPOSALS SET OUT IN SECTION 3 BE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL AS DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW.</p> <p>2. THAT THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS BE PUBLISHED FOR CONSULTATION PURPOSES FROM 1 JULY 2026 TO 13 SEPTEMBER 2026 INCLUSIVE.</p> <p>3. THAT THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION BE REPORTED TO FULL COUNCIL ON 16 NOVEMBER 2026.</p>

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the Act), the Council has responsibility for undertaking community governance reviews and deciding on recommendations made in relation to those reviews. A Community Governance Review (CGR) is a legal process whereby the Council will consult those living in the area and other interested parties on the most suitable way of representing people in the areas identified by the review. This means making sure that those living in the area and other interested groups, have a say in how their local communities are represented. The CGR process should consider changes in population or other specific local issues.
- 1.2 Government guidance states that it is good practice to conduct a full CGR at least every 10 to 15 years. As it is unclear as to when the last CGR was carried out for North West Leicestershire, Council agreed to review the current arrangements, along with the possibility of creating parish councils for the unparished areas of the district, to ensure that the electoral arrangements of parishes (the warding arrangements and the allocations of councillors) are appropriate, equitable and understood by their electorate.
- 1.3 The English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 and subsequent implementation have wide ranging implications for local government and its reorganisation. Consequently, there is a desire to review local arrangements – particularly the current unparished areas of North West Leicestershire and other parishes that have recently requested that their areas be reviewed.
- 1.4 As a result, on Tuesday 20 June 2023, Council resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review. However, it was also agreed that no such review would commence until the completion on the Local Government Boundary Commission of England's (LGBCE) electoral review of North West Leicestershire, provided that it started no later than November 2025. Since then, the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 was issued with wide ranging implications for local government and its reorganisation. Following this, the Council was advised that the recommendations of the LGBCE would not be implemented.
- 1.5 Accordingly, on Tuesday, 4 November 2025 Council resolved to undertake a CGR of four areas within the Council boundaries, including the unparished areas of Coalville and Thingstone.

- 1.6 Prior to the commencement of the CGR Council had also received a request that the following areas be reviewed from Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council:
- the boundary between the parishes of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Packington,
 - both the number of Town Councillors and their distribution among the current seven wards and any new wards, should they be recommended, of the parish.
 - name of the parish of Ashby-de-la-Zouch to include Blackfordby.
- 1.7 A request was also received from Ibstock Parish Council, that residents be consulted on the boundary of the Parish, with particular reference to the ward of Ellistown and Battram.
- 1.8 To accommodate these potential changes, the Terms of Reference also allowed for the CGR to include all the existing Town and Parish Councils which border any of the four areas under review, as adjustments to their boundaries or electoral arrangements may be required.

2.0 CONSULTATION

- 2.1 The first stage of consultation was carried out between 15 December 2025 and 7 February 2026 and invited electors, residents and other interested persons to put forward their views in relation to the four areas noted above, and, indeed to any other part of the Council area.
- 2.2 A detailed analysis of the results of the consultation is shown in Appendix A to this report, and are summarised as follows:
- For the Coalville area a total of 153 responses were received, with 123 (80.4%) in favour of the establishment of some form of parish council for the area. It is recommended that this be considered at Stage 2 of the consultation.
 - In the area of Thringstone, 54 responses were received, with 51 (94.4%) in favour of a parish for the area. It is recommended that this be considered at Stage 2 of the consultation.
 - Given the nature of the consultation in Ashby-de-la-Zouch responses were more mixed, but 75 (55.6%) of respondents felt that the current parish boundary reflected their personal sense of community. The suggestions put forward by the Town Council are sensible, and it is recommended that they be carried forward to Stage 2 consultation.
 - The consultation for Ibstock showed little consensus and did not indicate a need for any governance change. Only one comment referred to the Battram area, which does not indicate sufficient desire for a boundary change in that area. It is, therefore, not recommended that any changes for this parish be considered in Stage 2.
 - The requested change of name put forward by two members of Whitwick Parish Council for the Broom Leys ward is reasonable, and it is recommended that this suggested change be carried forward to Stage 2.
 - Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council put forward a suggestion for a boundary alteration on their northern boundary with Ashby Woulds Parish Council, and it is recommended that this is also considered at Stage 2 of the consultation.

3.0 DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Draft Recommendations are proposed here, for consideration by Full Council. Once approved, there will be a second round of public consultation on those Draft Recommendations as outlined in the timetable shown in the Terms of Reference.
- 3.2 The general principle is that Draft Recommendations must be both clear (easy to understand what the proposal is) and definite (making a recommendation), rather than leaving an area with no Draft Recommendation and leaving a 'blank sheet' for consultation. This allows residents and elected bodies to respond effectively and makes clear the proposed outcome of the CGR for each area. This supports open consultation and democracy, encouraging responses to definite proposals. However, there is one area where the outcome of the initial consultation has left a question mark over the proposed outcome, and in this instance (the unparished area of Thringstone) it is recommended that two alternative options are consulted upon.
- 3.3 No decisions are confirmed at this stage. The consultation process on the Draft Recommendations is an essential part of the CGR, and responses will (by law) be considered in producing the Final Recommendations to Council.
- 3.4 This section of the report presents the rationale and evidence for the Draft Recommendations. The Council is required to publish the reasons for making its decisions as a result of a CGR. As such, the responses to the consultation are included at Appendix B with personal information redacted or removed.
- 3.5 The sections of the report that follow detail each area in turn, with consideration given to the proposal and assessment of each suggestion. The Draft Recommendations shown are as agreed by the Electoral Review Working Party, which were considered by the Party on 3 June 2026.
- 3.6 Note that maps are included where a proposed Draft Recommendation includes a change to an existing boundary or creation of a new boundary. The maps include the external parish boundaries and the internal ward boundary maps, which are based on the existing District wards are being produced for the consultation. The external parish boundary maps can be found at Appendices C to I.
- 3.7 In considering the number of parish councillors to serve a particular area, the following has been used:
- Whilst the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) published guidance in 1988 on the suggested number of parish councillors per parish area based on the size of the electorate, these are non-statutory and there is no requirement for parish councils within an area to have equal ratios of electors to councillors. The statutory minimum number of councillors is five; there is no maximum, although it becomes more difficult and less effective or efficient to maintain an excessively large parish council. This allows North West Leicestershire District Council to consider the current number of parish councillors by area, recognise the different situations within each area, and then assess the appropriate number of parish councillors. There is no requirement for the number of electors represented by a single parish councillor to be the same between different parishes, although they should be comparable between wards of the same parish.

- Where necessary, the current number of electors and parish councillors is shown. In broad terms, the 1988 NALC guidance for the number of councillors per parish area is used. No such guidance exists for parish wards. The current number of parish councillors for the area must, therefore, be considered, along with planned changes and development, and adjusted accordingly, whilst attempting to maintain electoral equality between wards of a parish.

3.8 Once approved by Full Council, there will be a period of public consultation on the Draft Recommendations. Where a parish council, local resident, business or other organisation or body does not agree with a Draft Recommendation, they are invited to respond to the consultation stating their views, their reasons, and any alternative proposal.

Area	Unparished area of Coalville
Proposal	Formation of a civil parish and parish council for the currently unparished area of Coalville.
Assessment	<p>Support for a Coalville Parish Council is driven primarily by concerns about the impending dissolution of North West Leicestershire District Council and its merger into a larger unitary authority post-2027, with respondents fearing that without a Parish (or Town) Council, Coalville, the largest town in the district, will lose its voice in local governance decisions and be left without tier-two representation, a situation many compare unfavourably to Ashby-de-la-Zouch which has long enjoyed its own Town Council.</p> <p>Respondents express a strong desire for community-led, transparent governance with local councillors who understand their area, preferring a ward-based structure of councillors under the name 'Coalville Town Council'. Underpinning this support is a desire for a renewed civic pride and an essential safeguard for local democracy and an opportunity to reverse the town's fortunes and develop a sense of civic identity.</p> <p>Members of the Electoral Review Working Party also considered that Coalville may be more effectively served by establishing two smaller parish councils rather than a single town-wide body. Members considered that the town contains distinct communities with differing priorities, identities and patterns of development, particularly between the established central and western neighbourhoods and the newer growth areas to the east, largely split along the south-western boundaries of the unparished parts of the Greenhill, Broom Leys and Castle Rock wards, as shown on the map.</p> <p>Creating two separate parishes would allow each area to benefit from more focused, locally responsive governance, with councillors representing communities they know well and able to tailor services, priorities and investment to local circumstances. This option is, therefore, considered capable of delivering effective and convenient local government while ensuring that representation remains proportionate to the differing needs and identities within Coalville.</p> <p>It is, therefore, recommended that both options be put to the</p>

	<p>electorate in Phase 2 of the consultation.</p> <p>Further, members were concerned to learn that the Parish Meeting which serves Bardon civil parish has not met for at least the last twenty years, and that residents in the area are, therefore, not receiving any representation at parish level. It was agreed that all residents in the Bardon civil parish area be individually contacted and asked if they wish to join with any future Coalville parish council.</p>																											
<p>Draft recommendation</p>	<p>Draft Recommendations for Coalville:</p> <p>OPTION 1</p> <p>It is recommended THAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A civil parish be created for the currently unparished area of Coalville as shown by the red line on the attached map (Appendix C), but with the possibility of also including the civil parish of Bardon. • A parish council be created to serve the newly created civil parish. • The civil parish be named "Coalville." • The Council for the civil parish shall have the style of "Parish Council." • The total number of councillors to be elected to the Parish Council of Coalville is 21 • The parish council be divided into wards using the boundaries of the existing wards of North West Leicestershire District Council as shown by the blue lines on the attached map (Plan will be available for the consultation) • The names of the wards and the number of councillors to be elected to each is as shown in the table: <table border="1" data-bbox="474 1428 1327 1769"> <thead> <tr> <th>NAME OF WARD</th> <th>ELECTORATE 2031</th> <th>NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bardon (inc Parish Meeting)</td> <td>2557</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Broom Leys (part)</td> <td>1252</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Castle Rock (part)</td> <td>2330</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coalville East</td> <td>2231</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coalville West</td> <td>2046</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greenhill</td> <td>2347</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Snibston North (part)</td> <td>1720</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Snibston South</td> <td>2263</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The civil parish and parish council will come into existence on 1st April 2027 • Elections to the new parish council will be held on Thursday 6 May 2027 and every four years thereafter. • The total precept to be specified in the Reorganisation of Local 	NAME OF WARD	ELECTORATE 2031	NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS	Bardon (inc Parish Meeting)	2557	3	Broom Leys (part)	1252	2	Castle Rock (part)	2330	3	Coalville East	2231	3	Coalville West	2046	2	Greenhill	2347	3	Snibston North (part)	1720	2	Snibston South	2263	3
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Government Order is **£TBC** – *The information will be available for the consultation.*

OPTION 2

It is recommended THAT:

- Two civil parishes be created for the currently unparished area of Coalville as shown by the red lines on the attached map (Appendix D), but with the possibility of also including the civil parish of Bardon.
- Parish councils be created to serve the newly created civil parishes.
- The civil parishes be named "Coalville" and "Broom Leys."
- The Councils for the civil parishes shall have the style of "Parish Council."
- The total number of councillors to be elected to the Parish Council of Coalville is 17, and for the Parish Council of Broom Leys it is 13.
- The parish councils be divided into wards using the boundaries of the existing wards of North West Leicestershire District Council as shown by the blue lines on the attached maps (Plan will be available for the consultation)
- The names of the wards and the number of councillors to be elected to each is as shown in the table:

COALVILLE PARISH NAME OF WARD	ELECTORATE 2031	NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS
Bardon (inc Parish Meeting)	2557	4
Coalville East	2231	3
Coalville West	2046	3
Snibston North (part)	1720	3
Snibston South	2263	4

BROOM LEYS PARISH NAME OF WARD	ELECTORATE 2031	NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS
Broom Leys (part)	1252	3
Castle Rock (part)	2330	5
Greenhill	2347	5

- The civil parishes and parish councils will come into existence on 1st April 2027
- Elections to the new parish councils will be held on Thursday 6 May 2027 and every four years thereafter.
- The total precept to be specified in the Reorganisation of Local Government Order for Coalville is **£ TBC** – *The information will be available for the consultation* and is **£ TBC** – *The information will be available for the consultation* for Broom Leys.

Area	Unparished area of Thringstone
Proposal	Formation of a civil parish and parish council for the currently unparished area of Thringstone.
Assessment	<p>The consultation received 55 responses from local residents the overwhelming majority of which expressed support for the formation of a parish council. Supporters cited the need for enhanced local democratic representation, particularly given proposed local government reorganisation, and noted concerns about Thringstone being overlooked compared to neighbouring areas with existing parish councils, the desire to preserve the village's distinct historic identity, and practical issues including inadequate amenities and maintenance.</p> <p>Among those expressing a preference on governance structure, the clear majority (eight comments) favoured a stand-alone Thringstone Parish Council, emphasising the village's distinct character, while only two respondents suggested merging with Whitwick Parish Council. Suggested councillor numbers ranged from seven to 10, with one detailed submission proposing the inclusion of the Gracedieu woodland area and nine councillors.</p> <p>The two respondents opposing the proposal cited concerns about funding adequacy for a small parish and scepticism regarding the value of an additional tier of local government.</p> <p>The unparished area of Thringstone currently comprises of 2044 electors, which would make any stand-alone parish council of reasonable size, raising a modest precept, a fair percentage of which is likely to be spent on Clerk's salary and other administrative costs. It is, therefore, considered appropriate that residents be given the option to explore in depth the possibilities of creating a stand-alone parish council for Thringstone, or of joining with the adjacent Whitwick Parish Council as an additional ward of that parish.</p>
Draft recommendation	<p>Draft Recommendations for Thringstone:</p> <p>OPTION 1 It is recommended THAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A civil parish be created for the currently unparished area of Thringstone as shown by the red line on the attached map (Appendix E) • A parish council be created to serve the newly created civil parish. • The civil parish be named "Thringstone." • The Council for the civil parish shall have the style of "Parish Council." • The total number of councillors to be elected to the Parish

	<p>Council of Thringstone is nine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parish council shall not be divided into wards. • The civil parish and parish council will come into existence on 1st April 2027 • Elections to the new parish council will be held on Thursday 6 May 2027 and every four years thereafter. • The total precept to be specified in the Reorganisation of Local Government Order is £ TBC – <i>The information will be available for the consultation.</i> <p>OPTION 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the currently unparished area of Thringstone become part of the civil parish of Whitwick, and that the Thringstone area becomes a separate ward of that parish and is served by three elected members. (Appendix F)
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Parish area	Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council
Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The addition of two extra members to the Money Hill ward. • Changes to the boundary with Packington Parish Council to align the boundary to the A42. • Changes to the boundary with Ashby Woulds to include the area known as "Boothorpe" within the Ashby-de-la-Zouch TC area.
Assessment	<p>The first stage consultation received 135 responses, generating 246 individual comments across five consultation areas covering community representation, parish boundaries, council naming, councillor numbers, and general feedback.</p> <p>Overall sentiment was positive, with respondents praising the Town Council's higher profile since the introduction of the Business Improvement District, its proactive community engagement, and popular events such as the Christmas Fayre, Soapbox Derby, and monthly farmers markets. However, concerns were raised about representation for newer developments including Money Hill and Spring Avenue, while Blackfordby residents remained divided between those seeking closer integration with Ashby and those preferring a distinct identity or separate parish council.</p> <p>On specific questions, 69 respondents felt their community was suitably represented (29 disagreed), 75 believed the parish boundary reflects their community identity (23 disagreed), 43 supported including 'Blackfordby' in the Council's name while 76 opposed it citing cost and identity concerns, and opinion was evenly split on whether councillor numbers should change (44 yes, 51 no, 40 unsure).</p>

	<p>Key suggestions for change included adding two councillors to Money Hill ward to reflect 2031 population projections and including Boothorpe within Ashby Town Council given its access is only via Blackfordby and using the A42 as a natural boundary. Other comments concerned more day-to-day matters related to the running of the Town Council which are outside the scope of this review.</p>
Draft recommendation	<p>Draft Recommendations for Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The addition of two extra members for the Money Hill ward of Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council • Amending the boundary between Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council and Packington Parish Council so that it runs along the A42 between the Leicester Road and junction 12 with the B4116 – see blue line on attached map (Appendix G) • Amending the boundary between Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council and Measham Parish Council so that it runs along the A42 between junction 12 with the B4116 south-west to the existing boundary and running south along the B4116 to the existing boundary – see blue line on attached map (Appendix G) • Amending the boundary between Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council and Ashby Woulds Parish Council to include the Boothorpe area within Ashby Town Council– see blue line on attached map (Appendix H) • The Boothorpe area which is to be added to Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council extended to the north to include Askew Way, Hepworth Road, Butterfly Gardens, Bluebell Grove, Windmill Close and Oakway Drive, etc - see blue line on attached map (Appendix H). <p>Please note: Any fixed assets of either Parish Council within the areas of land in question will transfer ownership to the parish council within the amended boundaries.</p>

Parish area	Whitwick Parish Council
Proposal	Change the name of the existing "Broom Leys" ward to "Hall Lane ward"
Assessment	<p>This proposal arose from the Stage 1 consultation as a suggestion from two members of Whitwick Parish Council</p> <p>This suggestion assumes that the ward name in this area for any new Coalville Town Council is indeed "Broom Leys," which is reasonable, and it would not be sensible to have two adjacent wards in two different parishes which share the same name as each other. Subject to further consultation, this change is recommended.</p>

