

The monthly meeting was held at Whittle-le-Woods Village Hall, on Monday 17 March 2025

Present Vice Chair Higham; Parish Councillors, Auwerx, P Higham, Evans, Fogarty, Green (late), Briscoe, Yates, Newall, Moss and the Locum Clerk.

Apologies Councillor McDonald.

Visitors PSCO Lewis Baxter and 8 members of the community

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the 10.02.2024 were agreed following three amendments raised by Cllr Briscoe.

2. Changes in Declarations of Interest

Cllr Briscoe declared his interest in relation to item 7 where he had presented an invoice for works completed for the Parish Council.

3. Defibrillator checks

Shaw Brow/Waterhouse Green – OK

Hillside Cres – OK

St Chads – OK

Town Lane- OK

The Clerk reported that Shaw Brow/Waterhouse Green, St Chads and Town Lane all back on The Circuit, and following the completion of works to the book swap, the Clerk would put Hillside Cresc back on line.

The meeting closed at 7.34pm for public participation.

The members of the community attending raised concerns regarding the following:

- a. Road Safety; and

b. Criminal activity.

The Parish Council listened and understood the concerns and advised it had no powers in relation to the above. The Parish Council offered to write to each of Lancashire Constabulary, Chorley BC and Lancashire County Council to highlight the concerns.

It also referred the attendees to the “Useful Contacts” tab of the webpage, and encouraged complaints to be made to Lancashire Constabulary as the enforcing body.

Meeting re-opened at 7.51pm.

4. Planning Matters

New

Proposal: First floor side extension above existing garage following conversion of existing double garage to habitable accommodation, 2no. first floor rear extensions

Location: 100 Preston Road Whittle-le-woods Chorley PR6 7HE

Reference: 25/00094/FULHH

Neighbours and materials

Application no: 25/00108/MNMA

Proposal: Minor non material amendment to reserved matters consent ref: 16/00808/REMMAJ (Reserved matters application pursuant to outline planning permission 12/01134/OUTMAJ for the erection of 85 no. dwellings. Appearance, layout, scale and landscaping to be considered) in order to alter the highway layout to adoptable standards.

Location: Land At Hill Top Lane, Hill Top Lane, Whittle-le-woods

Objected – tree line

Application no: 25/00140/DIS

Proposal: Application to discharge conditions numbered 4 (Materials), of planning approval 23/00405/FULHH (1) Remodel an existing detached house with 2no. two storey side extensions and single storey rear extension. 2) Front boundary wall and vehicular access gates, maximum height 2.1m. (Alternative submission to planning permission ref: 20/00966/FULHH)).

Location: 8 Shaw Brow, Whittle-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7LE

Neighbours and materials

Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of existing rear projection)

Location: 158 Chorley Old Road Whittle-le-woods Chorley PR6 7NA

Reference: 25/00125/CLPUD

Neighbours and materials

Proposal: Erection of 4no. detached dwellings along with associated parking and access (following the demolition of existing stables/equestrian buildings)

Location: Crostons Farm Stables Lucas Lane Whittle-le-woods Chorley PR6 7DA

Reference: 25/00167/FUL

Object

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Location: 63 Derek Road Whittle-le-woods Chorley PR6 7LY

Reference: 25/00164/FULHH

Neighbours and materials

Proposal: Erection of outbuilding in rear garden

Location: Hardacre House Hardacre Lane Whittle-le-woods Chorley PR6 7PQ

Reference: 25/00169/FULHH

Neighbours and materials

Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed loft conversion including installation of front and rear facing rooflights

Location: 8 Lancers Close Buckshaw Village Chorley PR7 7DJ

Reference: 25/00197/CLPUD

Neighbours and materials

Proposal: Application for listed building consent for roof, wall and floor repairs

Location: Hill Top Farm South Hill Top Lane Whittle-le-woods Chorley PR6 7QS

Reference: 25/00211/LBC

Application no: 25/00216/CLPUD

Application for a certificate of lawfulness for proposed roof and wall repairs

Location: Hill Top Farm South, Hill Top Lane, Whittle-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7QS

No comment

Proposal: Erection of outbuilding (Retrospective)

Location: 193 Chorley Old Road Whittle-le-woods Chorley PR6 7NB

Reference: 25/00226/FULHH

No comment

Application no: 25/00243/DIS

Application to discharge condition 14 (Smith Street footpath link) attached to planning permission 21/00751/OUTMAJ (Section 73 application to vary condition nos. 7, 8, 9, and 10 (code for sustainable homes) attached to planning permission 12/01134/OUTMAJ (Outline application for means of access for up to 85 new dwellings. All other matters reserved.))

