



On behalf of

Whitgreave Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 9th December 2024, 07:30pm

L31/001 Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Mr Paul Stubbs (Chairman), Mr Brian Phillips (Vice Chairman), Mr Geoff Collier (Councillor), Mrs Cathy Collier (Councillor), Mr Jack Rose (SBC Councillor), Mr Jonathan Price (SCC Councillor), Miss Rebeckah Richards (Clerk) and 2 Members of the Public.

Apologies: Mr Steve Newbold (Councillor).

L31/002 Approve the minutes from the previous meeting

Agreed and signed.

L31/003 Declaration of Interest

No declaration.

L31/004 Public Participation

- **Ward Changes**

We were joined by Mr Jonathan Price from Staffordshire County Council, who came to discuss the ward changes within Staffordshire. Going forward, Whitgreave Parish Council will no longer be under the Seighford and Church Eaton Ward. As of May 2025, Whitgreave will fall under the Trent Valley Ward.

- **Stone Community First Responders (SCFR)**

The Parish Council were joined by Teresa Fisher and Steve Fisher from SCFR, who are volunteers that cover the Whitgreave area. They are currently fundraising for a new vehicle and have been asking local companies and Parish Councils for support. SCFR are available to offer support to community groups.

L31/005 Correspondence Received

- **Fundraising Opportunity for Stone Community First Responders**

The Parish Council will contact the village to let everyone know of the ongoing fundraising and where they can support the SCFR.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would also contact the St. John's Parochial Church Council via Mrs Cathy Collier, to look into donation boxes at any future events that could contribute to the SCFR.

Whitgreave Parish Council and SCFR are also in conversations regarding an evening to raise awareness to first aid and allow SCFR to discuss their work with the village.

- **Defibrillator Grant**

A grant is available for Parish Councils to obtain a defibrillator at a reduced cost. To apply for the grant, Parish Councils must be able to provide an external wall with electrical supply. With the advice from SCFR, the Parish Council will be contacting AED Donate, on the possibility of visiting Whitgreave to determine a suitable location for the defibrillator to

be positioned. Application for the grant will depend on the location suggested by AED Donate. Once we have this information, we will proceed to look into the costs to purchase, install and maintain a defibrillator for the village.

- **2024/25 Taxbase**

It was agreed a 5% increase overall is to be proposed. This is to allow sufficient funds for any future projects and compulsory commitments within the parish.

L31/006 Financial Accounts

The current balance sheet was made available to view. A copy is also available on the Whitgreave Parish Council website.

Since the previous correspondence, we have gained access to the NS&I savings account. A letter has been sent to requesting copies of all statements for 2023 and 2024 to confirm available funds.

L31/007 Discuss the findings of installing Speed Indicator Devices (SID's), in the village.

From the letters/emails issued in previous months regarding the installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SID's), the Parish Council had 33 replies, over a 6 week period.

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Taking into consideration the feedback received and with the majority of the votes being in favour of the installation of the SID's, the Parish Council will continue to obtain quotations for the purchase and installation of the devices.

It was also advised to contact Divisional Highways who have previously provided funding to install devices, along with Highways England, who look to address the main Contractor for current highways maintenance (McPhillips), for help with funding.

L31/008 Discuss the future of Whitgreave Church.

Whitgreave Parish Council will continue to support the St. John's Parochial Church Council, by issuing any correspondence through the Parish E-Book and Website.

The closure of the Church is currently on hold and future projects to install welfare facilities to aid events, is in progress.

L31/009 Discuss Remembrance Day

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that no celebrations were made by the village for Remembrance Day. Neighbouring villages displayed large poppies. It was agreed that the date will be celebrated in 2025.

L31/010 Discuss the Pollution in Whitgreave

Pollution has been discovered by a member of the village, in the brook close to the motorway bridge. The Environment Agency (EA) have been informed and it is yet to be confirmed what is causing the pollution.

Jack Rose (SBC) has confirmed that samples will be taken by Stafford Borough Council and the results will be shared with the EA, in hope to resolve the issue.

L31/011 Discuss the continued growth of the Parish E-Book

The E-Book has proved to be very successful. There are currently 15 remaining addresses to be included.

L31/012 Planning Applications

There have been three planning applications to consider:

- 24/39791/PAR, Hundred Acre Farm, Green Lane – No objections/comments.
- 24/39596/FUL, Bank View Farm, Green Lane – No objections/comments

L31/013 Any Other Business / Emergency Issues

None

L31/014 Further Meeting Information

The next meeting will be Monday 3rd March 2025 at 07:30pm, at St. John's Church, Whitgreave.

Meeting concluded at 09:00pm