Draft recommendation	<p>Draft Recommendations for Whitwick Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the existing "Broom Leys" ward is renamed as "Hall Lane" ward, this being conditional upon a new parish council being created in the Coalville area which also uses "Broom Leys" as a ward name.
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Parish area	Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council
Proposal	Amend the boundary to the north of ODA Parish Council so that roads around the southern parts of Donisthorpe Lane and Moira Road be included within the parish boundary (and thus removed from Ashby Woulds Parish Council). See red line on attached map. (Appendix I)
Assessment	This is a second encroachment onto Ashby Woulds PC (in addition to the Boothorpe suggestion, above). ODA PC has provided an outline of its rationale for transferring this area of land, and a more detailed submission will be requested during Stage 2 consultation for consideration. Consultation to take place with Ashby Woulds PC and <u>all</u> the electors in the affected area.
Draft recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend the boundary between Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council and Ashby Woulds Parish Council to include the southern part of Donisthorpe Lane and Moira Road within Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council – see red line on attached map (Appendix I). <p>Please note: that any fixed assets of either Parish Council within the areas of land in question will transfer ownership to the parish council within the amended boundaries.</p>

4.0 NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 Once Full Council has agreed the draft recommendations, the Community Governance Review will move into a structured Stage 2 consultation designed to give electors and stakeholders a clear opportunity to comment on the proposals. The consultation will run between 1 July 2026 to 13 September 2026, and the Council will publish all relevant maps, explanatory material, and supporting evidence on its website and make hard-copy information available on request. All local government electors in the affected areas, along with parish councils, community organisations, and other interested bodies, will be invited to submit representations.
- 4.2 During the consultation period, the Council will actively promote awareness of the review through its usual communication channels to ensure that residents understand the proposals and how to respond. All representations received will be logged, analysed, and reported in a transparent manner, with particular attention given to how they relate to the statutory criteria of community identity and effective and convenient local governance. At the close of Stage 2, officers will prepare a comprehensive summary of the consultation findings to support

members in determining the final recommendations which will be brought to Council on 16 November 2026.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	Planning and regeneration Communities and housing Clean, green and Zero Carbon A well-run council
Policy Considerations:	Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Guidance on community governance reviews issued by LGBCE and MHCLG
Safeguarding:	The Council will publish all consultation responses that are received, but all personal details will be redacted.
Equalities/Diversity:	The consultation process will be accessible to all residents and stakeholders in the affected areas.
Customer Impact:	Generally, the provision of services closer to the client population will have positive impacts upon those in the local area, as those services are more dynamically tailored to their needs and those of the local area.
Economic and Social Impact:	None at this time.
Environment, Climate Change and zero carbon:	Consultation methods are carefully considered to avoid paper consultation where possible, although this will still be available to those who require it.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Consultations will be undertaken as part of all stages of the CGR process, and methodology will be detailed in a separate report.
Risks:	Should a decision not to continue with the review be taken, then the community governance arrangements for North West Leicestershire will remain as they are.
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Community Governance Review – Coalville (Unparished Area)

Consultation Summary Report

1. Purpose of Report

This report summarises the responses received during consultation on the potential creation of a new parish for the unparished area of Coalville.

2. Summary of Responses

Total responses: 153

In favour (Yes): 123 (80%)

Against (No): 22 (14%)

Not sure / Neutral: 8 (5%)

3. Responses in Favour (Yes)

Strong support for improved local representation and dedicated voice for Coalville

Concern about loss of influence under future local government reorganisation

Desire to improve town centre, infrastructure, and civic pride

Recognition of Coalville as a distinct town requiring its own council

Need for parity with neighbouring parished areas such as Ashby and Whitwick

Support for warding arrangements to ensure fair representation across communities

Desire for local decision-making on planning, investment, and services

4. Responses Against (No)

Concerns about increased council tax and financial burden on residents

Perception of unnecessary additional layer of governance and bureaucracy

View that existing District and Parish arrangements are sufficient

Risk of duplication, inefficiency, and confusion over responsibilities

5. Not Sure / Neutral Responses

Uncertainty regarding overall benefits compared to costs

Concerns about additional bureaucracy and governance complexity

Questions on how a new Town Council would interact with existing parish councils

Requests for further clarity on structure, boundaries, and representation

6. Conclusion

The consultation demonstrates strong overall support for the creation of a Town Council for Coalville. Support is primarily driven by the desire for stronger local representation, protection of local influence during reorganisation, and improvements to community identity and local decision-making. Opposition is limited and focuses mainly on cost and bureaucracy concerns. Neutral responses highlight the need for further clarity on implementation and structure.

Community Governance Review – Thringstone

Consultation Summary Report

1. Purpose of Report

This report summarises the responses received during consultation on the potential creation of a new parish for Thringstone.

2. Summary of Responses

Total responses: 54

In favour (Yes): 51

Against (No): 2

Not sure: 1

3. Responses in Favour (Yes)

The majority of respondents supported the creation of a parish council for Thringstone.

Key themes included:

- Desire for stronger local representation and a dedicated voice for the village
- Concerns regarding future local government reorganisation and loss of local influence
- Need to improve community identity, cohesion, and preserve village character
- Ability to address local issues such as anti-social behaviour, maintenance, parking, and infrastructure
- Access to funding through a parish precept to support local improvements and community initiatives
- Desire to achieve parity with neighbouring parished areas such as Whitwick
- Support for greater community engagement and local democratic involvement
- Suggestions regarding council structure, including councillor numbers, warding, and governance arrangements

4. Responses Against (No)

A small number of respondents opposed the creation of a parish council. Key concerns were:

- Potential additional cost and financial burden on residents
- Perception that an additional layer of governance may increase bureaucracy without clear benefit
- Questions regarding whether the size of the village would allow for effective delivery

5. Not Sure / Neutral Responses

One respondent indicated uncertainty. Key considerations included:

- Whether there would be sufficient local interest and commitment to staff a parish council
- Ensuring fair representation across all groups within the community
- Consideration of alternative arrangements, including potential merger with neighbouring parishes

6. Conclusion

The consultation demonstrates strong support for the creation of a parish council in Thringstone, with the majority of respondents highlighting the benefits of improved local representation, community engagement, and ability to address local issues. Opposition was limited and primarily focused on financial and governance concerns.

**Community Governance Review – Ashby de la Zouch and Blackfordby
Consultation Summary Report – Current Governance Arrangements**

1. Purpose of Report

This report summarises responses received to the consultation questions relating to the current governance arrangements for Ashby Town Council, including representation, parish boundaries, council name, councillor numbers/warding, and wider comments regarding local governance.

2. Summary of Responses

A substantial number of responses were received during the consultation process.

Overall responses indicate broad support for existing arrangements, with mixed views on boundaries, identity, and representation, and varied opinions on councillor numbers and warding.

3. Representation by the Current Town Council

A majority of respondents indicated that they feel suitably represented by the Town Council.

Positive feedback referenced community engagement, local knowledge, and responsiveness.

Some respondents raised concerns regarding communication, visibility of councillors, and influence over higher tiers of government.

4. Parish Boundaries and Community Identity

Views were mixed on whether current parish boundaries reflect community identity.

Some respondents felt boundaries are appropriate, while others expressed confusion or lack of awareness.

There were differing views regarding Blackfordby, with some seeing it as part of Ashby and others as a distinct community.

Specific concerns were raised about boundary anomalies and alignment with local communities.

5. Name of the Town Council

The majority of respondents did not support changing the name of the Town Council.

Concerns included loss of identity, increased complexity, and cost implications.

Some respondents supported including Blackfordby to better reflect the area served, or suggested a more inclusive name.

Others felt the name was of less importance than effective governance and communication.

6. Number of Councillors and Warding Arrangements

There was no clear consensus on councillor numbers or warding arrangements.

Some respondents supported changes to reflect population growth, particularly in areas such as Money Hill.

Others felt current arrangements are appropriate, while a smaller number suggested reducing councillor numbers.

Common themes included maintaining balanced representation and aligning wards with communities.

7. Wider Governance and Service Delivery Comments (Not Review related)

Respondents highlighted the importance of communication and clarity regarding roles and responsibilities across different tiers of local government.

There were calls for stronger influence of the Town Council in planning decisions.

Concerns were raised about population growth and maintaining community identity.

Some comments focused on service delivery and accountability for local issues.

8. Key Overall Findings

Overall, there is strong support for maintaining a local Town Council.

Current arrangements are generally viewed as effective but may require future adjustments.

Key debates centre on boundaries, Blackfordby's role, and representation levels.

Respondents emphasised the importance of communication, accountability, and local identity.

9. Conclusion

The consultation indicates that while existing arrangements are broadly supported, there is an expectation that governance structures should evolve to reflect future growth and community needs.

Ensuring effective local representation and communication will remain key priorities.

Community Governance Review – Ibstock Parish Consultation Summary Report – Current Governance Arrangements

1. Purpose of Report

This report summarises responses received to consultation questions relating to the current governance arrangements for Ibstock Parish Council, including representation, parish boundaries, and wider comments regarding local governance and service delivery.

2. Summary of Responses

A range of responses were received from residents across Ibstock and surrounding areas. Overall, responses indicate mixed views on the effectiveness of current arrangements, with a significant proportion expressing dissatisfaction or uncertainty about representation and communication, alongside some positive feedback reflecting recent improvements. Strong recurring themes relate to lack of visibility, awareness, and engagement.

3. Representation by the Current Parish Council

Views on representation were mixed, with a notable number of respondents indicating dissatisfaction or uncertainty. Key themes included limited awareness and visibility, concerns about responsiveness, and a perception that residents do not know who councillors are or what they do. Some respondents reported lack of response when contacting the Parish Council, while a smaller number provided positive feedback about recent improvements. A significant number selected "Not sure", indicating low engagement overall.

4. Parish Boundaries and Community Identity

Responses show mixed and often unclear views regarding parish boundaries and identity. Many respondents stated they do not have a clear sense of community identity linked to the Parish Council, while others felt boundaries are appropriate. Concerns were raised about fragmentation, including views that Ibstock is split across multiple areas. There were also comments about specific areas feeling less connected, along with concerns that ongoing development is affecting community identity and cohesion.

5. Communication and Engagement (Not Review-Specific)

Communication and engagement was the strongest and most consistent theme across responses. Residents reported a lack of accessible information about meetings, decisions, and activities, and highlighted poor visibility of governance structures. Comments also indicated that information is not presented in accessible or

easily understandable formats, and that engagement opportunities are limited. There were calls for greater transparency and improved communication with residents.

6. Wider Governance and Service Delivery Comments (Not Review-Specific)

Respondents raised broader issues including housing growth and infrastructure pressures, concerns about the impact of development on village character, and the need to maintain community identity. There were also calls for the Parish Council to have greater influence in planning decisions and to ensure resources are used for the benefit of the wider community.

7. Key Overall Findings

There is no clear majority view on the effectiveness of current governance arrangements. However, widespread concerns were expressed regarding communication, visibility, and engagement. Views on representation were mixed, with many residents feeling disconnected. There is also uncertainty around community identity and boundaries, alongside strong concerns about development and growth.

8. Conclusion

The consultation indicates that current governance arrangements in Ibstock are not consistently understood or experienced positively by residents. While some respondents recognise recent improvements, the prevailing themes highlight a need to improve communication, visibility, and engagement, and to consider how governance arrangements can better reflect community identity and support future growth.

Id	Name1	Would you like to see a Town Council set up to represent your area?	Please provide any additional comments you would like to be considered by North West Leicestershire District Council with regards to the potential creation of a town council in Coalville (for example,
2	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
3	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
4	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	This is urgently needed before North West Leicester combines with Melton etc or Coalville residents will have no say in how their area is managed.
5	Resident of Coalville	No	Not a good idea. It would likely lead to duplication of effort plus costs due to lack of economies of scale. Not to mention confusion as many people already misunderstand or are unaware of the distinction between County and District Councils.
6	Resident of Coalville	Yes	In order to ensure good governance for the future
7	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
8	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
9	Resident of North West	Yes	
10	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Name, Coalville Town Council Does not need to be split into wards How many Councillors- possibly up to 8
11	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	I answered no as 'my area' is served by Whitwick Parish Council. However, I would like to see a town council for Coalville.
12	Resident of North West	Yes	
13	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Something needs to be done to breath life back into our once thriving town it's very drab litter everywhere weeds dirty shop fronts we should be proud of our town like we were in the 70s 80s
14	Resident of Coalville	Yes	It would be nice for Coalville to have its own town council to separate us from Ashby, as the current NWLDC seems to concentrate more on Ashby than its administrative home.
15	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
16	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
17	Resident of North West	Yes	

18	Resident of Coalville	Yes		
19	Resident of Coalville	Yes		
20	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes		It does seem anomalous that Coalville should not have a town council when others in the area do. In respect of Thringstone I would apply the same logic, although of course, this would be as a parish council. Given that NWLDC will cease to exist as a tier of local government in the foreseeable future it is essential that all residents have local representation so that their voices are not lost within a single large tier of local government.
21	Resident of North West	Yes		
22	Resident of Coalville	Yes		We would like a town council to help the people of coalville but let's please keep the political infighting out of all meetings please
23	Resident of North West	Yes		
24	Resident of North West	Yes		Like to see Coalville get a town council
25	Resident of Coalville	Yes		As the reorganisation of the county will increase the size of each area it covers so we need a Coalville council to offset this decrease in democracy and to give Coalville a voice
26	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes		Ashby has enjoyed a town council for many years. The advantages this brings are clear and obvious, greater investment, greater sense of civic pride and a stronger focus for a town that has declined markedly in recent years. Yes, wards would be a good idea, perhaps three for each ward? Independent councillors should be encouraged, particularly as party politics has rarely served the town well
27	Resident of Coalville	Yes		

				<p>We don't need more spending on more politicians. We need less politicians and more spending on public services. Politicians are bad for this country and creating more of them is a stupid idea. Labour's plans to get rid of pointless Police and Crime commissioners are an example you should be following. I'd advocate for abolishing pointless Parish Councils. Have District Councillors pick up the slack and invest the money on public services.</p> <p>Yes it should be split into wards in order to service all surrounding areas properly. A councillor for each sub area, i.e Hugglescote, Ellistown etc.</p>
28	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No		
29	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes		
30	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No		<p>It costs too much and puts council tax up</p> <p>Reducing ALL levels and amounts of governance should be the priority. There is already too much state intervention and interaction in our lives.</p>
31	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No		
32		No		Hhh
33	Resident of Coalville	No		<p>Let us be honest that nothing gets done when there are too many committees. We would end up paying more local taxes I expect.</p>
34	Resident of Coalville	No		<p>We don't want separate town council. This will be costly arrangement. We don't want to pay extra council tax bill. Current council tax is already too much. Also we pay management cost for our planned area. Why our planned area is not managed by NWLDC?</p>
35	Resident of Coalville	Yes		
36	Resident of Coalville	Yes		<p>We feel it would be beneficial to have a Coalville Town Council. This would include Wards for Broomleys, Greenhill and Coalville Town Centre. An alternative would be to move boundaries and include Broomleys with the Whitwick Parish Council. As such there would be councillors in each new designated Ward. How many we're not sure.</p>
37	Resident of North West	Yes		

38	Resident of Coalville	No	A Town Council would cost money, where would that money come from, an increase in Council Tax maybe? If it ain't broke don't fix it, I'm guessing the idea is more for more jobs for the few.
39	Resident of Coalville	No	We have Council's office in town what is good enough, everything now days is sorted remotely anyway. Creating another Council will only increase a cost and potentially raise our Council's bill in future
40	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Call it Coalville Town Council, A chair and 7 members, one ward to start with. With a huge population growth in coalville in the past few years the district and county council are now out of touch. The question would be how many wards but Coalville/hugglescote is now virtually one with it also Extending into Ellistown and donnington le heath. Where would the council meet,number of councillors maybe 10 at most, depends on wards. Coalville is the biggest local town yet no representation?
41	Resident of Coalville	Yes	It would be helpful to have a town council but only if the town council area includes all of the Coalville urban core. It would be grossly inequitable for Coalville residents to pay to fund a town council when residents of parishes areas: eg. Hugglescote, Whitwick, and Ellistown do not contribute to the higher running costs but benefit from them equally (and often live much closer to Coalville town centre than many who live in unparished areas).
42	Resident of Coalville	Yes	It would be helpful if the town council area was warded roughly in alignment with the existing district wards including the current parish councils covered by Whitwick, Hugglescote, Ellistown and Ravenstone.
43	Resident of North West	Not sure	How much will it cost? How will this affect the parish councils?

