

Whittington Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes Parish Council Meeting Monday 20th November 2023

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Present at the meeting: Cllrs Colin Hall, Iain Sutherland, Malcolm Fell, David Hutton, City Cllr Ross Hunter and the Clerk, Gillian Newton. One member of the public attended the public meeting. SR proposed Open Gardens 2024 will be open during last week in June or 1st week in July. Drains causing flooding on upper part of Church Street, report on LoveCleanStreets.

1625 No apologies for absence were received.

1626 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th September 2023 were read and agreed by Cllrs as a true record and signed by Cllr Hall.

1627 Clerk's report - Clerks&Councils Direct newsletters available at <https://www.clerksandcouncilsdirect.co.uk/> Signatories mandate – Cllr Hutton to be added as new signatory once a 5th Cllr has filled the casual vacancy, S.Close and L.Morgan to be removed, countersigned by 2 Cllrs who are currently signatories. Cllr Hutton will receive Email from “**hooyu**” 10 days from bank receiving mandate, Cllr Hutton & 5th Cllr can go to local Nat West branch with Photo Identification AND proof of address, eg recent utility bill, bank to stamp as certified in order to proceed. Cllr Fell to complete Declaration of Acceptance of Office, no changes of Interest.

1628 PACT. No crimes reported during July, August or September.

Lancashire Constabulary representative PC 3511 James Hodgson, Lancaster, Lune Valley Rural Areas. <https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/ContactAnOfficer/Create?collarNumber=3511&firstName=James&lastName=Hodgson> The link to local crime figures available at <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/lancashire-constabulary/upper-lune-valley/?tab=CrimeMap> Tel: 101 for non-emergencies, or from an internet connected mobile, 112. Download <https://what3words.com/about-us/> to identify your exact location eg: bus stop at village hall is **surprises:splashes:printers**

1629 Finance

- a) S137 donation requests to be received by Tuesday 2nd January 2024
 - b) CHEQUE 686 £120.00 payable to Post Office Ltd crossed A/C/PAYEE ONLY with invoice number written on reverse of cheque, (revised with no VAT to be charged) Lancaster City Council charge for uncontested election 4th May 2023 agreed by Cllrs.
 - c) S137 donation CHEQUE 687 £50.00 British Legion for poppy wreath payable to Colin Hall agreed by Cllrs
 - d) S137 CHEQUE 688 £454.50 to Malcolm Fell for gazebos for summer events, etc, previously agreed by Cllrs at last meeting. (CHEQUE 685 cancelled due to loss)
 - e) CHEQUE 689 £42.12 to Colin Hall for strimmer fuel agreed by Cllrs
 - f) Clerk's quarterly wages £350.00 by standing order 6th January
- Current account sheet £12,071.49 13/11/23 Bonus Saver Account sheet £145.48 13/11/23

1630 Planning

23/0169/TCA Works to trees – fell a cherry tree (T1) for Judith Greenwood, 8 Loyne Park, Whittington, LA6 2NL
Application permitted

23/01147/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage for Candelista Ltd., Whittington Farm, Main Street, LA6 2NX **Awaiting decision**

Planning applications available for public viewing at <http://planapps.lancaster.gov.uk/publicaccess/>

1631 Correspondence

LALC newsletter, Annual General Meeting details, Local meeting and Parish & Town Council Charter circulated electronically. **Lancaster City Council** Polling District Review – public consultation period commenced 02/10/2023 to 27/10/2023, Publication of revised register of electors 01/12/2023, circulated electronically and on noticeboards. **Lancashire County Council** Consumer Alerts for November circulated electronically and displayed on noticeboards Resignation of Cllr Mike Kormanic, Notice of Casual Vacancy to be posted. Traffic issues <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/> Love Clean Streets. Electronic communication update. Contact 3 villages Email wagtailnews@gmail.com Subscribe to WhittingtonNews online blog, send contact details to whittingtonparish@gmail.com Email from Burrow Parish Meeting regarding Japanese Knotweed and the River Lune banking opposite the Lune Valley Ramble, Cllr Fell to arrange meetings with landowner. Knotweed not much of a problem in Whittington Parish. City Cllr Hunter reported Lancs County Council are not obliged to repair or replace lost public footpath. D-Day Anniversary 6th June 2024 – beacon lighting to be discussed at next meeting. Whittington Village Survey Cllr Hall to follow up. Scheme to look after elderly and vulnerable during Winter months worked well in previous years without need for formalisation. Church grounds voluntary strimming service working well, public thanks to all volunteers looking after their “patch”. Strimmer to be serviced. Footpath linking church towards village hall in discussion with landowner. Whittington Dog Show discussed, not thought to be viable.

1632 Business introduced by Councillors

- a) Cllr Fell updated the meeting on the Lune Valley Ramble, patch up of path and hedge strimming required.
- b) Cllr Hutton proposed a village fireworks event, rather than a bonfire, on the 5th November 2024
- c) Cllr Hall reported the Christmas Tree would be provided, erected and dressed shortly.
- d) City Cllr Hunter discussed housing concerns. Upper Lune Valley Ward newsletter delivered to all villagers and to be displayed on noticeboards.

Date of next meeting **Monday 15th January** in Whittington Village Hall at **7.00pm**

Preceded by a public meeting at 6.45pm

Dates of 2024 meetings Mondays 18th March; 20th May Parish Assembly, APCM start 6.30pm; 15th July; 16th September and 18th November

Cheques signed this month

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- 689 £42.12 to Colin Hall for strimmer fuel

Cheques signed by Cllrs Hall, Fell and Sutherland as appropriate.

S137 donations to local charitable groups

Please make your requests for a donation

before close of day on

Tuesday 2nd January 2024