



On behalf of

Whitgreave Parish Council

Meeting Minutes Monday 9th March 2026, 06:30pm

L38/001 Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Mr Brian Phillips (Chairman), Mr Paul Stubbs (Vice Chairman), Mr Geoff Collier (Councillor), Mrs Cathy Collier (Councillor) and 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies: Mr Jack Rose (SCC / SBC Councillor) and Miss Rebeckah Richards (Clerk).

L38/002 Approve the minutes from the previous meeting

Agreed and signed.

L38/003 Declaration of Interest

No declaration.

L38/004 Public Participation

No participation from the public.

L38/005 Correspondence Received by the Clerk

An email was received on Friday March 6th from Mr Johnathan Bligh on Green Lane. Mr Bligh wants to bring to the Parish Council's attention the condition of the Green Lane, particularly the extent of pot holes in the vicinity of Green Lane Farm. In addition, he claims that he has contacted 'the council' on a number of occasions, that 'tickets' had been issued but no action taken. The Chairman has agreed to contact Mr Bligh, clarify who was contacted and when, and the involve Mr Andrew Mynors at Staffordshire County Council.

L38/006 Financial Accounts

The current balance sheet was made available for all.

L38/007 Update on the Speed Control and Restrictions on Whitgreave Lane.

The Chairman reported that 5 members of Staffordshire County Council, plus Mr Andrew Mynors met with himself and Paul Stubbs on Friday 23rd January, at the junction of Green Lane and Whitgreave Lane. The meeting last an hour, including a walk along a stretch of the lane. The Chairman repeated his assertion the 30 mph sign seen coming from the A34 junction were in the wrong place. Staffordshire County Council members understood the concern but made no commitment - Instead it was agreed to undertake a traffic survey at two points along Whitgreave Lane. This survey would take approx. 3 months and consequent to the results the whole question of traffic on Whitgreave Lane would be considered. The senior member of the Staffordshire County Council made it clear that funding was a major problem and consequently all funding had to be prioritised.

L38/008 Future of Whitgreave Church.

Cathy Collier, also a member of the Parochial Church Council, stated that the prospects of keeping the church open had been greatly improved by a recent, generous donation - The source of which is confidential. The Chairman asked if this meant that the closure programme instituted over a year ago was now cancelled. This situation needs to be clarified and communicated to the village.

L38/009 Update on the Pollution in Whitgreave

An email from Mr Jack Rose was received on 9th March 2026 stating that no further information had been received regarding the polluted stream on Summerville Lane. It was assumed that the recent heavy rain

had probably washed away the source of the pollution. Mr Rose also stated that Stafford Borough Council had increased funding for a range of environmental and anti-social issues.

L38/010 Planning Applications

No applications received

L38/011 Any Other Business / Emergency Issues

Whitgreave Parish Council Website

The current providers of our website, Chess ICT, has advised that they are unable to provide us with a gov.uk domain. The alternative provider, Parish Online can offer this domain. A quote has been received and it was therefore agreed to make the switch at the appropriate time.

Parish E-Book

A request was received to use the Council's E-Book to advise that a Mr Gareth Higgins, Police Community Support Officer and Rural Wildlife Office will be attending the monthly coffee morning at St John's Church on Friday 1st May. Everyone is welcome!

L38/012 Further Meeting Information

The next meeting will be Monday 11th May 2026 at 06:30pm, at St John's Church, Whitgreave. This will also coincide with the AGM.