<p>Would also like a Parish Council. I have previously been a Councillor in Ellistown, but would love to represent this area, where I've lived for 27 years.</p> <p>How many electorate per Town Councillor are you proposing ? Are your intentions to have one per Ward or 2, given the proposed increases in population</p> <p>Your maps are very badly out of date. Lots of homes have been built in the last 10 years in the area.</p>		<p>44 Resident of Coalville</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>genuinely community-led, inclusive, and transparent in how it operates.</p> <p>if established, I believe the name Coalville Town Council would be clear, recognisable, and reflective of the town's identity and heritage.</p> <p>In terms of structure, the council should be of a manageable size, large enough to fairly represent the town but not so large that it becomes inefficient. A council of around 15-20 councillors would seem proportionate for a town the size of Coalville.</p> <p>I strongly believe the town council should be split into wards, to ensure all areas of Coalville are properly represented and that no single part of the town is overlooked. Ward boundaries should reflect existing communities and neighbourhoods, and be reviewed periodically to ensure fair representation as the town changes.</p> <p>Finally, it is important that any town council actively engages with residents, community groups, and voluntary organisations, and works collaboratively with wider Council. Clear communication, accountability, and value for money should be central to its operation from the outset.</p>		<p>Resident of North West 45 Leicestershire</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Split into wards and probably two councillors in each ward.</p> <p>It depends on what is meant by Coalville. Dose it include Bardon and surrounding areas?</p> <p>Would it mean each area having a parish council?</p>		<p>46 Resident of Coalville</p>	<p>Yes</p>

47	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Coalville has its own culture. I think it could benefit from having a Council of its own, separate from the surrounding villages with their different needs, and not at risk from neglect.
48	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>The purpose of a town council is to act as the local legislative body, representing citizens by making laws (ordinances), managing budgets, and overseeing essential services like public works, safety, and recreation, ensuring the community is well-governed, fiscally responsible, and its specific needs are met through democratic processes and direct engagement with residents.</p> <p>Key Functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation & Policy: Passing local laws (ordinances), setting zoning rules, and establishing policies for the town. Budget & Finance: Approving the town's budget, managing taxpayer money, and deciding on funding for services. Service Provision: Overseeing essential services like police, fire, sanitation, parks, and community programs. Community Representation: Acting as the voice of residents, bringing local concerns to higher government levels, and promoting community well-being. Strategic Planning: Guiding the town's future development, infrastructure, and economic growth. Citizen Engagement: Holding public meetings, facilitating public comment, and ensuring transparency in decision-making.
49	Resident of Coalville	Yes	An equal representation from all the inner parishes of Coalville. Opportunities for ideas to be heard from residents and possibly acted upon, within reason of said options being viable and equal to all
50	Resident of Coalville	Yes	If we no longer have a District Council we need something with more "teeth", those areas without a Parish Council to speak for them need a voice. We're loosing local powers not having them increased under the current "devolution" proposals of the current government.
51	Resident of Coalville	Yes	

			<p>I used to live near Coalville and use it regularly for shopping. Coalville lacks it's own council that fights for local residents with that responsibility currently lying with NWLDC, which has caused animosity locally and with other Towns and villages such as Castle Donington and Ashby de la Zouch.</p> <p>With plans for NWLDC to merge with other councils, it makes sense to ensure Coalville retains some local representation by creating a town council before it gets swept up into an event bigger council</p>
52	Resident Outside of District	Yes	
53	Resident of Coalville	No	<p>I feel it would create another layer of bureaucracy for all decisions and considerations. Much better to push ahead with ideas and improvements rather than delaying with further consultation</p>
54	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	<p>I think that this is an excellent idea. Having lived in Coalville in the past and it being my local town for nearly 20 years, it seems rudderless and without local input. My hope would be that a town council can focus on improving how the town looks and feels to residents and visitors and avoids those costly projects that don't really deliver anything as has happened in the past. This idea has my full support</p>
55	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>The obvious name should be Coalville Town Council. The proposed total area is quite large so I feel it would be better split into wards except for Coalville East and West which I think should be consolidated into 1 (super) ward. There is no easily understood dividing line to distinguish East and West and I am sure that most people living in the area, A; would not be sure which area their house was in anyway and B; consider Coalville as their home town not just East or West. There are national recommendations to the number of councillors per ward and I suggest this is adopted as an initial response with the option to amend once up and running.</p>
56	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	<p>Coalville needs and must have a Town Council to ensure local issues and concerns will be put forward to new council and give the local people a voice and to be heard. A Town Council will understand, explain and fight for local issues, which the larger new council will not understand without this safe guard.</p>

57	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	I would like to see a youth town council as well as an adult town council. By people representing the wards around Coalville it would be fairer. We don't provide enough facilities for our youth and they get bored. Also, a broader range of shops would be helpful. With all the new houses we need to protect our green spaces, especially as we're meant to be part of the national forest.
58	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	Broomleys/castle rock/Greenhill won't have their own parish councils? Pay tax for the town council but have no representation? Why are you adding layers of red tape back in now Labour are stripping it out. What a waste of public money!
59	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
60	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Keep Whitwick parish council and set up Coalville town council and Thringstone parish council. This is important as NWLDC will soon be abolished and the most likely and best replacement is a single Leicester & Leicestershire authority as proposed by LCC
61	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	The council we have already wastes too much money so adding another layer will simply waste more! More gold plated pensions etc that we can't afford! Another layer of council to wade through before getting to any one who be held responsible or actually do anything! The law breaking and misappropriation of funds is already unacceptable why add more misery!
62	Resident of Coalville	Yes	I'm sure coalville would benefit from a positive voice representing the town. I have recently moved to the area from Birmingham and really enjoying the east midlands. But while I see towns like Harborough, Loughborough and Ashby having a positive outlook, Coalville in contrast seems resigned to corrosion of its civic pride, its town centre, and its local services. It needs a good tidy up and an attitude shift in its residents
63	Resident Outside of District	Yes	The name of the parish should be "Coalville" with it's council being called "Coalville Town Council". The Agar Nook and Greenhill area could be a separate parish but just 1 parish is probably better as those other 2 areas don't seem to be distinct enough to be separate parishes.
64	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
65	Resident of North West	Yes	
66	Resident of North West	Yes	A group of people who have the future and current profile of Coalville at heart

			If the debacle of a plan for reorganisation of district and county councils goes ahead, then govt of Coalville is likely to become very remote from the town. It will be increasing important that some functions of local government are managed more locally.
67	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
68	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
69	Resident of North West	Yes	
70	Resident of North West	Yes	
71	Resident of Coalville	Not sure	What would this achieve? More levels of bureaucracy?
72	Resident of North West	Yes	
73	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	Thringstone should become a part of Whitwick Parish Council. Thringstone has more in common with Whitwick than Coalville.
74	Resident of North West	Yes	Coalville Town
75	Resident of Coalville	Yes	In light of the size & population of the potential town council it should split into wards of 2000 to 2500 population with 2 councillors for each ward It was always a fundamental flaw of the Local Government Act 1972 not to provide main urban centres such as Coalville with a town council when successor parishes were created for other UDC areas such as Ashby and the Wolds. While new parishes have already been created for Ellistown & Battleflat, Hugglescote & Donington le Heath and Whitwick, this upcoming reorganisation presents an opportunity for a complete rethink. I would like to see a Greater Coalville Town Council created to include the whole of the former Coalville UDC area in a single authority which would benefit from economies of scale, creating an authority capable of delivering all appropriate local services and having both political and financial Coalville Town Council, maybe 10 councillors and split into wards.
76	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
77	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
78		No	
79	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Although not a resident of Coalville, it seems sensible for a Local Council for the Town to be created. Other smaller villages have local representation and with the forthcoming changes to Local Govt in Leicestershire it is appropriate to have a local Council for The Town.

80	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Coalville has been neglected for decades and needs a town council to improve its recreation areas and centre shops with all the new housing estates being built in the area we need something like Rushcliffe country park behind the leisure centre a large play area, sensory area and skateboard park and allow ice-cream vans and catering vans to cater there at a reasonable fee to help with the upkeep, the council should also offer reduce or even better free business rates for shops in Coalville to encourage retailers to come to the town
81	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	A town council is necessary for Coalville as the population is increasing and it will help with governance and embracing the increasing diversity of people who live or work in the town.
82	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
83	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Coalville and district town council. Independent not political as it shows bias. Someone who can speak up for the town and get things done properly.
84	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Coalville is a growing town and needs proper political representation to ensure Residents have a say in how their Town is to be run
85	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
86	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Now a good time as interest locally has been spurred on by creation of local group Coalville CCAN with HQs in memorial square. Very enthusiastic people who have set up CCAN.
87	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	I believe that we should have a town council to protect our jobs with in our area
88	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Name: Coalville Town Council Generally keep existing wards Incorporate Bardon and Hugglescote within new council One councillor for wards under 1500 electors, 2 councillors for other wards.
89	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	

90	Resident of Coalville	Yes	I have missed not having a say in services that affect us. I read about Hugglescotes activities in community voice. We do not have anything like that.
91	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Not sure	Whilst smaller, local councils empower your community there may be a tendency to create another level of bureaucracy - and therefore effectiveness - that cheeses residents off. The balance between a dictatorship and an efficient council is lean. Please don't create another level just for the sake of it. Thanks, Anthony
92	Coalville CAN (Communities and Neighbours)	Yes	Coalville CAN believes there is a need for an organisation with decision making powers to champion Coalville and have the good of Coalville as their main focus and priority. Coalville has suffered from this lack of voice and championing of our town. Decisions should be made as close to possible to the lives of the people affected. Given the only option offered in this consultation, CCAN supports a town council for Coalville. We do not have a strong view on the name nor the number of councillors or wards though it is important all areas and voices are represented.

93	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>I would like Coalville Town Council to cover ALL of Coalville. That means including Greenhill, Bardon, Broom Leys as well as Snibston and the town centre. It would make sense if Whitwick, Ravenstone, Thringstone and Hugglescote were also included.</p> <p>A full-size Town Council would have the resources it needs to take over responsibilities delegated from the forthcoming Unitary Council.</p> <p>It could be called Coalville Urban Council.</p> <p>There would need to be at least 15 Councillors to cover each of the current District Wards (with two for Hugglescote St Johns as it is oversized and needs dividing into two):</p> <p>Bardon Broom Leys Coalville West Coalville East Greenhill Hermitage Holly Hayes Hugglescote St Mary's Hugglescote St John's (2) Snibston North Snibston South Ravenstone & Packington Thornborough Thringstone</p>
94	Resident of Coalville	Yes	I would like to see the area in which I live have more input and say about what happens with our council tax.
95	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
96	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	un parished areas

97	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Hopefully this would allow more things to be decided and done for the benefit of the town and its community. The town can be split into wards and if local people are involved they would have the best idea of what is required to improve the whole area. It is clear to see the backwards step the town has taken over the past 20-30 years and even more in the last 10 years and we hope to move forward for the general improvement of the area.
98	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	We already have a Parish Council. Coalville should have a Town Council as it's been very badly treated by the District Council over the years. I am strongly against any attempt to alter Huggdonpc or any amalgamation into an area council.
99	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
100	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Coalville council consisting of 7 councillors
101	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Would like to see a local person looking after the area we live in. Including environmental issues such as over house building, slow fast road and protect our villages.
102	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	It will more than likely to cost on the ever increasing rates
103	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Coalville Town Parish I think 2 councillors to cover north and south
104	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	I Think a town council for Coalville will be very good and overdue Will give local community more control
105	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Needs to be local people that care about local issues, real people not people who are just
106	Resident of Coalville	Yes	I think the town needs to have 5 or more councillors in order to get an appropriate level of consistency for the town. No more spending silly money on a town square that's cost 2 million and is a waste of space.
107	Resident of Coalville	Not sure	Each area of the 4 areas has different needs and characteristics, so a council representing
108	Resident of Coalville	Yes	

109	Resident of Coalville	Yes	We need to have a council who will work for us and to make Coalville move self governing towards its own people
110	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Split in to wards for even representation
111	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
112	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
113	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	We as the community need the final say as the council for Coalville has made SO many bad errors on the centre and Tesco and Asda and the area going into complete disarray
114	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
115	Coalville Town FC	Yes	Coalville Town Council it's about time people in Coalville decided how things were done locally and not the people of Ashby. We are always second best when it comes to investment and it's time for change
116	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	The town council should have increased powers over planning application decisions instead of being just a consultee
			<p>If the District Council is merged into a larger devolved unit it will increase the distance between the people and any form of informed local governance.</p> <p>Decisions will not be taken by individuals with understanding of the communities and the local detail will be lost amongst macro socio-economic concerns. This idea goes against the principle of subsidiarity, that social and political issues should be addressed at the most immediate or local level possible, promoting decision-making closer to the affected individuals.</p> <p>Therefore, it is most important that a town council is installed as form of compensation for the removal of NWLDC. I would suggest that the council be called Coalville Urban Council.</p> <p>Excessive councillors and wards will serve to complicate service delivery and encourage political disagreement in lieu of actual progress on the ground.</p>
117	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	

118	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes		
119	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes		I would welcome a Town council as it would give the local people more opportunity to input in the decisions that would help support Coalville. 10 Councillors, from different neighbourhoods to represent viewpoints from all communities.
120	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes		Split into wards with a representative from each ward plus up to 4 more just representing the area as a whole. . Coalville and District Town Council.
121	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes		Once local government reorganisation is complete, Coalville should have a town council to represent the interests and identity of the town.
122	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No		I think the west Leicestershire District Council do a good job. So my thoughts are to stay with them. I think there's a lot to start out like road works . Not having loads of road works happening at one time . Find some of the long time road works to be put in holidays while kids away from school because not so many cars on roads. I understand you class it as traffic calming. But it also causes lateness. Accidents. People getting hurt. We need more traffic wardens. To stop People just parking where they like on double yellow lines , on Zebras Crossings. Ect. More cctv everywhere. Where I live in flats Park View I think we need more cctv. I just had my car scratched all down my N/5 passenger side all the way down . I was told it could of been builders again but it looks like to me done deliberately. All the way down. I believe because where I parked. In parking area near bins but down towards the other flats , not park view flats. Because someone did not like me parking there. Even though if there's a place we can park we are allowed to park. But some people think it's there right to park there. That's the fourth time my car as been damaged in the Park View car park.
123	Resident of Coalville	Yes		Volunteer councillors like they used to have I'm really passionate about the town., Excellent idea. We have waited for too long for this. Coalville Town Council is a good name. Split the town into wards. Not sure how many or how many councillors. The councillors should all live in their respective wards. Certainly not live out of the county like in Warwickshire.
124	Resident of Coalville	Yes		

125	Resident of Coalville	Yes	3 Wards: Coalville central: Coalville south: Coalville north: Coalville South
126	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	A ward for Hugglescote. Lots of new houses being built which is great but I fear the impact on the community/services has not fully been taken into account so representation is needed. After the District Council has been dissolved it is important to still have some local governance in the unparished Coalville area. This could be a similar structure to the current Coalville special expenses committee. Coalville & Thringstone parish Council would be a sensible name, unless the people of Thringstone request their own parish council.
127	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
128	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	Cost more on the council tax bill get rid of them all
129	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Seems ludicrous that Coalville does not have a town council. This will be doubly important if North West Leics is forced to join with Loughborough Blaby and Melton District Councils.
130	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Coalville is the capital town of NWL and should be represented. Ashby TC is a useful service.
131	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	Prefer NW Leicestershire to viewed overall to bring the community together have the overview over the services Separating the councils causes divide and in fighting and more paperwork and bureaucracy
132	Resident of Coalville	Yes	I'm not sure how I think it should work. Would Ashby-de-la-Zouch be a comparable model?

			<p>I strongly support a ward-based structure for the proposed town council. Coalville is a diverse area where different neighbourhoods face unique challenges and requirements. To ensure no area is overlooked and to minimise geographic bias, each ward should have dedicated representation. This ensures that the council acts as a collective that understands the needs of the entire town rather than focusing on a single centre.</p> <p>I propose the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Equal Representation: Each ward should elect a representative to advocate for their specific local issues. 2) Decisive Leadership: The council should be led by a Chairperson (or Town Mayor) who serves as a member of the collective. 3) Deadlock Resolution: In the interest of administrative efficiency, the Chair should hold a casting vote. This ensures that in the event of a tie, the council can reach a definitive resolution and continue its work without gridlock. <p>Coalville Community Council, Coalville Town Council or Coalville and District Council seem reasonable suggestions for the name.</p>
133	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
134	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
135	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>Split into wards based on population, better engagement with residents, support for local community initiatives, and greater transparency around local decision making.</p>
136	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>it would be nice if cooperative party branch in Leicestershire run the council as I am disability officer it would help support businesses and communities</p>
137	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>I feel people on the town council should be people who live in the area or wards and have knowledge of what people want and need there. Youth clubs would be a good start for example.</p>

138	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Not sure	I live in Hugglescote and am happy with how the current parish council works with and supports the local community in providing a healthy and safe environment to live and work in. I'm unsure as to how the creation of a Coalville Town Council will fit into the current relationship that is in place with NWL. The new town council should be warded similar to existing PC's but be mindful of the PC wards that exist currently and do not encroach upon them. This would lead to a confusion of who does what and when not only with new & existing councillors but also residents
139	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	The largest town in the area deserves a council.
140	Resident of Coalville	Not sure	I support the formation of a new parish council which incorporates the wards of Broom Leys, Castle Rock and Greenhill. It would be nice if the new parish council were called Broom Leys Parish Council to tie in with the historic links to the church boundary.
141	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	
142	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
143	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
144	Resident of Coalville	Not sure	I think there should be a parish council formed for the Castle Rock, Greenhill, Agar Nook area
145	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
146	Resident of Coalville	No	

147	Coalville Heritage Society and Snibston Heritage Trust		<p>establishes a Town Council. Within the current proposal for Leicestershire post-2027 Coalville risks having no tier two local government representation and this is unacceptable for a town the size of Coalville.</p> <p>The current provision provided by North West Leicestershire District Council through its Special Budget arrangements for Coalville have work reasonably well over the many years I have been aware of the funding but this is ad hoc and is not on par with other Town and Parish Councils who provide specific service to their local community. Coalville must not be in a position where these local services are delivered at some distance from the local community who will, or may, not have local representatives to hold accountable for the service delivery and management of the town. I also believe that representatives working for the local community must be from that community as local representatives will understand the people, communities, heritage, culture and infrastructure of the town.</p> <p>The geographical extent of the Coalville Town Council must also include the current wards of Green Hill, Broom Leys, Castle Rock, Snibston North and South and Coalville East and West as it is highly likely these wards will be reorganised as part of the national Local Government Devolution Reorganisation.</p>
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149	Snibston Heritage Trust	Yes	
150	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
151	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	

152	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>Response: Yes. As the Disability Officer for the Co-operative Party, I strongly support a Town Council. Coalville needs a local democratic body that is closer to its residents, but it must be built on co-operative principles of equity and inclusion.</p>
153	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>I feel this should be represented by councillors who know the area well enough to help residents with what needs to be done also the name of the council is important</p>

Thringstone Consultation Responses

ID	Name2	Would you like to see a Parish Council set up to represent your area?	Please provide any additional comments you would like to be considered by North West Leicestershire District Council with regards to the potential creation of a parish council in Thringstone (for ...)
2	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	This is urgently needed before North West Leicester joins with Melton etc so that the residents will have some say in how their area is managed.
3	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
4	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
5	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
6	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	I think it most important for Thringstone to have a P.C. I hope the relevant Councillors can readily be found.
7	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	The Friends of Thringstone organisation achieved remarkable things for the village with very little funding. Much more could be achieved with a parish council funded by a parish precept.
8	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Thringstone & Whitwick Combine
9	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	I think would be great for Thringstone & help install more community spirit and give villager a sense of control as well as pride in their village. Whitwick parish Christmas decorations & lights have looked wonderful it would be nice if Thringstone had something similar.
10	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
11	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	I believe Thringstone would benefit from having it's own Parish Council.
12	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	A Parish council is required to ensure local issues are heard and understood by the new larger council, making sure local people have a voice and will be heard. A Parish council will understand local issues and will be able to explain these issues to the larger new council.

