



On behalf of

Whitgreave Parish Council

Meeting Minutes Monday 17th March 2025, 07:30pm

L33/001 Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Mr Paul Stubbs (Chairman), Mr Brian Phillips (Vice Chairman), Mr Geoff Collier (Councillor), Mrs Cathy Collier (Councillor), Mr Steve Newbold (Councillor), Miss Rebeckah Richards (Clerk) and 2 Members of the Public.

Apologies: None.

L33/002 Approve the minutes from the previous meeting

Agreed and signed.

L33/003 Declaration of Interest

No declaration.

L33/004 Public Participation

- **Noise Complaint**

It was mentioned by the two members of the village that a formal noise complaint has been submitted with Pets at Home, due to the loud sound of a tannoid throughout the night and early mornings, as well as continuous forklift truck movements, which has been causing disturbance.

L33/005 Correspondence Received

- **Raising the Flag for VE Day**

As we approach the 80th anniversary of VE Day, emails have been received with various items (flags, banners, signs etc) available to purchase, to decorate the village. It was agreed that due to the previous mention of not celebrating/displaying any Remembrance Day poppies throughout the village, that the councillors would be sent the available items along with associated costs, in which they would agree if/what would be suitable to purchase.

The Clerk has agreed to purchase the items and recuperate the costs with the Parish Council, due to the items requiring online payment, via card.

L33/006 Financial Accounts

The current balance sheet was made available for all.

It was agreed that now the funds have been removed from the NS&I savings account to the current account with Unity, that the NS&I account is to be closed.

L33/007 Update on the purchase and installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), in the village.

Mr Brian Phillips has spent a great deal of time, looking into how the Speed Indicator Devices (SID's) can be purchased and installed, what permits are required and has also consulted with Staffordshire County Council.

The feedback from Staffordshire County Council was to take into consideration the distance required by the device to accurately pick up the speed of vehicles.

It was also mentioned by Staffordshire County Council, that the costs involved are around £2,500 per post installation, as well as a £2,000 design fee therefore, it will cost in excess of £7,000, which is considerably greater than first anticipated. Due to this, the current budget is thought to be approximately £5,000 short.

The Parish Council remains committed to the installation of the devices however, it is clear that further funding is required. Whitgreave Parish Council will look to seek help from Staffordshire County Council as well as look for any available grants and the possibility of fundraising within the village.

L33/008 Update on the purchase and installation of a Defibrillator for the village.

The defibrillator grant has expired however, the Parish Council have made the decision that a defibrillator for the village would be beneficial. Therefore, Mr Brian Phillips has been in contact with a local charity, AED Donate, who have advised of costing and electrical requirements.

It has been agreed with the St. John's Parochial Church Council for the defibrillator to be situated at the bottom of the Church steps, on the basis that the Parish Council will cover the maintenance and upkeep costs.

The electrician for the Church (Staffordshire Electrical Testing Limited) has confirmed a live feed of electricity is available at the bottom of the Church steps and has agreed an estimated cost of £150 ex. VAT to complete the works required and install the defibrillator.

During the meeting, the estimated cost was agreed, and arrangements will be made for the works to be completed.

Once a live feed of electricity has been installed, a meeting with AED Donate will be arranged to look at the installation process.

It was suggested that ideas for a fundraiser are to be thought of, to help fund the costs of purchasing and installing the defibrillator. Please see minutes L33/009 for further information on this.

L33/009 Update on the Stone Community First Responders fundraising opportunities.

After further discussions with Stone Community First Responders, and in light of the installation of the defibrillator for the village, it was thought that an evening session of Basic First Aid training would be a suitable idea to raise funds for both the purchase of the village defibrillator, as well as providing help to raise funds for the new vehicle required by Stone Community First Responders.

Further details of this are to be agreed and arranged by the Clerk. A notice will be issued of any future events.

L33/010 Discuss the absence of the village post box

It was agreed that an attempt to contact Royal Mail for an update on if/when the post box will be reinstated and also seek advice from Staffordshire Parish Councils Association to see if any other villages have had any luck in having them reinstated.

L33/011 Update on the Pollution in Whitgreave

There is no update at present.

L33/012 Discuss the continued growth of the Parish E-Book.

The E-Book continues to provide various notifications to the village on behalf of the parish council and St. John's Church.

A further 3 addresses have been updated.

L33/013 Planning Applications

None.

L33/014 Any Other Business / Emergency Issues

Authorisation regarding the payment for the church was agreed.

L33/015 Further Meeting Information

The next meeting will be Monday 12th May 2025 at 07:30pm, at St. John's Church, Whitgreave.
This will also coincide with the AGM.

Meeting concluded at 20:58pm