



On behalf of

Whitgreave Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 14th September 2026, 06:30pm

L41/001 Attendance and Apologies

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

Apologies: None.

L41/002 Approve the minutes from the previous meeting

Agreed and signed.

L41/003 Declaration of Interest

No declaration.

L41/004 Public Participation

Mention of the recent increased litter on Whitgreave Lane. Further details are mentioned later in the minutes.

L41/005 Correspondence Received by the Clerk

Nothing that is not already mentioned in the minutes.

L41/006 Financial Accounts

The current balance sheet was made available for all.

Upon reviewing the balance sheet and annual subscriptions at the AGM, it was noted that the 2026/27 precept will not fully cover the increased costs of annual subscriptions, including SPCA, insurance, and website services. Awaiting the 2027-28 agreed taxbase and concurrent grant letter from Stafford Borough Council.

L41/007 Update on the Speed Control and Restrictions on Whitgreave Lane.

Staffordshire County Council have now provided data on the traffic using Whitgreave Lane during one week in July 2026. The data indicates, perhaps surprisingly, that the speed of vehicles driving through the village does not constitute speeding and would not cause the police to take action. This data puts a question mark against the introduction of SID's in the village. To further complicate the issue, we now understand that Staffordshire County Council have put on hold all applications for the introduction of SID's throughout the County.

L41/008 Highway Works and Littering impacting Whitgreave Lane.

We have been advised by the main contractor working on the Eccleshall Road at Creswell, that the work will be complete and normal traffic flow will resume at the end of November.

Since the roadworks began, there has been an increase in traffic through Whitgreave, which has also resulted in more litter being left in the area. We would like to thank the residents who have already been out litter picking to help keep the parish tidy. Our Chairman has agreed to contact Street Scene, who can provide equipment such as litter pickers and bin bags, as well as arrange for the collected waste to be removed. Once we know more, we will provide further information on obtaining pickers and bags, as well as confirm the collection points and dates.

Councillor Cathy Collier, will also be contacting litter heroes in Stafford and considering some signage to deter litter dropping.

L41/009 Discuss plans for the Village Green.

The Chairman proposed that the village green requires some TLC and will prepare a suggested improvement plan for consideration. A proposed plan will be issued via the E-Book to all residents, with the hope for support and further sponsorship to help implement and upkeep.

L41/010 Remembrance Day Celebrations

The Remembrance Day service will no longer be held on the village green and will instead take place at St. John's Church. It was agreed that a further 10 poppies will be ordered for the signposts within the village, along with a 5ft silhouette of a soldier to be placed on the village green. It was agreed that the Clerk will purchase the items and reclaim the expenses incurred.

L41/011 Planning Applications

No applications received.

L41/012 Any Other Business / Emergency Issues

Pot Holes on Green Lane

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the potholes on Green Lane are worsening. It was suggested that a report be submitted through Staffordshire County Council's reporting system to request that the potholes are inspected and repaired.

L41/013 Further Meeting Information

The next meeting will be Monday 7th December 2026 at 07:00pm, at Orchard Cottage, Green Lane.