13	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	<p>Thringstone is very separate from Coalville. Coalville needs a town council as Ashby is. and Thringstone should be represented by a parish council, as Whitwick is. NWLDC will soon cease to be.</p>
14	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	<p>Thringstone used to have a parish council until the 1930s then that disappeared. Everybody else at the moment, with the exception of Coalville Town it seems, has a parish council, and with the possible demise of the Coalville Special Reserves, we will not be able to get any funding for our village. Friends of Thringstone has been working full tilt on the village since its inception in 2005 and would ideally like to work with a parish council to further the interests of the village.</p>
15	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
16	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	<p>Having worked with a number of parish councils my only concern is that membership would be outweighed by local politicians. I think we really need a PC but with a majority of residents - not politicians. This way, local people can have some input and power behind decisions affecting their community.</p>
17	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	<p>Would it be divided into wards like Whitwick Parish Council? Would the number of councillors be related to the population of each ward or the village as a whole? Who would organise and pay for the election process?</p>
18	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	<p>I would dearly love to see Thringstone retain its own historic small village identity. The sprawling mess that is Whitwick is being swallowed up by Coalville, and I believe that we deserve to be solely responsible for maintaining our unique heritage. If there is no Thringstone Parish Council, I fear within a few years we shall just be an anonymous part of the urban sprawl of Coalville.</p>
19	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	<p>A Parish Council for Thringstone is currently missing from local government. To put Thringstone on an equal democratic footing with Whitwick and other Parishes, this omission should be rectified as soon as possible. A Parish Council for Thringstone should be instituted without delay.</p>

20	Resident of Thringstone	Not sure	<p>Commitment is needed. Are there enough people who could dedicate time to this and represent all groups including minority groups.</p> <p>Could Thringstone merge with Whitwick Parish Council and become Whitwick and Thringstone z</p>
21	Resident Outside the District	Yes	<p>There should be 1 parish for the Thringstone area named "Thringstone" with it's council called "Thringstone Parish Council". This area is distinct enough to be a separate parish and since the creation of "Ellistown and Battleflat" in 2002 and "Hugglescote and Donington-le-Heath" and "Whitwick" in 2011 this area has been separate from the rest of Coalville unparished area.</p>
22	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	<p>Long overdue, Thringstone has always been the forgotten village.</p>
23	Resident of Thringstone	No	<p>I'm not sure it is in the best interest of the village. I think its size & population would mean it would get a very small amount of funding, but its rural and need would mean it requires more.</p>
24	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	<p>Thringstone lacks a central hub and cohesion. Without friends of thringstone and *Name Redacted* (who can't continue for ever) it will be impossible for anything to get done. The various organisations would have a central body rather than pulling against each other and form a united front. This would help the community spirit to improve which nowadays it sadly lacks</p>
25	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	<p>A suitable name would be Thringstone Parish Council. I suggest 7 members</p>
26	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	

		<p>Thringstone is a big enough community to have its own representation. A local parish council would cement the village in allowing it to make some decisions for itself.</p> <p>Name? Thringstone Parish Council.</p> <p>Councillors? no more than 10 absolute maximum. I feel it would be important to make sure that the Melrose Road area of the village has at least one councillor to speak up for it. Some of the villages longest residents live there and its important that the rest of the village listen to what they have to say.</p>	
27	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
28	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
29	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	<p>I'd love for a parish council to be introduced to the village. Every other village in the surrounding areas receives support, whilst we get absolutely nothing. This includes no grit bins on new build estates, no Christmas decorations at all, no Remembrance Sunday commemorations, we've got cars parked all over footpaths leaving it difficult for wheelchair users, overgrown jittys, children's play areas have been removed, inadequate street lighting and that's just to name a few, but yet the council tax seems to increase year upon year. A parish council could provide the support that the village needs.</p> <p>We definitely need a parish council for the village, we seem to get the dregs of everything. Planning permission was granted for two youth residential care homes on Main Street, Thringstone and whilst I understand the importance of these residencies during the planning application residents were assured that there would be no issues with parking. If you try to pull out of Glebe road there's cars fully parked on the pavement leaving people unable to see if there's any cars coming, they're parking on the corner of Glebe Road which is also causing a hazard, this has been reported to Coalville council on numerous occasions but it falls on deaf ears.</p> <p>We're always told, we are short of money. I'm not convinced how adding another layer of bureaucracy will save money or improve things.</p>
30	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
31	Resident of Thringstone	No	

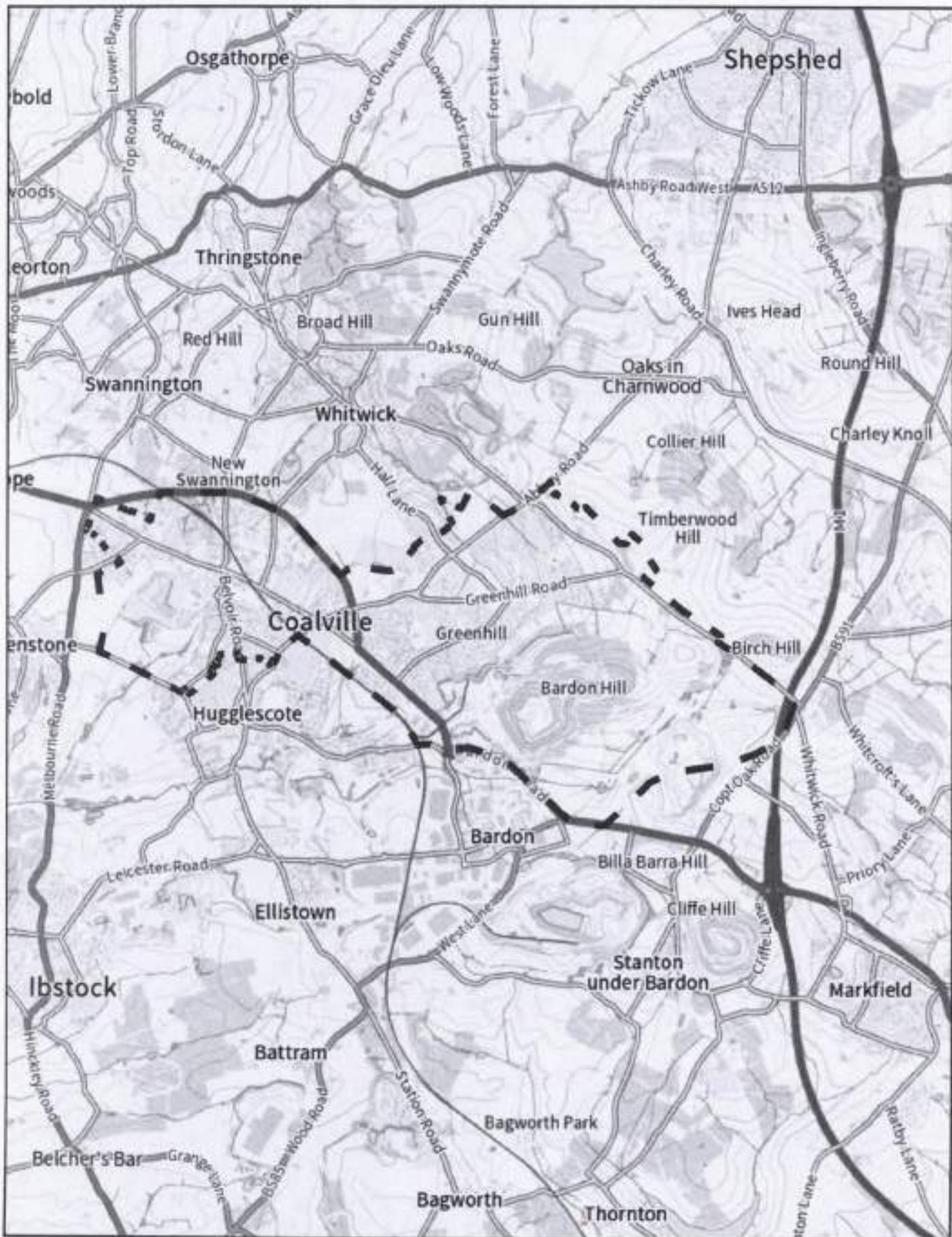
	<p>It is important that any Parish Council consider the nature, layout and overall structure of a village such as Thringstone and how the nature of the village is maintained without any pressure from Central and Local Government on such matters such as house building or development of the surrounding areas. All too often we see enormous house building schemes being approved without any consideration of civic amenities, infrastructure including road planning. Houses spring up without any consideration of road capacities & condition, provision of shops, doctors and even basic facilities. Our roads are already overcrowded and dangerous particularly with an increased ageing population.</p>	Yes	
32	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
33	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
34		Yes	
35	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
36	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
37	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	Thringstone is a growing village and needs representation
38	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
39	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	THRINGSTONE parish council and no more than 7 councillors
40	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	Thringstone needs a Parish Council as a voice at local level. It needs a better community feeling. There are several very busy shops, businesses and Estate Agents in Thringstone. I'm sure we wouldn't have any trouble finding Councillors and volunteers.
41	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	I believe anyone applying to be a parish councillor should have been a resident for a minimum of 5 years. The building that the parish council should use must be an existing building, this building to be big enough to host charitable events for the community. Anyone with experience is helpful but not a necessity as long as they're passionate. Someone within the ranks who has business experience would be helpful. I believe a minimum of 3 main people to head the parish council.

42	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	I think it would be great to have a parish council in Thringstone and for the local community to make decisions which are best for our local area and residents...
43	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	In recent years thringstone is becoming to look unkempt, untidy and in serious need of local people who care for the village. There has also been several reports of a dangerous dog in the area which the police are yet to provide answers on, it would be beneficial for someone to represent the local people in these situations. As this dog had attached many people including my father and his dog.
44	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	To give local residents a say in what is happening in our village
45	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	It would be nice to have more representation in the village with people working solely for the community of Thringstone.
46		Yes	
47	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	Thringstone Parish Council to tackle issues e.g Dog Fouling, Vandalism, Shop Lifting within the local Co Op store, Littering. Thringstone is currently being neglected by the Police who claim to be acting on issues within the village e.g Speeding during the evenings, Drug runners on E-Scooters blinding people with bright head lights. Unsocioable behaviour within the church yard again in which the Police claim to have been monitoring. If any of what the police claim was in fact true why is there still problems within the village. We need a parish council to represent the voices of the village within local council meetings and help us tackle those serious problems which are being ignored at all levels. All of the problems seem to have fallen on deaf ears. Hopefully the parish council will engage with the MP Amanda Hack to address those problems.

			<p>Subject: Community Governance Review Consultation response.</p> <p>I am writing in response to the current Phase 1 consultation as part of the Community Governance Review, specifically regarding governance arrangements for the unparished area of Thringstone.</p> <p>I strongly support the establishment of a new parish council for Thringstone.</p> <p>Reasons for my support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It would provide enhanced local democracy and representation. A parish council would give residents a direct, elected voice on local matters that directly affect our community. Currently, decisions can feel distant, made at the district level without sufficient focus on our specific needs. This is particularly important in light of the proposed local government reorganisation which would abolish North West Leicestershire District Council and merge it into a larger unitary authority. Such changes risk creating a "democratic deficit" by consolidating power in bigger entities, potentially overlooking hyper-local issues in small villages like Thringstone. A parish council would help preserve and strengthen community-level representation under this transition. 2. It would provide improved community engagement and identity. Establishing a parish council would help foster a stronger sense of local identity and belonging in Thringstone. It would provide a formal mechanism for residents to discuss and influence issues such as local facilities, green spaces, community events, highways maintenance, and small-scale improvements that matter most to us. 3. It would provide the ability to deliver local improvements. Parish councils have the power to precept (raise a modest amount via council tax) to fund local priorities, such as maintaining play areas, supporting village halls, providing additional litter bins, or organising community activities. This would complement rather than duplicate the work of the principal authority and becomes
48	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
49	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	We need more here. One side of Thringstone has a park for the kids the other side has nothing.
50	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	We need representation from within the village , from people who know the village and its people well.

51	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes		
52	Resident of Thringstone	Yes		Thringstone and Gracedieu 7 councillors
53	Resident of Thringstone	Yes		
54	Resident of Thringstone	Yes		
55	Resident of Thringstone	Yes		Thringstone Parish Council

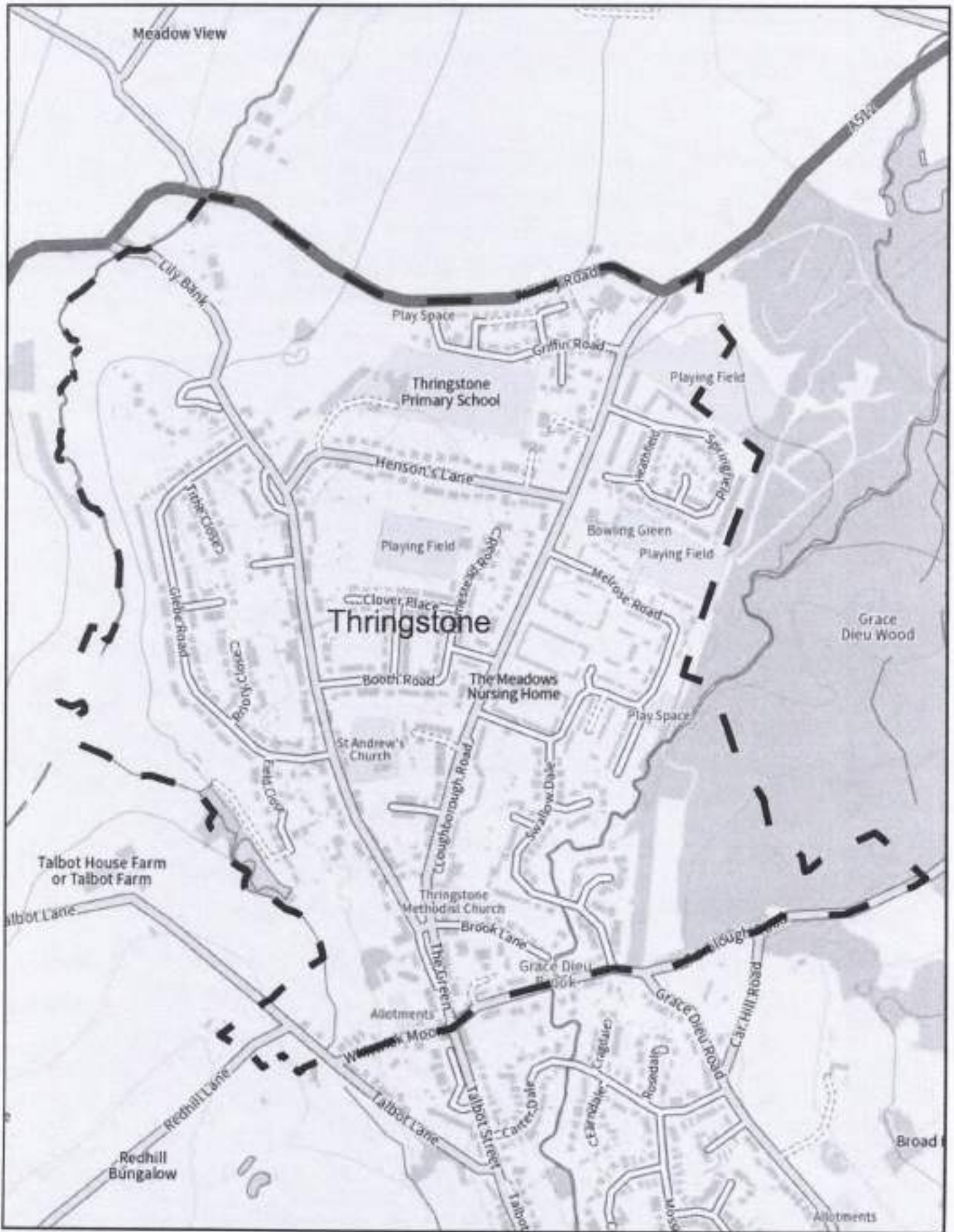
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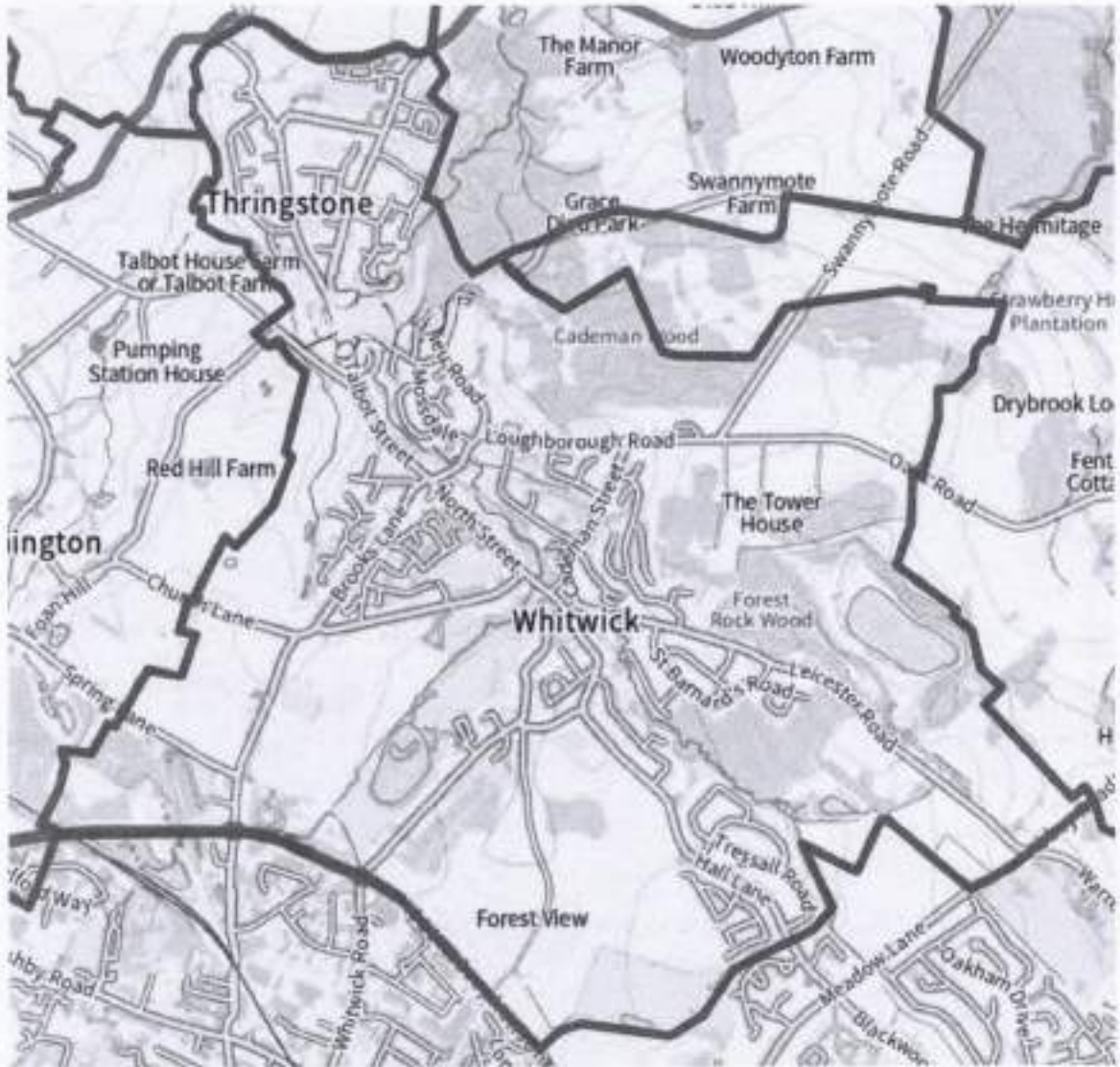
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APPENDIX F