Location: Land At Hill Top Lane, Hill Top Lane, Whittle-le-woods

No comment

Granted/Decided

Application no: 24/01045/FULHH

Decided: Fri 21/02/2025

Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Erection of extension to east side elevation

Location: 1 Netherfield Court, Whittle-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7XR

Application no: 25/00108/MNMA

Decided: Fri 28/02/2025

Decision: Minor Non-Material Amendment Accepted

Proposal: Minor non material amendment to reserved matters consent ref: 16/00808/REMAJ (Reserved matters application pursuant to outline planning permission 12/01134/OUTMAJ for the

erection of 85 no. dwellings. Appearance, layout, scale and landscaping to be considered) in order to alter the highway layout to adoptable standards.

Location: Land At Hill Top Lane, Hill Top Lane, Whittle-le-woods

Application no: 24/01062/DIS

Decided: Fri 28/02/2025

Decision: Condition(s) discharged

Proposal: Application to discharge conditions 4 (materials), 8 (management and maintenance of streets) and 10 (hard landscaping) of reserved matters consent ref. 22/00912/REM (Reserved matters application for 6no. dwellings, detailing appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, pursuant to outline planning permission ref: 18/00367/OUTMAJ (Outline planning application for the means of access for up to 10no. residential dwellings, following the demolition of the existing dwelling and garage. All other matters reserved)

Location: Lucas Green, Lucas Lane, Whittle-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7DA

Application no: 25/00029/FULHH

Decided: Tue 04/03/2025

Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Single storey side extension to form new garage, conversion of existing attached garage to habitable accommodation, installation of 6no. rooflights, reconfiguration of windows, rendering and cladding of property and new driveway to property frontage

Location: Stickledown, Parkside Drive, Whittle-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7PL

Application no: 25/00042/FUL

Decided: Fri 14/03/2025

Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition no. 3 (approved plans) of planning permission ref: 24/00254/FUL (Application for technical details consent for the erection of 1no. dwelling pursuant to permission in principle ref: 23/00811/PIP) to amend the design and position of the dwelling

Location: Land On The South Side Of, Town Lane, Whittle-le-woods, Chorley

Other

Not Applicable

5. Matters Arising

Memorial Plaques

- Policy and decisions from previous meetings reiterated. Clerk to write to complainant to confirm position.

SpID

- Old Worden Ave

Discussed in detail. Further enquiries to be made for discussion at the next PC meeting.

Clerk to ask LCC for a 30mph speed roundel and ask for a Whittle Le Woods boundary sign at junction with Euxton PC.

- Redrow Estate/Royton Ave

Cllr Evans to request a temporary SpID from LCC to obtain data to determine need.

It be noted that there were 8 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

Street Naming Consultation

- Suggestions for alternate names made to bring in line with historical use of the land. Clerk to respond to Chorley BC with suggestions.

Draft Health and Safety Policy

- Adopted.

Proposed Skip Day

- Details awaited from Chorley BC.
- Proposed date of 10.05.2025 agreed.
- The Polo is the preferred location – last year at The Roebuck.
- To arrange for individual collection of large items as per previous years.

Consultation

Bus stop Clear Ways

- No concerns

Central Lancashire Development Plan

- Cllrs Higham to prepare a response to highlight concerns re potential contamination of land highlighted for building. Clerk to forward on to Chorley BC.

Town Lane Fire

- Enquiries made of Chorley BC and response received. The PC are satisfied with the response.

Canal Nature Walk

- Clerk to progress.

6. Clerks Update

Aquasition

- New battery installed 04.03.2025

Defibs

- New defibs installed at Shaw Brow/Waterhouse Green and Town Lane. The Circuit updated accordingly.

Parish Vacancy

- No request for election. Co-opt procedure commenced. Currently no applications. Period for Co-option to be extended.

Gazebos

- Chorley BC confirmed 2023 has been cancelled so only invoice for 2024 is to paid. Clerk to make payment asap.

David Hull

- 4/4 for 2024/2025 received. David Hull to be asked if he would plant Waterhouse Green in red, white and blue for VE day.

LBKV Competition

- Map approved. For this year, it will include Waterhouse Green, St Johns Church and Primary School, the War Memorial and the Whittle-le-Woods Community Hall.

Book Swap, Chorley Old Road

- Works to re-site the box by third party insurer were undertaken on 13 and 14.03.2025. Further work required re electricity supply and paint. Clerk has referred the outstanding matters back to the insurer.

