



On behalf of

Whitgreave Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 12th May 2025, 08:00pm

L35/001 Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Mr Brian Phillips (Chairman), Mr Paul Stubbs (Vice Chairman), Mr Geoff Collier (Councillor), Mrs Cathy Collier (Councillor), Mr Jack Rose (SCC / SBC Councillor), Miss Rebeckah Richards (Clerk).

Apologies: Mr Steve Newbold (Councillor)

L35/002 Approve the minutes from the previous meeting

Agreed and signed.

L35/003 Declaration of Interest

No declaration.

L35/004 Public Participation

No participation from the public.

L35/005 Correspondence Received by the Clerk

No correspondence has been received that is not already covered elsewhere in the meeting agenda.

L35/006 Financial Accounts

The current balance sheet was made available for all.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 agreed and signed.

It was agreed a savings account is to be opened with Unity Trust, the Parish Council's current account provider. Miss Rebeckah Richards will look further into this and action as appropriate.

L35/007 Update on the purchase and installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), in the village.

Following on from the previous update in March, the type of device required has been identified and two manufacturers have been contacted to obtain a quotation.

In addition, we have responded to Staffordshire County Council regarding the various permits for installing such devices and query their previously suggested SID locations. With this being said, arrangements have been made for the County Council's Highways Officer to visit the village to see the area for themselves to assess our concerns first-hand and propose an alternative location of the SID's on Whitgreave Lane.

Further quotations have also been sought to install the posts, which has come at a more reasonable cost.

With regard to grants which may be available, we now have a new County Councillor, Andrew Mynors, to which he has been contacted to update him on our project and will would be grateful for any possible assistance offered now, or in the future.

L35/008 Update on the purchase and installation of a Defibrillator for the village.

Since the previous update, the electrician has been and installed a live feed at the bottom of the church gates, to supply the defibrillator and Mr Bill Griffiths has kindly moved the existing church sign that he made, higher to accommodate the defibrillator to installed.

It has been agreed that a three-month campaign will commence to raise funds for the purchase of the defibrillator. This will include various fundraising opportunities.

L35/009 Update on the Fundraising Opportunities.

As mentioned previously, we are committed to ensuring our two main projects of installing the Speed Indicator Devices and Defibrillator for the village are our main priority, however we do still require financial support. To aid this, the Parish Council will be:

- a) Actively seeking any grants with Staffordshire County Council.
- b) Hosting a fundraising Quiz evening on the 11th June 2025 at May Farm, Whitgreave.
(Please note the funds raised are to go towards the installation of the Speed Indicator Devices and proceeds are to be split evenly between the Parish Council and St. John's Church).
- c) Hosting a 'Learn CPR' evening in partnership with Stone Community First Responders.
The date is yet to be agreed.
(Please note the funds raised are to go towards the purchase of the Defibrillator and proceeds are to be split between the Parish Council and Stone Community First Responders to aid their fundraising to purchase a new vehicle).
- d) Donate to the projects directly via bank transfer:

Whitgreave Parish Council
Unity Trust Bank
Account Number: 20477451
Sort Code: 60-83-01

or,

Donations are to be posted in a sealed envelope to the Black & White Cottage, Whitgreave (which is situated close to the junction of Whitgreave Lane and Green Lane).

If this is a preferred method, please remember to put your name and contact details on the envelope so that we can arrange a receipt.

L35/010 Absence of the village post box

The Parish Council has been actively investigating the issue of the missing post box in our area.

We recently contacted the Shropshire Parish Councils Association (SPCA) to find out if any other parishes have had success in getting their post boxes replaced. Unfortunately, it appears that

most are in the same situation - uncertain of how to formally report the issue to Royal Mail and experiencing difficulty in making contact.

So far, only one Parish has managed to have their post box reinstated, and this was achieved through direct communication with their local postman, who was able to escalate the matter internally within Royal Mail.

In light of this, Mr Geoff Collier and Mrs Cathy Collier have agreed to visit the local sorting office to seek an update and explore what steps we can take to help expedite the replacement of our post box. Additionally, we will be contacting the local newsletter to raise awareness of the situation in hopes that public attention may prompt a response from Royal Mail.

We understand the inconvenience this causes residents and appreciate your patience as we pursue every avenue to get the post box restored.

L35/011 Update on the Pollution in Whitgreave

There is no update at present.

L35/012 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.

L35/013 Planning Applications

There has been one application to consider:

- 25/40588/PAR, Top Farm Green Lane – No objections.

L35/014 Any Other Business / Emergency Issues

None.

L35/015 Further Meeting Information

The next meeting will be Monday 1st September 2025 at 07:30pm, at Orchard Cottage, Green Lane, Whitgreave.

Meeting concluded at 21:00pm