Unparished Area of Thringstone and Whitwick Parish Council



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APPENDIX C

*DRAFT MINUTES - These minutes are draft only, until approved by the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Whitwick Parish Council Staffing Meeting Minutes **27th May 2026**

Meeting Date: 27th May 2026

Meeting Location: 3A Market Place, Whitwick, Coalville, Leics LE67 5DT

Meeting Start Time: 13.34pm

Councillors Present:

- Cllr Peter Moulton (Chair), Cllr Anthony Barker, Cllr Andy Roach

Officers Present:

- Sharon Kaye, Parish Clerk

Public Attendees:

- No members of public

26-209 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2026/2027

On the motion of Councillor Tony Barker, seconded by Councillor Andy Roach,

Members RESOLVED to elect Councillor Peter Moulton as the Chairman of the Staffing Committee for 2026-2027.

26-211 APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

26-211 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest regarding any agenda items were received.

26-212 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of public were present.

26-213 MINUTES

The minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 22nd January 2026 were deferred.

26-214 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

On the motion of Councillor Tony Barker, seconded by Councillor Andy Roach,

Members RESOLVED to exclude the public and press for the confidential session.

26-215 STAFF APPRAISALS

The Parish Clerk confirmed that she had been carrying out the staff appraisals and the committee would receive a copy of the appraisal and the subsequent action plan for each employee.

The Parish Clerk confirmed that the Clerk's appraisal was still to be carried out, and now that the Staffing Committee Terms of Reference had been discussed and approved at the Full Council Meeting on the 21st May 2026, the approved process for the clerk's appraisal with the Chair of the Staffing Committee carrying out the appraisal, and then reporting back to the Staffing Committee, would now be actioned.

Received and noted.

26-216 STAFFING MATTERS

The Parish Clerk updated members on staffing matters.
Members were issued with supporting paperwork which they requested time to read.
Members requested that a break in the meeting was taken, and for the meeting to reconvene the next day, once they had had chance to read and digest the information provided.
The meeting was ended at 3.15pm on Wednesday 27th May 2026.
The meeting reconvened at 4.23pm on Thursday 28th May 2026.
On the motion of Councillor Andy Roach, seconded by Councillor Anthony Barker,
Members RESOLVED to initiate disciplinary proceedings with one employee.

The Chair thanked members for attending.

Meeting Closed: 16.52pm, Thursday 28th May 2026.

Chairman’s Signature:

Chairman Name:

Date Signed:

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APPENDIX D

*DRAFT MINUTES - These minutes are draft only, until approved by the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Whitwick Parish Council Meeting **Thursday 26th February 2026 7pm**

Meeting Date: Thursday 26th February 2026

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

Meeting Start Time: 7pm

Councillors Present:

- Cllr Audrey Barker, Cllr Tony Barker, Cllr Elijah Bennett, Chair Cllr Sue Colledge, Cllr Tony Gillard (left at 8.06pm), Cllr Ray Woodward.

Officers Present:

- Sharon Kaye, Parish Clerk

Public Attendees:

- 1 member of the public in attendance (left the meeting at 8.32pm).

Everyone welcomed by the Chair of Council Cllr Sue Colledge.

Cllr Colledge explained this was an extraordinary meeting, as the meeting last week had to be cancelled and rescheduled, as it would not have been quorate.

26-075 APOLOGIES

Cllr Phil Casson – family commitments.

Cllr Amanda Briers – personal reasons.

Cllr Andy Roach – work commitments.

Cllr Peter Moulton – District Council Meeting.

Cllr Michael Wyatt – work commitments.

On the motion of Cllr Ray Woodward, seconded by Cllr Audrey Barker,

Council RESOLVED to accept the apologies.

26-076 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest in regard to any agenda items.

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

- all matters relating to North West Leicestershire District Council as a ward member for the Hermitage Ward.

Cllr Audrey Barker declared a **registerable interest**

- Whitwick Historical Group as a member

Cllr E Bennet declared a **registerable interest**

- Feed The Need Foodbank as a member
- Woodstock in Whitwick as a member

Cllr S Colledge declared a **registerable interest** in

- Whitwick Historical Group as a member

a **pecuniary interest and registerable interest** as

- Woodstock in Whitwick Committee as a member

- Coalville C.A.N. as a shareholder
a **potential pecuniary interest** as
- The old Hermitage Leisure Centre site as an immediate neighbour

Cllr T Gillard declared a **registerable interest** in

- all matters relating to North West Leicestershire District Council as a member and member of the cabinet.

Cllr R Woodward declared a **registerable interest** as

- Whitwick Historical Group as a member
- Whitwick Quarry Liaison Group as a member

Received and noted.

26-077 COMMUNITY POLICING

PCSO Connor Mitchell (6574) unable to attend this evening. Connor visited the community office on Monday 16th February 2026 with colleague PCSO Ed Fowkes (6667).

The officers discussed an issue removing vehicles from the old Hermitage Leisure Centre site car park on Silver Street, and the officers requested a key to the main car park entrance barrier, as having to knock on local residents' doors. The Parish Clerk has now arranged for a key to the barrier to be issued to them by NWLDC.

Recent residents' complaints re school parking had been acted on with the team carrying out site visits to Whitwick St John The Baptist CE Primary School and Holy Cross School. Residents concern with the dangerous parking and subsequent traffic bottle neck being caused on Parsonwood Hill, by the junction with Parsonwood Paddock. Parents had been spoken to outside both schools regarding parking.

The Parish Clerk informed members that Leicestershire County Council had recently provided a template parking leaflet which could be used in these circumstances. The PCSOs had discussed this with the Clerk, but concerns were raised in terms of safety of staff if these were acted on, as the PCSOs had received aggressive and abusive behaviour from members of the public when issuing warnings re poor parking. Anti-social behaviour was also discussed, with no major concerns currently being reported.

The Parish Clerk informed officers about the agreed opening of the pedestrian gates for Whitwick Park by the Property Management & General Purposes Committee on 22nd January 2026. Any potential implications that decision may have were reviewed.

The Clerk also updated the officers on the Parish Council progress with CCTV at Whitwick Park which they have said will be a very positive step.

No beat surgeries are planned at Parish Council facilities or in the village at present as better footfall and communication with residents had been attained at the café sessions in the locality.

Meet the Team at The Rock Bar & Café 3:30PM - 4:30PM, Tue 03 March 2026

The Rock Bar & Café 97 Meadow Ln, Whitwick, Coalville. Leicestershire.

Meet the Team at The Abbey Grange Tearoom 11:00AM - 12:00PM, Thu 05 March 2026

The Abbey Grange Tearoom, Oaks Road, Whitwick, Leicestershire.

Meet the Team at Meadow Barn View 2:00PM - 3:00PM, Mon 09 March 2026

The Meadow Barn View, 368 Church Lane, Whitwick

Councillor Barker updated members about a break in that had recently occurred on Crusader Close during daylight hours.

Received and noted.

26-078 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The member of public wanted to discuss the removal of the CCTV at the old Hermitage Leisure Centre site which he felt was a mistake. There were issues with drug dealing in the car park and other criminal and anti-social behaviour and it was felt if the cameras had remained or there was signage or dummy cameras, there would be more of a deterrent for the criminal behaviour going on in the car park.

Cllr Anthony Barker and Cllr Tony Gillard said they would raise this issue at the District Council, on behalf of the resident, in their role as District Councillors.

The Parish Clerk also confirmed that she would write to North West Leicestershire District Council regarding the CCTV at the site on Silver Street.

Received and noted.

26-079 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

An invitation to the Parish Council meeting and report request had been sent to County Councillor Boam on 20th February 2026, as well as the date of the next meeting and the calendar of meetings again. The Community Liaison contact and Leicestershire County Council Leader Dan Harrison were also copied into the email..

The County Councillor was not in attendance at the meeting.

A response was received on the 25th February 2025 at 11.46pm.

Dear Sharon,

Thank you for your email and for the invitation to attend the Extraordinary Meeting on 26 February. For clarity, it is not strictly accurate to state that I have not attended a meeting since being elected. I did attend a previous meeting which was subsequently cancelled after the scheduled start time. I had also intended to attend other meetings which were later cancelled.

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend on this occasion. However, I am pleased to provide the following County Councillor update for circulation at the meeting:

- I am continuing to pursue the Church Lane bus gate enquiry and await further updates from officers.
- I remain engaged on the highway safety concerns relating to double parking in Thringstone, as well as the planning proposal for an additional children's care home on a residential road.
- I recently attended a site visit with the Cabinet Member for Flooding, Cllr Adam Tilbury, regarding concerns around Grace Dieu Brook.
- A significant pothole outside the Varus Corner Shop has now been repaired following escalation.

If there are specific matters raised at the meeting that require County involvement, I would be grateful if they could be forwarded to me directly.

Best Regards,

Cllr. Joseph Boam,
Whitwick Division

Received and noted.

Cllr Tony Gillard confirmed that the bus service was provided by Arriva and it was a commercial operation. County Council do not have anything to do with it, which Councillor Boam had been informed of at a County Council meeting. Arriva have now provided a smaller bus which is collecting residents on regular basis and more recent feedback received by a few Parish Council members indicated the service is appreciated by those residents using it. Cllr Barker confirmed this as he had spoken to residents. There had been concern about buses going down Church Lane when the service was launched and Cllr Gillard and Cllr Moulton had attended a meeting to express concerns with regards to the route and suitability for double decker buses or large coaches. However, the route around the village has been helpful for residents and no negative feedback had been received by Parish Council staff or Councillors in the last few months.

Members requested that the Parish Clerk contact Councillor Boam to clarify what was he pursuing in regard to the Church Lane bus gate enquiry, whether he was trying to get the decision reversed to have a bus service coming down Church Lane, and also to clarify what is bus gate?

Cllr Gillard also asked whether it would be prudent to contact our local PCSO to find out whether there were any statistics for any car collisions with the bus on Church Lane. The Parish Clerk confirmed that she would contact the local PCSO to find out if any data was available.

Cllr Bennett asked if the Parish Clerk could ask what Councillor Boam and Cabinet Member for Flooding Adam Tilbury had done about the flooding at Grace Dieu Brook?

Cllr Gillard confirmed that they had met with a resident who had contacted him after the meeting. Leicestershire County Council have put aside £2 million for flooding prevention in the County. They looked in the resident's garden and said they would see what they could do.

Cllr Bennett confirmed that he had been delivering leaflets to residents about the work that the local MP and also the Parish Councillors have been doing regarding the flooding issues, including attending the recent Flood Sax demo at County Hall with Cllr Moulton.

The Parish Clerk also confirmed that she had been contacted by one of the LCC officers regarding the flooding events held late last year, to request dates for an event to be held in Whitwick this year, as we had requested. She has also obtained details to enable the Parish Council to help residents to create a Flood Resilience Plan and set up a Flood Warden Scheme, further details of which are to follow. A multi-agency meeting will be arranged and communication with residents will ensue, to ensure that all flooding incidents are reported.

Cllr Audrey Barker queried that only one pothole had been actioned. The Parish Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council staff regularly report potholes issues using the LCC online reporting system. Cllr Barker highlighted the pothole at the end of Hall Lane, which the Parish Clerk confirmed they had reported and it had been fixed on Monday.

Cllr Anthony Barker confirmed that he had sent an email to County Councillor Boam last July through the County system. He has received the auto acknowledgement but has never received a reply. The Parish Clerk requested that Cllr Barker forwarded that email to her so she could send it through to County Councillor Boam directly as he had requested.

Cllr Sue Colledge said Cllr Gillard and herself had also raised concerns about the number of times the bottom of Silver Street has been repaired by Severn Trent water. The traffic gets seriously backed up, which is affecting local businesses but also causing a danger with the traffic due to the blind corner round the Kings Arms. This is for the same issue and has happened approximately between 6 and 10 times now. The Parish Clerk was asked to send a strong letter to the County Council voicing our concerns.

Cllr Tony Gillard asked if he could raise some concerns as a Parish Councillor, for concerns in Whitwick.

Parsonwood Hill school parking. There was a fleet of vans that went out to schools, particularly where there are parking issues, and attended there 18 months ago.

Can he arrange for the school parking patrol to attend the two schools

What dates have they attended in the last 24 months?

Can you arrange this within the next 1-2 months?

Cllr Tony Gillard, on behalf of the residents and Parish Council, would also like to ask what provision have the fire brigade made, particularly the Coalville brigade, regarding what is their plans to install smoke and fire alarms, and testing of fire alarms, in the parish of Whitwick.

Members asked if the Parish Clerk could send all the forementioned items to the County Councillor, asking for a reply in 10 days, so the response could be reviewed at the next Parish Council meeting.

26-080 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Tony Gillard reported that last Thursday, the District Council unanimously voted to approve the Council Tax increase of 2.75% for 2026-2027. In addition to that, a £2 million legacy fund was created for community projects from May 2026. The meeting confirmed the Council can balance the budget without needing to cut services and can build up reserves whilst investing in priority areas. The budget also includes the allocation of £23,000.00 for a befriending service, carried out by an external organisation.

Cllr Barker is also in discussion about the funding for the Hermitage Recreation Ground play area. It was agreed the Parish Council should review the legacy grant when further details are released.

Received and noted.

26-081 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No new applications had been received since our last meeting on 29th January 2026.

At the last meeting, members had requested a response from the planning officer with reference to the application 26/00096/TPO on Loughborough Road.

The response received is as follows:

“I have reviewed this and the trees can put out basal growth which can be an obstruction. Regular removal as specified is unlikely to harm the tree and we can provide permission for repeat works over defined period to avoid duplication or repeated applications. On this basis, I will be recommending approval for a period of 3 years.”

For clarity, the application was for: Works to 1 no. group of Sweet Chestnut trees to apply for dispensation to annually remove epicormic growth up to 5 metres from ground level as trees are requiring epicormic removal on a regular basis (Protected by Tree Preservation Order 113).

Received and noted.

26-082 FINANCE – BANK BALANCES

APPENDIX A, pg 6

To note the latest bank balances as at 31st January 2026.

Current Account - £182,962.50 as at 31st January 2026 and £204,086.66 as at 31st December 2025.

Deposit Account - £13,241.48 as at 31st January 2026 and £13,241.48 as at 31st December 2025.

Investment Account - £225,000.00 as at 31st January 2026 and 31st December 2025.

On the motion of Cllr Ray Woodward, seconded by Cllr Audrey Barker,

Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation statement provided, and for the Chair to sign it.

26-083 FINANCE – INCOME & EXPENDITURE

APPENDIX B

Receipts pg 8, payments pg 9-12

Reports were provided for January 2026 income and expenditure.

Total payments were £39,876.80 net and total banked income was £2,126.34 net.

On the motion of Cllr Anthony Barker, seconded by Cllr Ray Woodward,

Council RESOLVED to approve the income and expenditure reports for January 2026.

26-084 FINANCE – PAYMENTS TO APPROVE

APPENDIX C, pg 14-17

An updated tabled report was provided by the Parish Clerk as further payments requiring approval had been received since the agenda was distributed.

It was also noted that some of the report data had corrupted when the file had been compressed.

The parish clerk confirmed that the new report had a net payment total of £35,436.74, gross £40,285.00.