Carwood Lane

- Kissing gate ownership. Some progress in identifying landowner/entity responsible further investigations required. In the interim, signs have been obtained from LCC for installation on the PROW. Cllr Briscoe to install.

Website Update

- On-going. Councillors page updated. Useful Contacts Tab populated.

Road Signs

- Report made on 14.02.2025. Chased twice and update awaited.

Dark Lane HGV's

- Report made 14.02.2025. Chased twice and update awaited.

Dropped Kerb

- 24/00351 - Chorley BC have inspected the site. The kerb looks to have been professionally installed, but some discrepancies with planning permission noted. Chorley BC to contact agent and LCC to clarify matters.

Steps at Church Hill and Smithy Fields path

- Cllr Evans has made progress re ownership/responsibility and is to continue to chase.

7. Accounts

Outgoings for approval this meeting (payments not previously approved)

Description	Supplier	Total
Web Site Hosting	Easy Web Sites	£62.04
Salary	Employee 1	£1099.23 (Feb)
Salary	Employee 2	£555.23
SpID	Stocksigns	£8062.62
Maintenance	David Hull 4/4	£1015.00
SpID Installation	LCC	£420.00
Clock Installation	Cllr Briscoe	£1086.00
Salary (minus pension tbc)	Locum Clerk	£3333.73

Payments to be authorised via email to Clerk by 2 Bank Account Signatories.

Income received from 09.12.2024 to 09.02.2025

Description	Supplier	Total
Interest on SLA PCC BHI	Bank	£154.78

Bank Balance as at 12.03.2025

Current account - £907.71

Deposit account - £154,708.95

Total - £155,616.66

The Parish Council ratified the Bank Reconciliations as follows

Deposit Account: 25.04.2024, 03.06.2024, 03.07.2024, 05.08.2024, 30.08.2024, 01.10.2024, 31.12.2024 and 23.01.2025

Current Account: 27.01.2024, 03.06.2024, 03.07.2024, 05.08.2024, 02.09.2024, 11.10.2024, 12.11.2024, 02.12.2024 and 19.02.2025

8. Councillor Reports

Cllr Auwerx – Flooding at Chorley Old Road/Hill Top Lane. Clerk to report to UU.

Cllr Briscoe – Benches – Concrete bases in place for Church Hill and Birchin Lane. Replacement bench project for Copthurst Lane approved.

Cllr Evans - nil

Cllr Fogarty - nil

Cllr Green – Zig Zag – Chorley Street Scene have assessed and works are prohibitively expensive at this stage.

Cllr P Higham - nil

Cllr B Higham - nil

Cllr McDonald – n/a

Cllr Moss – Potholes on St Helens Drive have been competed to a good standard, but a complete re-surface of St Helens Drive, Hill Top and Church Hill would be preferred.

Cllr Newall - nil

Cllr Yates - nil

9. Confidential Items

Removed

Meeting finished 9.30pm

Next meeting 14 April 2024 at 7.30pm at Whittle Le Woods Community Hall

Addendum to Minutes 17.03.2025

Payments 11.02.2025 to 17.03.2025

Payments

17.02.2025	£4,592.88	SpIDS
17.02.2025	£720.00	Christmas Tree
17.02.2025	£1,015.00	Maintenance
17.02.2025	£190.00	SLCC Annual Subscription
17.02.2025	£130.00	Christmas Tree Removal
17.02.2025	£468.60	Flood Committee Equipment
17.02.2025	£125.00	Maintenance
19.02.2025	£522.92	Pension Payments
05.03.2025	£62.04	Monthly Website Subscription
05.03.2025	£555.23	Employee 2 Salary
05.03.2025	£1,099.23	Employee 1 Salary
15.03.2025	£8,062.62	SpIDS

Receipts year to date

30.04.2024	£234.55	Interest
03.05.2024	£61,860.00	Precept
03.05.2024	£2,014.23	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
31.05.2024	£284.04	Interest
20.06.2024	£800.00	Public Right of Way and Biodiversity Grant from LCC
28.06.2024	£253.83	Interest
31.07.2024	£279.38	Interest
30.08.2024	£237.16	Interest
30.09.2024	£237.63	Interest
31.10.2024	£216.47	Interest
01.11.2024	£7,091.15	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
29.11.2024	£195.98	Interest
31.12.2024	£210.41	Interest
31.01.2025	£190.22	Interest
28.02.2025	£154.78	Interest