Some of the additional higher expenditure items were highlighted, which included the invoice for Leicestershire County Council for the work completed installing the electric sockets on the 20 lamp posts for the Christmas lights at a cost of £10,795.20 net, £12,954.24 gross, salaries and some training expenses. Voucher items 362 onwards are the additional payments added to the report. The Parish Clerk also mentioned that the Clerk Expenses had now been brought up to date as the admin assistant had been trained in these during January, which included one larger month of claims of over £400 for the VE Day celebrations in May 2025. All invoices and receipts had been brought to the meeting for inspection.

The Clerk clarified that the Christmas sockets on businesses scheme would be expanded this year as we still have more snowflake lights and once the order has been placed for the additional 10 lamp post lights, the Parish Clerk will be able to confirm what budget is left for that.

Members commented that the cost for installing the 20 lamp post sockets was very high, and that it would be appropriate to write to the County Councillor to see if any refund or goodwill gesture towards that cost would be available.

On the motion of Cllr Anthony Barker, seconded by Cllr Elijah Bennett

Council RESOLVED to approve the payments to be made for February 2026 as provided, for the total of £40,285.00 including salaries, and to contact our County Councillor to see if he can negotiate a discount for the Christmas lights lamp post sockets installation costs.

Voucher	Date	Payment Ref	Description	Supplier	Total to pay
371-378	26/02/2026	BACS	Salaries February 2026	Confidential	9882.74
334	02/02/2026	DD	Software Accounts	Starboard Systems Limited t/a Scribe accounts	93.60
335	02/02/2026	DD	Software Bookings	Starboard Systems Limited t/a Scribe accounts	48.00
336	06/02/2026	BACS	Boiler service	Phoenix Plumbing and Heating	90.00
337	16/02/2026	DD	Electric Charges 15dec-31dec25	SSE Energy Solutions	100.53
338	16/02/2026	DD	Electric Charges 15dec-31dec25	SSE Energy Solutions	223.19
339	16/02/2026	DD	Electric Charges 15dec-31dec25	SSE Energy Solutions	130.85
340	26/02/2026	BACS	28x25kg Rock Salt	ESPO	233.88
341	26/02/2026	BACS	February Ground Maintenance Cost	JR Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance	13161.66
342	26/02/2026	BACS	Clerk Dec Expenses Xmas Lights	Sharon Kaye	78.11
343	26/02/2026	BACS	Clerk Apr Expenses VE DAY Event	Sharon Kaye	111.54
344	26/02/2026	BACS	Clerk May Expenses VE80, Land & Training	Sharon Kaye	493.34
345	26/02/2026	BACS	Clerk Jun Expenses Office Equip & Software	Sharon Kaye	134.62
346	26/02/2026	BACS	Clerk Jul Expenses Office Supplies	Sharon Kaye	4.9
347	26/02/2026	BACS	Clerk Aug Expenses Office Stationery	Sharon Kaye	222.22
348	26/02/2026	BACS	Clerk Sept Expenses NWLDC Meeting	Sharon Kaye	1.05
349	26/02/2026	BACS	Clerk Oct Expenses Office Supplies	Sharon Kaye	32.22
350	26/02/2026	BACS	Clerk Nov Expenses Office Supplies	Sharon Kaye	22.25
351	26/02/2026	BACS	Clerk Dec Expenses Xmas Lights	Sharon Kaye	25.92
352	26/02/2026	BACS	Clerk Jan Expenses WPH Maintenance	Sharon Kaye	51.35
353	26/02/2026	BACS	2 x USB C Plugs	Amazon Business	8.48

354	26/02/2026	BACS	Adaptor and replacement doorbell	Amazon Business	78.88
355	26/02/2026	BACS	Void	ESPO	0.00
356	26/02/2026	BACS	Replacement water heater	Premier Mechanical Services Ltd	250.00
357	26/02/2026	BACS	Community Voice February 2026	Latitude Printing t/a Community Voice	181.20
358	26/02/2026	DD	Mobile phone charges January 2026	SCG Connect Ltd	43.20
359	26/02/2026	BACS	Code of Conduct Training - Cllr Elijah Bennett	LRALC Limited	40.00
360	26/02/2026	BACS	Play areas annual inspection	The Play Inspection Company Ltd	540.00
361	26/02/2026	BACS	Clerk Expenses Feb26 Office Equipment	Whitwick Parish Council	31.49
362	26/02/2026	BACS	Antivirus Software	The Coalville Computer Nerd	30.00
363	26/02/2026	BACS	20 Lamp Post Electric Sockets	Leicestershire County Council	12954.24
364	23/02/2026	BACS	Clerk Expenses 15 x Email Software	Whitwick Parish Council	181.44
365	26/02/2026	BACS	Rosslyn Road gate padlock repair	Locks2U Locksmiths	30.00
366	27/02/2026	DD	Bank Charges January	Unity Bank	12.90
367	26/02/2026	BACS	ILCA Training Parish Clerk	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	168.00
368	26/02/2026	BACS	GDPR Training Parish Clerk	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	46.20
369	26/02/2026	BACS	FILCA Training Parish Clerk	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	168.00
370	26/02/2026	BACS	SLCC Membership Parish Clerk	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	379.00
371-378	26/02/2026 - 27/02/2026	BACS	Salaries February 2026	Confidential	9,882.74
				GRAND TOTAL =	£40,285.00

26-085 FINANCE – CCLA ACCOUNT

The Parish Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council holds funds with CCLA in an investment account, presently achieving 3.80% interest. The interest is then paid into the Parish Council current account on a monthly basis.

The current account receives 0% interest.

The approved Financial Regulations confirm that the Parish Clerk has delegated authority to move funds between Parish Council accounts.

The Clerk proposed that the interest from the CCLA investment account is repaid to the CCLA account, rather than the current account, so that the funds receive compound interest, thus increasing the income for the Parish Council.

On the motion of Cllr Tony Gillard, seconded by Cllr Sue Colledge,

Council RESOLVED to approve the interest from the CCLA investment account be reinvested back into the fund, rather than being withdrawn to the current account.

26-086 BUDGET 2026-2027

APPENDIX D, pg 19-24

At the Extraordinary Council meeting on the 29th January 2026, the budget was agreed as follows:

£451,575.00 of expenses proposed.
 £49,400.00 of savings against the proposals agreed.
 £402,175.00 budget expenditure agreed.
 £29,712.00 budget income agreed.
 £372,463.00 net expenditure agreed.
 £40,538.00 TO BE FUNDED BY RESERVES
 £331,925.00 precept request required, 0% INCREASE FOR RESIDENTS.

Income of £29,712.00

Expenditure £402,175.00

These figures were voted on and approved for the budget, minute number 26-073.

Precept request £330,563.00 based on an increase of 0p per week, 0% for residents.

The difference being funded by £41,900 transfer from the general reserve.

£120.51 per Band D household, based on Council Tax Base figure of 2743.

These figures were voted on and approved for the precept request, minute number 26-074.

Within these calculations was agreed:

£4000 was added for the CCTV project that Council had approved to fund; a grant donation had already received for the project but no budget had previously been included.

However, when the budget was double checked for submission as calculated in the spreadsheet, £400 had been put in the All agreed column to reduce the proposed expenditure for CCTV by this amount, instead of £1000. To clarify, £5,000 was proposed, members had agreed to reduce this to £4,000, with a reduction of £1000, but £400 had been recorded, producing a difference of £600.00

This was highlighted red in a handout given to members.

Members wanted the expenditure for the CCTV project to be £4,000. The Clerk had therefore corrected the budget figures to reflect this one minor amendment.

As this £600 error with the CCTV figures has now been noted, our revised budget figures should be voted on with the minor correction applied.

This meant that the final figures to be approved for the budget are as follows:

Budget income of £29,712.00

Budget expenditure of £401,575.00 (as shown in Appendix D)

To confirm, the use of general reserves to fund expenditure will now be £41,400, not £41,900.

The net expenditure and precept figure requested is £330,463.00, not £330,563.00.

Full budget provided in Appendix D on pages 19-24 of the agenda plus.

The Parish Clerk requested members vote to approve the revised budget figures as stated above.

**On the motion of Councillor Cllr Tony Gillard, seconded by Councillor Tony Barker,
Council RESOLVED to approve the revised budget and precept request for 2026-2027 with forecast
 Budget Income of £29,712.00 and forecast Budget Expenditure of £401,575.00.**

26-087 PRECEPT 2026-2027

APPENDIX E, pg 26

As the budget income figure had to be amended by £600, this has had an effect on the reserves figure to be utilised and the subsequent precept figure requested, to maintain the 0% increase requested by members.

The revised figures have been provided in Appendix E on page 26 of the agenda plus.

To confirm, the use of general reserves to fund expenditure will now be £41,400.

The net expenditure and precept figure requested is £330,463.00.

These corrected figures have been submitted to NWLDC for the precept request for 2026-2027.

The Parish Clerk requested members vote to approve the revised precept figures as stated above.

On the motion of Councillor Ray Woodward, seconded by Councillor Audrey Barker, Council RESOLVED to approve the Precept request of £330,463.00 for 2026-2027, with £41,400 of expenditure being funded by Whitwick Parish Council general reserves.

26-088 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2026-2027 FINANCE YEAR END

LRALC require 12 months' notice for termination of service, so approval for the following year's auditor services, needs to be approved by 31st March 2026 for the 2026-2027 financial year.

On the motion of Councillor Tony Gillard, seconded by Councillor Elijah Bennett, Council RESOLVED to approve the appointment of the Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC) to provide the Council's internal audit for the financial year 2026-2027, ending 31st March 2027.

26-089 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2026-2027

On the motion of Councillor Tony Barker, seconded by Councillor Ray Woodward, Council RESOLVED to approve the personal, financial, and professional independence, and competence of the LRALC as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for financial year 2026-2027, ending 31st March 2027.

26-090 COMMUNITY GRANTS – ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

APPENDIX F, pg 28-29

On the motion of Councillor Tony Gillard, seconded by Councillor Ray Woodward, Council RESOLVED to approve the community grant application from St John The Baptist Church for £250.00 for the additional stonework repairs.

26-091 COMMUNITY GRANTS – CHOICES ALLOTMENT CLUB

APPENDIX G, pg 31-33

Cllr Gillard raised the query that as the allotment group are based at Thornborough Road, the site is currently locked and not open to the public to be able to come and see the allotment. The grant scheme is meant to be "To support local activities, events, or causes that benefit the residents of Whitwick."

The Parish Clerk also confirmed there are currently issues to resolve with the management committee at the site, who have not paid the rent for the site.

It was acknowledged that the Choices Allotment Club was a plot holder only, and had no control over the issues above.

Moved to defer based on a future meeting with the allotment management committee to determine the rent payment arrears being resolved and the parish council access to the site being reinstated.

On the motion of Councillor Tony Gillard, seconded by Councillor Tony Barker, Council RESOLVED to defer this grant application, based on a future meeting with the allotment management committee to determine the rent payment arrears being resolved and the parish council access to the site being reinstated.

26-092 POLICIES – DATA PROTECTION POLICY 2026 **APPENDIX H, pg 35-40**

Members reviewed the revised policy. No major changes had been applied to the policy.

On the motion of Councillor Tony Gillard, seconded by Councillor Sue Colledge, Council RESOLVED to approve the Data Protection Policy 2026.

26-093 POLICIES – ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY 2026 **APPENDIX I, pg 42-43**

Members reviewed the revised policy. No major changes had been applied to the policy.

On the motion of Councillor Tony Gillard, seconded by Councillor Audrey Barker, Council RESOLVED to approve the Environmental Policy 2026.

26-094 POLICIES – EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY 2026 **APPENDIX J, pg 45-48**

Members reviewed the revised policy. No major changes had been applied to the policy.

On the motion of Councillor Ray Woodward, seconded by Councillor Tony Gillard, Council RESOLVED to approve the Environmental Policy 2026.

26-095 POLICIES – FINANCIAL RESERVES POLICY 2026 **APPENDIX K, pg 50-52**

Members reviewed the revised policy. No major changes had been applied to the policy. The Parish Clerk highlighted to members that the General Reserves target figure had been amended from 35% to 50% of annual expenditure, as previously requested.

On the motion of Councillor Tony Gillard, seconded by Councillor Ray Woodward, Council RESOLVED to approve the Financial Reserves Policy 2026.

26-096 POLICIES – HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY 2026 **APPENDIX L, pg 55-57**

Members reviewed the revised policy. No major changes had been applied to the policy.

On the motion of Councillor Tony Gillard, seconded by Councillor Ray Woodward, Council RESOLVED to approve the Health and Safety Policy 2026.

26-097 POLICIES – RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS POLICY 2026 **APPENDIX M, pg 59-63**

Members reviewed the revised policy. No major changes had been applied to the policy. The Parish Clerk questioned members as to whether any records had previously been sent to Leicestershire County Records Office as storage was extremely limited at the Parish Council office. Members requested that the Parish Clerk contacted the County Councillor for further information about the storage of documents.

On the motion of Councillor Tony Gillard, seconded by Councillor Ray Woodward, Council RESOLVED to approve the Retention of Documents Policy 2026.

Councillor Gillard left the meeting at 8.06pm.

26-098 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES **APPENDIX N, pg 65-68**

To note the minutes of the PMGP Committee meeting held on Thursday 6th November 2025, approved on 22nd January 2026.

Received and noted.

26-098 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

15th January 2026

29th January 2026

APPENDIX O - deferred
APPENDIX P - tabled

The 15th of January 2026 minutes were deferred as consultation advice had been required before finalisation.

The 29th January 2026 minutes were tabled at the meeting and had been emailed to members.

The Parish Clerk talked through the minutes and the resolutions agreed, whilst members reviewed the documentation.

The Chair asked for a grammar amend on minute number 26-073.

It was noted by members that no income had still not been received – double negative.

On the motion of Cllr Audrey Barker, seconded by Cllr Elijah Bennett,

Council RESOLVED to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from the 29th January 2026 meeting, as a true record, and to be signed by the Chair.

26-99 PARISH CLERK REPORT

1) **The UK town of culture application date is by the end of March 2026.** Members stated Whitwick was a village not a town, so we would not be applying.

2) **Procurement Act 2023 update**

To note the thresholds for public procurement have changed from 1 January 2026:

Public contracts, with an estimated value (including VAT):

Over £207,720 (previously £214,904) for goods or services, must comply with the full requirements of the Procurement Act 2023.

Over £5,193,000 (previously £5372,609) for public works (construction).

These include specific tendering methods and timescales, as well as a requirement to advertise on both the Contracts Finder website and Find-a-Tender (the UK e-notification service).

Where a contract will run for several years, it is the TOTAL (not the annual) value that matters.

Where the estimated total value (including VAT) is below these thresholds, but exceeds £30,000, a council is required to advertise the opportunity on Contracts Finder if they publish an open invitation to quote/tender. The Act requires a council to publish the award of a contract over £30,000 on Contracts Finder within a reasonable timescale, which is suggested to be 3 months.

3) **New employment rights starting April 2026**

Councillors need to be aware that from the 1 April employees can:

- Claim Maternity, Paternity and Shared Parental leave from day one.
- Employees can receive Statutory Sick Pay from day one.
- Employees earning below the National Insurance threshold of £129 can receive sick pay based on 80% of their average weekly earnings.

Communication to Staff:

Staff need to be given notice of the changes and amendments to their written terms and conditions prior to April.

Key Dates & Actions:

1. 6 April 2026 – Statutory Pay & National Minimum/Living Wage - Update payroll for SSP, SMP, SPP, and minimum wage increases. - Communicate new rates to staff and ensure payroll accuracy.
2. 1 April 2026 – Day-One Rights Begin - Family leave: Paternity and unpaid parental leave available from first day of employment. - SSP: Payable from the first day of sickness absence; lower earnings limit removed.
3. April 2026 – Fair Work Agency becomes operational

The Fair Work Agency

The Agency will have a number of statutory powers: • The ability to bring Employment Tribunal claims on behalf of workers – even if they don't want to claim themselves. • The power to offer legal assistance for employment cases, with the Fair Work Agency's costs potentially recoverable from Employers if the claim succeeds. • The authority to pursue Employers for unpaid holiday pay and sick pay, and impose financial penalties on top which go straight to the government.

Statutory Pay Rates from April 2025 Minimum Wage from April 2026 Workers aged 21 and over (National Living Wage) £12.72

4) Resident complaint re Cross Country run through Hillary Crescent play area and field WPC.012

The Parish Clerk informed members that she had been in touch with the event organisers to discuss the event and a formal plan would be put in place and agreed prior to next year's event.

Members requested a formal letter was sent to the organisers.

26-100 CCTV

A £2,000 grant donation from North West Leicestershire District Council had been received at the beginning of December towards the installation of CCTV at Whitwick Park.

£4,000 budget cost has already been approved.

The pole installation quote received from Merisons via NWLDC is for £1842.38 which includes the installation, the pole, the electric connection, and installation of the commando socket for the camera. This also includes the specialist equipment required for installation of a 6m pole. The full quote was tabled.

The CCTV camera quote has been received from Rapid Vision Systems via NWLDC, and is £6495.00 for the camera. This is a fixed camera but it can be moved to another location if required, as long as that location also has the appropriate electrical connection. This quote was tabled.

The quote also contains the 50% discounted airtime agreement required for the 24-month mobile data contract (£740 discounted to £370.00), plus £16.00 per extra gb of 4G airtime data used.

Year 3 will then be the £370.00 airtime agreement.

The camera will be monitored by NWLDC CCTV control room.

NWLDC will provide the Service Level Agreement.

Total cost to be approved for the pole installation, electrical connection, the camera and the 24-month airtime agreement is £9077.38 (less the £2000.00 donation), so net cost £7077.38.

Members wanted to verify whether the airtime agreement would be sufficient as this was potentially then an unknown cost if we are charged for extra airtime.

The Parish Clerk confirmed she would contact Paul Collett at NWLDC to find out the average bill other councils are paying for their airtime, for cameras in a similar location.

We have budgeted £4,000 for the CCTV project but we will now need £7,000 net cost, as costs have increased, so the additional £3,000 approximately, will have to be funded by General Reserves.

On the motion of Councillor Tony Barker, seconded by Councillor Ray Woodward, The council RESOLVED to approve proceeding with the installation of the post and purchase of the CCTV camera and initial airtime agreement for a total cost of £9077.38, with the increased cost to be funded from General Reserves.

8.32pm Member of public left the meeting.

26-101 RAILWAY STATION LEASE

The draft lease, lease plan, agreement to exclude security of tenure, and covering email was forwarded to members this week to review, for the Railway Station building.

The lease has been drawn up by the solicitor for the tenant.

The Parish Clerk has not formally reviewed the lease word for word as yet. Legal advice will need to be sought on behalf of the Parish Council for final lease approval.

The Parish Clerk has noted the start date says 2026 but should be 1st of January 2025.

The Parish Clerk confirmed the agreement was for the building only as that is what the Parish Council own.

There is no allocated parking provided, as per the lease plan.

The lease is essentially on the same terms as the previous ten year lease, but does not include any option to renew. The Annual Rent is £1.00 a year and Whitwick Parish Council are responsible for the insurance of the building (excluding the plate glass). As per the previous lease there is no obligation on the tenant to repay the premium.

As was the position with the old lease, the lease is outside the terms of the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954 which means Whitwick Historical Group will have no automatic right to renewal of the lease on its expiry and also means that the Parish Council can exercise its right to break the lease at any time (see clause 24 of the lease) without difficulty and that again is in accordance with the terms of the old lease.

The Parish Clerk confirmed if members were in agreement with the draft lease, she would then have the date corrected and action the solicitors for both parties to approve and draw up the final document, ready for both parties to sign.

On the motion of Councillor Elijah Bennett, seconded by Councillor Ray Woodward, Council RESOLVED to approve the 10 year lease for the Railway Station building for the tenant Whitwick Historical Group, with the peppercorn rent of £1.00.

26-102 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Clerk recommended that the Annual Parish Meeting should be more of a community event, with stands, talks and demonstrations about what the community groups do, to encourage more residents to attend and benefit.

Clarification was provided about the difference between the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting.

Refreshments will be provided.

The Parish Council will participate on the evening, to try and encourage attendees to get involved with our community activities such as flood wardens, snow wardens, litter picking, event volunteers.

Members agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 30th April 2026 from 6pm-8pm, at Whitwick Park Hall.

Future Council Meetings:

Thursday 19th March 2026 7pm at Whitwick Park Hall.

Thursday 21st May 2026 7pm Annual Council Meeting at Whitwick Park Hall.

Received and noted.

26-101 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Received and noted.

The Chair thanked members for attending.

Meeting Closed: 8.46 pm.

Chairman's Signature:

Chairman Name:

Date Signed:

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APPENDIX E

*DRAFT MINUTES - These minutes are draft only, until approved by the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Whitwick Parish Council Meeting Minutes Thursday 19th March 2026 7pm

Meeting Date: Thursday 19th March 2026

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 Ray Woodward.

Officers Present:

- Sharon Kaye, Parish Clerk

Public Attendees:

- 3 members of the public in attendance (2 left after agenda item 26-123, 1 left at the end of the meeting).

26-119 APOLOGIES

Cllr Briers – bereavement

Cllr Casson – family commitments

Cllr Gillard – personal reasons

Cllr Roach – work commitments

Cllr Wyatt – attending NWLDC Scrutiny Committee Meeting

Members requested that the Parish Clerk sent a poll out to members to see what dates and times were convenient for members for meetings, prior to the new meeting calendar being issued in May.

On the motion of Cllr Ray Woodward, seconded by Cllr Audrey Barker,

Council RESOLVED to accept the apologies.

26-120 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest, in regard to any agenda item.

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

- all matters relating to North West Leicestershire District Council as a District Councillor

Cllr Audrey Barker declared a **registerable interest**

- Whitwick Historical Group as a member

Cllr E Bennet declared a **registerable interest** in

- Foodbank
- Woodstock in Whitwick

Cllr S Colledge declared a **registerable interest** in

- Whitwick Historical Group as a member

a **pecuniary interest and registerable interest** as

- Woodstock in Whitwick Committee as a member

- Coalville C.A.N. as a shareholder
a **potential pecuniary interest** as
- The old Hermitage Leisure Centre site as an immediate neighbour

Cllr P Moul declared a **registerable interest** in

- all matters relating to North West Leicestershire District Council as a ward member for the Thornborough Ward

Cllr R Woodward declared a **registerable interest** as

- Whitwick Historical Group as a member
- Whitwick Quarry Liaison Group as a member

Received and noted.

26-121 COMMUNITY POLICING

- Attendance at meeting by local PCSO.
An invitation email had been sent on 10/3/26 by the Parish Clerk. A report was requested if unable to attend. Officer not in attendance this evening and no report had been received.
- Dates of future beat surgeries to be provided.
All beat surgeries dates have been published on the Parish Council website.
April beat surgery dates were confirmed for The Rock Bar & Café, Abbey Grange Tearoom, and Meadow Barn View.
- Cllr Moul confirmed that he had been contacted by a governor at Whitwick St John The Baptist CE Primary School to request the Parish Council's assistance with parking issues surrounding the school. He had discussed this with the Parish Clerk with a view to arranging a meeting with relevant parties.

Received and noted.

26-122 PARISH CLERK REPORT – OLD HERMITAGE LEISURE CENTRE SITE CAR PARK

APPENDIX A, pg 5

The Parish Clerk updated members on action taken following the resident complaint at the last council meeting about the issues at the old Hermitage Leisure Centre site car park, and the query regarding the removal of the CCTV at the site.

A reply email had been received by the Parish Clerk on 11/3/26 from Lee Roberts, Property Services Team Manager, North West Leicestershire District Council, with a follow up phone conversation on 17/3/26. Lee confirmed that Leicestershire County Council now have a compulsory license for the site, for a storage compound for when the A511 Growth Corridor improvement works take place. They have 3 years to invoke the license and then 2 years of use once the license has been activated. The work may be completed faster than that time period.

The Parish Clerk had also sent an email on 11/3/26 to PCSO Connor Chamberlain to request higher police patrol visibility, asked if it can be a beat priority for the Bardon beat, and for a copy of any statistical data of criminal activity at the location.

By way of background, the CCTV cameras previously covered the Hermitage Leisure Centre site and were attached to the building structures, as well as a couple of car park cameras, on an internally monitored scheme at the leisure centre. They were removed as part of the demolition work, along with decommissioning and capping of utility services in early 2023. There is no power on site now. Lee had confirmed there is no option to do anything further on the site due to the license, even a dummy camera.

Members were disappointed that the license had been agreed without any notification to the Parish Council, as the Council had requested to be kept up to date with all developments at the site by North

Received and noted.

26-123 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

To receive representation and questions from the public in respect of items of business on the agenda.

Resident 1 – Confirmed he had been contacted by Lee Roberts regarding the car park complaint and he had been helpful.

Resident 2 – Was representing the Save West Whitwick Valley Group. She said the next Local Plan consultation was scheduled for July to September 2026. She wanted to request that the group could be represented if the Parish Council held any future open events for the consultation. Members confirmed they would request if any consultation events are planned by NWLDC, then the Parish Council would request one could be held in Whitwick, on a similar style as the previous consultation open event which the Parish Council organised.

Resident 2 – Disappointed to note at the Local Plan meeting last night at NWLDC that they have changed the policy on petitions being submitted, with a 12-month rule. Members confirmed a petition would only count as 1 response, and residents were advised to submit individual responses to the consultation.

Resident 3 – Asked if members had any update on The Oak pub. Members confirmed this was a NWLDC asset, not the Parish Council's, so queries need to be directed to NWLDC.

Resident 3 - Mentioned issues with parking on the grassed land outside The Oak pub as well as on the pavement, blocking the footpath. Members confirmed the pub site was owned by NWLDC but the green grassed area was owned by LCC, so issues need to be reported to them. The Parish Council and the resident have all reported this before.

Resident 3 – Asked about the closed footpath on the field owned by East Midlands Housing off Thornborough Road. It has been wired off and is unusable. The resident was advised to contact LCC as it was a footpath issue. The resident confirmed he had sent emails but not had any response.

Received and noted.

26-124 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

An invitation to the meeting and report request had been sent by the Parish Clerk on 20/2/26 with a report requested by 10/3/26, as well as a second email on the 16/3/26. No response had been received re attendance or report for this meeting. County Councillor was not in attendance at the meeting.

The Parish Council response to the County Councillor's 26th February 2026 report was sent by the Parish Clerk on the 16th March 2026, with a reply requested within 10 days, raising all the issues and concerns raised by members at that meeting.

Received and noted.

26-125 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Barker gave a report about the Hermitage Recreation Ground play area that is still requiring work and equipment being replaced. The shelter, some swings and a broken zip line are in use but the slide, roundabout and rocker are subject to Capital Projects Approval by North West Leicestershire District Council, for replacement in 2026/2027. He understands the insurance claim for the damage incurred has now been settled so they have had the funds to replace the equipment. He has been informed that the seat on the zip wire has been broken, but when queried, it was broken in 2024, 2 years ago.

Received and noted.

26-126 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members reviewed and commented on the latest planning applications below, received as a consultee to NWLDC, in addition to any applications received up to the meeting date.

Application 1

Reference: [26/00244/FUL](#)

Location: 16 Hall Lane Whitwick Coalville Leicestershire

Proposal: Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of single storey side and rear extension

Objection: No

Application 2

Reference: [25/01746/FUL](#)

Location: 58 Tressall Road Whitwick Coalville Leicestershire

Proposal: Demolition of an existing single-storey rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension together with render finish to main dwelling and alterations to windows and door in side elevations

Objection: No

Application 3

Reference: [25/01762/FUL](#) AMENDED – No objection previously submitted 16/1/26

Location: 45 Carterdale Whitwick Coalville Leicestershire

Proposal: Demolition of an existing detached garage, erection of a single-storey side extension and a single-storey front and side extension and erection of new boundary treatments

Objection: No

Application 4

Reference: [26/00280/REM](#)

Location: 86 Leicester Road Whitwick LE67 5GJ

Proposal: Erection of five dwellings (reserved matters of scale, appearance, landscaping, levels, BNG and bat and bird boxes to outline planning permission ref. 22/01366/OUT as amended by 25/01013/VCU)

Objection: No

Received and noted. No objections were raised.

26-127 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Parish Clerk informed members that the minutes from the 26th February 2026 were not complete as yet so these were deferred.

Members reviewed the minutes provided for 15th January 2026 in appendix B on pages 7-22.

On the motion of Cllr Anthony Barker, seconded by Cllr Peter Moulton,

Council RESOLVED to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from the 15th January meeting, as a true record, and to be signed by the Chair.

26-128 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES APPENDIX D, Pg 24-33

Members were provided with a copy of the minutes from the PMGP Committee meeting held on Thursday 22nd January 2026, approved on 5th March 2026, in appendix D, on pages 24-33.

Received and noted.

26-129 FINANCE – BANK BALANCES APPENDIX E, Pg 35-36

The Parish Clerk provided two appendices for the bank balance figures.

Appendix E-1 on page 35 was the All Banks Reconciliation Report.

Appendix E-2 on page 36 was the bank summary for 24-25 and 25-26 for all 3 accounts, including interest rates paid per month, for income comparison.

The bank balance figures provided to members were as follows:

	Current Acct	Deposit Acct	Investment	TOTAL
28/02/2026	£145,030.79	£13,241.48	£225,000.00	£442,328.14
31/01/2026	£182,962.50	£13,241.48	£225,000.00	£421,203.98
31/12/2025	£204,086.66	£13,241.48	£225,000.00	£383,272.27

On the motion of Cllr Ray Woodward, seconded by Cllr Peter Moulton,

Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation statement provided, and for the Chair to sign it.

26-130 FINANCE – INCOME & EXPENDITURE

APPENDIX F, Pg 38-44

Appendix F-1 was the Receipts for February 2026. – agenda plus page 38.

Appendix F-2 was the Payments for February 2026. – agenda plus pages 39-44.

Received and noted.

26-131 FINANCE – PAYMENTS TO APPROVE

APPENDIX G, Pg 46

The accounts report for transactions numbered 379-396 was provided and as shown below.

Salaries analysis sheets detailing salaries payments were also provided for Members for the last three months December, January and February 2026.

The Parish Clerk answered one query regarding transaction 389, confirming that the procedure for refreshments would be amended for 2026's Remembrance Parade. This was because the refreshments were not announced after the service, before the return parade. Many parade members completed the return march and then left, as this was the first year we had done the return March for some years. In 2026 an announcement will be made informing all of the light refreshments and tea and coffee available.

Voucher	Date	Payment Ref	Description	Supplier	Total to pay
387	20/03/2026 - 20/03/2026	BACS	Payroll payment correction	Confidential	20.00
379	27/02/2026	BACS	January Phone & Broadband Charges	Utility Warehouse	51.56
380	26/03/2026	BACS	Spring Service 2026	Access Irrigation Ltd	284.40
381	01/03/2026	DD	Software Accounts	Starboard Systems Limited t/a Scribe accounts	93.60
382	20/03/2026	DD	Water Charges 1dec25-1mar26	Water Plus	155.15
383	20/03/2026	BACS	Ink Toner Cartridges x 7	IJT Direct	345.00
384	20/03/2026	BACS	March Ground Maintenance Cost	JR Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance	13161.66
385	20/03/2026	BACS	Grant St Johns the Baptist Church	Whitwick Parish Church PCC	250.00
386	01/03/2026	DD taken in error	Software Bookings	Starboard Systems Limited t/a Scribe accounts	48.00
388	26/03/2026	BACS	Woodstock Christmas Event 2025	Woodstock In Whitwick	125.00

			CORRECT				
RECEIPTS	-	-					
1 Income	-	-					
1050 VAT Refund			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
1076 Precept			331,925.00	331,925.00	0.00	0%	
1090 Grants/Donations Received			0.00	60.00	60.00	#DIV/0!	Clr Moulton memorial bench plaque payment
1100 Bank Interest	9,000.00		10,000.00	8,742.16	-1,257.84	-13%	Interest rate decreased significantly 5.22% Apr24, 4.5% Apr25, 3.76% now
1200 Allotment Income / Thornborough Road	1,040.00		1,040.00	0.00	-1,040.00	-100%	IN DISPUTE
1205 Allotment Inc / Walkers Flats	572.00		583.00	0.00	-583.00	-100%	Paying at end of financial year now, not when subs initially collected in January
1250 Bowling Green and Pavilion Hire	1,100.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0%	
1300 Whitwick Park Hall Hire	18,000.00		12,000.00	21,709.21	9,709.21	81%	Budget error - income figure should have been higher.
1350 Other Income	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
4 Community Initiatives	-	-					
4514 CCTV			0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	#DIV/0!	ERROR TO CORRECT - posted in wrong place - should be posted as a negative expense on that payment cost code.
RECEIPTS TOTALS	29,712.00		356,548.00	365,436.37	8,888.37	2%	
				TOTAL	VARIANCE	VARIANCE	
						365,436.37	
						8,888.37	
PAYMENTS		-					
2 Salaries	-	-					
4000 Staff Salaries	103,205.00		88,462.00	84,214.97	4,247.03	-5%	
4040 Employers NI	11,792.00		9,185.00	29,346.50	-20,161.50	220%	Budget error - NI increase figures calculated incorrectly.
4050 Employers Pension	12,873.00		7,000.00	13,900.00	-6,900.00	99%	Budget error - pension increase figures calculated incorrectly
4055 Other Employment Costs	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	-100%	
3 Administration	-	-					

4110 Stationery / Postage / Consumables	1,000.00		800.00	1,250.63	-450.63	56%	Consumable printing costs allocated to this code now instead of printing.
4120 Printing	250.00		750.00	48.07	701.93	-94%	See above comment
4130 Bank Charges	200.00		140.00	133.50	6.50	-5%	
4150 Parish Website	400.00		560.00	198.00	362.00	-65%	2 x £150 website hosting, plus £48 SSL certificate, plus any additional one off costs. ERROR TO CORRECT - April invoice posted to software, not website.
4160 Mapping Software (Parish Online)	200.00		200.00	0.00	200.00	-100%	£150 per annum, ERROR TO CORRECT - posted to software instead of Parish Online code
4170 Office Equipment	2,000.00		1,500.00	3,869.36	-2,369.36	158%	£3000 storage container posted to this code.
4180 Software Licenses/Support	4,000.00		1,700.00	4,409.76	-2,709.76	159%	12 x £151.20 (£1814.40) for 15 email accounts not budgeted for last year. 12 x £78 ((£936) accounts software, 12 x £40 (£480) bookings software (CANCELLED FOR 2026-2027). CORRECTIONS TO DO - SEE error to correct above.
4250 Internet/Phone	1,200.00		150.00	1,123.73	-973.73	649%	Budget error - Parish mobile Clerk and Deputy 12 x £24 £288 base cost plus calls. ERROR TO CORRECT - Caretaker mobile is Park Hall cost. Utility Warehouse office phone and broadband May-Sept invoices posted to here in error (should be 5/2451)
4310 Subscriptions and Memberships	1,950.00		1,872.00	2,208.79	-336.79	18%	£1463.70 LRALC NALC, PPL PRS Music, ICO, Ring, SLCC. ERROR TO CORRECT - PPL PRS move to Park Hall.
4320 Insurance	14,000.00		15,800.00	10,592.16	5,207.84	-33%	£9962.16 Commercial combined, £630.00 valuations, NEXT YEAR £645.36 addition for cyber insurance. No excess payments as no claims this year.
4330 Audit	2,000.00		1,500.00	1,887.50	-387.50	26%	Additional charge for resident enquiry. Internal £472.50. External £1190.00.

4335 GDPR	1,000.00	4,895.24	2,030.00	0.00	2,030.00	-100%	QUERY - should ICO fee be in here? Budget amount in case of a claim?
4340 Professional Fees	2,000.00	12,744.67	2,000.00	266.00	1,734.00	-87%	2 x £98.00 payroll support, £70.00 land registry fees. No legal costs this year.
4350 Staff Training	2,000.00		2,000.00	420.50	1,579.50	-79%	£140 ILCA, £140 FILCA, £38.50 GDPR, £85 SLCC Basics Bootcamp ERROR TO CORRECT SLCC basics bootcamp need vat invoice, £17 vat to reclaim.
4360 Councillors Training	750.00		2,000.00	90.00	1,910.00	-96%	New councillor Elijah Bennett training.
4370 Staff Recruitment	200.00		200.00	0.00	200.00	-100%	
4380 Election Costs	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
4390 Other Administration Costs	0.00		2,500.00	17.65	2,482.35	-99%	£15 LRALC AGM delegate fee, £1.60 £1.05 parking ERROR TO CORRECT both parking were vatable,
4 Community Initiatives	-	-					
4510 VAS Scheme	0.00		1,000.00	80.00	920.00	-92%	Changing cameras now all in 1 Grounds Maintenance cost - DO JOURNAL
4511 VAS Compliance	250.00		500.00	0.00	500.00	-100%	
4512 Defibrillators	2,500.00	1,500.00	0.00				ORDER NOW. NEW CODE 353 EMR Defibrillators SET UP, £1500 already transferred from General Reserve to reserve. ERROR TO CORRECT - 2 lls in defibrillator
4513 Flood Action Plan	500.00		500.00	0.00	500.00	-100%	
4514 CCTV	4,000.00		0.00				Forecasted £6k for CCTV scheme. £1842.38 pole installation. £6495 camera. £740, disc to £370, total £8707.38. Asked for quote for pole to be a lamp post - awaiting quote. 24 month airtime ERROR TO CORRECT £2k donation from NWLDC - MOVE HERE.
4515 Air Quality Monitoring	0.00		0.00				

4520 Grit Bin Provision	0.00	1,310.15	1,272.00	194.90	1,077.10	-85%	Grit bin been requested for footpath outside Whitwick St John The Baptist Church. LCC quote £325 to supply, position, and fill it. Inspected annually and refilled every November (no extra cost). Ours £229.25 ESE Direct, plus install costs (JR charged £0.00 plus our labour costs), approx £280.
4525 Benches	0.00		0.00				
4530 Newsletter and Media	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,937.00	63.00	-3%	12 x £151.00 (£1812) Community Voice
4540 Community Events and Partnerships	0.00		1,000.00	719.11	280.89	-28%	VE Day 80th Celebrations Event
4541 Remembrance Event	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00	598.66	901.34	-60%	O/S - chased bill for £400 for band.
4542 Christmas Lights	3,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00	17,141.45	-7,141.45	71%	ERROR TO CORRECT - split LCC invoice so £7141.45 is allocated to 349 EMR Christmas Lights code.
4550 Community Grant Scheme	2,000.00		2,250.00	1,500.00	750.00	-33%	
Community Office Building NEW CODE	20,000.00	20,000.00					
Planting Scheme NEW CODE	8,000.00						
4560 Other Community Projects	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	6,350.00	-6,350.00	#DIV/0!	£5636 Summer Planting, £695 Winter Planting, £19.00 Litter Picking. ERROR TO CORRECT - set up Planting Scheme Code. £8k in 26-27 budget.
5 Community Office	-	-					
4200 Electricity	3,000.00		4,000.00	2,104.22	1,895.78	-47%	Billed quarterly but not always - now submitting meter readings monthly and cross matching bill.
4212 Water Charges	750.00		350.00	869.68	-519.68	148%	QUERY - review bills amount is fluctuating - are any estimated?
4220 Business Rates	1,100.00		1,100.00	751.83	348.17	-32%	26-27 bill £784.55
4251 Internet/Phone	1,100.00		1,100.00	714.70	385.30	-35%	ERROR TO CORRECT Utility Warehouse bills been allocated to wrong code 3/4250. Trans 21 to move from this code to 3/4251. Mobiles to admin/Park Hall, Broadband/phone to Office.
4260 Fire Extinguisher Servicing	200.00		200.00	20.05	179.95	-90%	
4270 Security Servicing	200.00		200.00	97.00	103.00	-52%	
4280 PAT Testing	100.00		100.00	0.00	100.00	-100%	Being done 30th March 2026.

4460 Repairs and Maintenance	1,000.00		1,000.00	701.06	298.94	-30%	
6 Park Hall	-	-					
4201 Electricity	4,000.00		8,000.00	1,908.88	6,091.12	-76%	
4210 Water Charges	2,000.00		900.00	4,496.22	-3,596.22	400%	QUERY - review bills amount is fluctuating - are any estimated? Park Hall paying, but no bill for pavilion or grounds maintenance watering - extra service charges if split out?
4221 Business Rates	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,381.40	118.60	-8%	26-27 bill £1195.60
4252 Internet/Phone	600.00		0.00	96.00	-96.00	#DIV/0!	
4261 Fire Extinguisher Servicing	200.00		200.00	94.85	105.15	-53%	
4271 Security Servicing	100.00		0.00	70.00	-70.00	#DIV/0!	
4281 PAT Testing	50.00		50.00	0.00	50.00	-100%	Being done 30th March 2026.
4311 Subscriptions and Memberships	100.00		0.00	70.00	-70.00	#DIV/0!	Premises License NWLDC. ERROR TO CORRECT PPL PRS to move to here.
4410 Waste Collection	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
4420 Consumables	700.00		700.00	443.28	256.72	-37%	
4430 Electrical Certificate	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
4440 Sewer Pump Servicing	500.00		1,000.00	320.98	679.02	-68%	Annual service £284.23 plus any parts required.
4450 Boiler Servicing	250.00		250.00	0.00	250.00	-100%	Being done 27/3/26 £240 for service plus any parts.
4461 Repairs and Maintenance	1,500.00		3,000.00	526.46	2,473.54	-82%	
7 Pavilion and Other Buildings	-	-					
4202 Electricity	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,517.77	482.23	-16%	Paying for rangers, toilets and stores electric too. Incur extra standing charges if split out?
4211 Water Charges	2,500.00		2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	-100%	QUERY - review bills amount is fluctuating - are any estimated? Park Hall paying, but no bill for pavilion or grounds maintenance watering - extra service charges if split out?
4262 Fire Extinguisher Servicing	50.00		0.00	16.45	-16.45	#DIV/0!	
4282 PAT Testing	50.00		27.00	0.00	27.00	-100%	Being done 30th March 2026.
4462 Repairs and Maintenance	2,500.00		4,000.00	1,958.13	2,041.87	-51%	3 x sprinkler servicing and repair, rubber chippings, steps and toilet repairs.
4480 Other Running Costs	0.00						
8 Railway Station Building	-	-					
4283 PAT Testing	20.00		20.00	0.00	20.00	-100%	Being done 30th March 2026.

4451 Boiler Servicing	100.00		100.00	90.00	10.00	-10%	
4463 Repairs and Maintenance	1,000.00		2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	-100%	
4490 Repairs and Renewals Fund	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
9 Allotments	-	-					
4464 Repairs and Maintenance	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
4470 Annual Lease	600.00		600.00	600.00	0.00	0%	
4570 Grants Paid Th Road	520.00		520.00	0.00	520.00	-100%	
4575 Grants Paid W Flats	300.00		300.00	0.00	300.00	-100%	
10 Grounds Maintenance	-	-					
4312 Subscriptions and Memberships	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
4710 Grounds Maintenance	132,000.00		11,000.00	121,123.55	-110,123.55	1001%	12 x 10968.05 (£131,616.60) Grounds Maintenance contract cost
4715 Grass Cutting/Strimming	0.00		18,500.00	0.00	18,500.00	-100%	
4720 Litter Pick/Bin Emptying	0.00		1,000.00	12.00	988.00	-99%	
4725 Shrubs / Flower Displays	0.00		27,000.00	0.00	27,000.00	-100%	
4730 Park Ranger Service	0.00		49,300.00	6,274.97	43,025.03	-87%	
4735 Playground Insp / Maintenance / Sw	0.00		9,350.00	450.00	8,900.00	-95%	
4736 Bowling Green	0.00		7,810.00	0.00	7,810.00	-100%	
4737 Other Grounds Maintenance Works	0.00		-10,000.00	0.00	-10,000.00	-100%	Budget error - excel error on 24-25 budget, repeated on 25-26 budget. Minus £10k entered instead of £10k cost, causing a £20k difference.
4740 Tree Inspection / Surveys	3,215.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	£3215 inspection cost in 26-27 budget
4741 Tree Maintenance	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	1,552.00	3,448.00	-69%	
4743 Tree Planting	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
12 Land	-	-					
4465 Repairs and Maintenance	1,000.00		0.00	3,713.41	-3,713.41	#DIV/0!	
4600 Play Equipment	7,000.00		20,000.00	230.00	19,770.00	-99%	
13 Parish Projects	-	-					
4610 Open Spaces Signage	0.00	9,064.00	0.00	2,898.05	-2,898.05	#DIV/0!	Budget error - No specified budget for parish noticeboards - Just a £16k lumpsum for about £50k of work.
4620 Park Entrance Improvements	2,000.00		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	-100%	
4630 New Projects	4,000.00		16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	-100%	Budget error - No specified budget for parish noticeboards - Just a £16k lumpsum for about £50k of work. Use these funds towards the toilet repair.

4631 Remembrance Garden	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	1,460.00	-1,460.00	#DIV/0!	ERROR TO CORRECT - £10k in Whitwick Park improvements reserve. Move these invoices to 334 EMR Whitwick Park Improvements and rename reserve and cost code to be Remembrance Garden instead OR set up both as new codes.
4635 Climate Change Action Fund	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
4640 Fencing - New and repairs	500.00	3,000.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	-100%	CLARIFY WHAT IS THIS FOR? £3k in fencing reserve and £500 in 26-27 budget. Had quote approved for fencing off toilets. Had quote approved for side of Remembrance Garden (would be RG project cost).
4650 Projects with Grants/Donations	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
Capital Projects - Match Funding NEW CODE	10,000.00	20,000.00					
14 Earmarked Reserves	-	-					
330 EMR Elections			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
331 EMR Casual Elections			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
332 EMR Capital Projects			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
333 EMR Community Benches			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
334 EMR Whitwick Park Improvements			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
335 EMR Grit Bins			0.00	689.85	-689.85	#DIV/0!	
336 EMR Community Initiatives			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
337 EMR Park Hall Renewal & Repair			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
338 EMR Railway Station Building			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
339 EMR Land Repair & Renewal			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
340 EMR Fencing			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
341 EMR Poppies on Lampposts			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
342 EMR Pavilion Repair & Renewals			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
343 EMR Community Office			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
344 EMR Community Projects			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
345 EMR GDPR/Website			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
346 EMR Professional Fees			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
347 EMR Trees			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
348 EMR Open Spaces Signage			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
349 EMR Christmas Lights			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
350 EMR Allotments Repairs & Renewals			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
351 EMR Riparian OS Flood Risk		10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
352 EMR Climate Change Action Fund			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
353 EMR Defibrillators			0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
				0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
				0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	

				0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	
PAYMENTS TOTALS	401,575.00	124,014.06	356,548.00	340,751.03	15,796.97	-4%	
	BUDGET 26-27	RESERVES	BUDGET	TOTAL	VARIANCE	VARIANCE	
		as at 18/3/26	25-26	YTD	YTD	YTD	
	401575					340,751.03	
	0.00						
	difference to find					15,796.97	

Discussions regarding some budget items then ensued, including the situation with Thornborough Road Allotments, where no income had been received this year again.

The Parish Clerk, Cllr Barker and Cllr Moulton updated members of what action had been taken recently, including a site visit.

The option of giving the site back to the landlords if this cannot be resolved, as rents have been taken from plot holders in good faith, and the Parish Council have continued to pay the rent for the site.

Cllr Moulton requested that this analysis report was produced quarterly as it was very helpful for members to see and a useful budgeting tool.

Received and noted.

26-133 FINANCE – RESERVES TRANSFERS

APPENDIX I, Pg67

To approve the reserves transfers.

Appendix I is the current reserves position, including transfers made this year.

The transfers column shows activity carried out this year. The grit bins project had been completed. Christmas lights additional funding added and defibrillator funding added, as approved at by Full Council.

The Parish Clerk presented the tabled Parish Clerk Report – Reserves Transfers for earmarked reserves transfer recommendations:

There are some projects that have not managed to be completed this year and as such I am recommending the following Reserves Transfers, from general reserves or budget codes, into Earmarked Reserves.

Cost Code 4600 Play Equipment £19,770 is unspent from the £20,000 put aside for playground surface repairs.

Recommendation: A new EMR Play Equipment reserve is created and the remaining £19,770 is transferred from code 4600 Play Equipment to the reserve, with a new cost code 354 EMR Play Equipment set up for the resulting expenditure.

Cost Code 4630 New Projects £16,000 is unspent from the £16,000 put aside for multiple projects for which the specific expenditure had not been itemised in the 2025-2026 budget.

Recommendation: A new EMR Public Toilets reserve is created and the £16,000 is transferred from code 4630 New Projects to the reserve, with a new cost code of 355 EMR Public Toilets set up for the resulting expenditure, in addition to the £4,000 already allocated in the 2026-2027 budget.

Cost Code 4631 Remembrance Garden £8540 remains of the £10,000 allocated in EMR Whitwick Park Improvements.

2 quotes have now been received.

Quote 1 is for £58,590.60 including all groundworks, features and planting (£14,658.50), with an additional £2,000 additional costs approximately, if split over 2 stages.

Quote 2 is for £64,390.00 including all groundworks, features but planting is to be supplied and carried out by a third party.

We would hope to gain grant funding to assist with this project, so need to have funds set aside to be able to match fund for it.

Recommendation: The unspent budget balance of £8540 in cost code 4631 Remembrance Garden and an additional £20,000 is transferred from general reserves to the Remembrance Garden Earmarked Reserve, with the existing cost code of 334 Whitwick Park Improvements renamed to 334 EMR Remembrance Garden utilised for the resulting expenditure, so we have 50 % of the expected project cost allocated, to hopefully seek matched grant funding.

EMR Reserve Community Office £20,000 balance. This project for a new community office, location still to be determined, requires significant funding, especially if developed as part of a community building with multiple uses. We need to build up a significant fund in order to be able to match fund any grants such as the Legacy Grant fund, or to approach Sport England or the National Lottery.

Recommendation A: £150,000 is transferred from general reserves to the EMR Community Office reserve, with the existing cost code of 343 EMR Community Office utilised for the resulting expenditure.

Or

Recommendation B: £150,000 is transferred from general reserves to the EMR Capital Projects reserve, with the existing cost code of 332 EMR Capital Projects utilised for the resulting expenditure.

I am therefore recommending to Members that they approve the Reserve Transfers as stated above to allow us to keep building on the good work carried out by the Parish Council and staff this year.

The Parish Clerk then clarified to members that this was NOT additional funds being requested. Allocating funds to Earmarked Reserves is a paper exercise of allocating existing funds in the General Reserves (General Fund), to Earmarked Reserves Funds, where they are specified for a specific project or use.

General Reserves have built up over the years where we did not have staff to complete projects and we have underfunded projects that we want to complete, and in doing this process, it will allow us to move forward with some of those projects.

The Property Management & General Purposes Committee projects allocated £20,000 in the budget for multiple projects, when just one of those projects i.e. the toilets or the playground surface repairs, would utilise the whole of that budget amount. We need to move funds from the general reserve into earmarked reserves to be able to start to complete some of the bigger projects.

Our precept is approximately £360,000. Our general reserves should be at £120,000 at 30% of the precept and at our guide level of 50% as per our reserves policy would be £180,000. We currently have £269,000. If we have those additional funds earmarked, we have a much better chance of securing larger grant funding, with then being in a better position to be able to match fund.

On the motion of Cllr Peter Moulton, seconded by Cllr Ray Woodward,

Council RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in the Parish Clerk's report, transferring £19,770 from code 4600 Play Equipment to the new play equipment earmarked reserve, £16,000 from code 4630 New Projects to the new toilets earmarked reserve, £8,540 from code 4631 Remembrance Garden and £20,000 from general reserves are both transferred to the renamed Whitwick Park Improvements earmarked reserve, now to be called Remembrance Garden Earmarked Reserve, and transfer £150,000 from general reserves into a new earmarked reserves called Capital Projects.

26-134 ASSET REGISTER

This item was deferred as further work was required.

26-135 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Clerk proposed that an additional Extraordinary Council Meeting be held on Thursday 26th March 2026 as there was still policies to be approved, asset register to approve and other outstanding audit issues, as well as the flooding event and annual parish meeting to discuss.
This was agreed for 26th March 2026 at 6pm.

Cllr Barker also wanted to clarify that a recommendation had been made by the Property Management & General Purposes Committee for the level 9-12 action points from the play area inspection report to be actioned and funded by general reserves.

The Parish Clerk confirmed she was aware that quotes had been requested to be actioned by the Deputy Clerk and that some existing funds should have been already allocated, as this was an annual maintenance task, but that she would review that and advise accordingly.

The existing scheduled meetings were as confirmed:

Thursday 30th April 2026 6pm-8pm Annual Parish Meeting at Whitwick Park Hall

Thursday 21st May 2026 7pm Annual Council Meeting at Whitwick Park Hall

Thursday 18th June 2026 7pm Council Meeting

Received and noted.

26-136 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Received and noted.

The Chair thanked the councillors in attendance that evening, to the member of public, and the Parish Clerk for her hard work.

Meeting Closed: 7.33pm.

Chairman's Signature:

Chairman Name:

Date Signed: