

**Full Council Meeting**

Monday 14 July 2025, 7.30 pm start  
 Whittle-le-Woods Village Hall, Whittle-le-Woods

**MINUTES****Attendance**

Cllr Chris Briscoe	Cllr Peter Higham
Cllr Steve Fogarty	Cllr Wendy McDonald    Chair
Cllr Russ Green	Cllr D Moss
Cllr Barbara Higham	Cllr Will Yates

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## 1. Apologies

Apology received from Cllrs P Auwerx, C Evans, T Newall.

## 2. Declarations of interest and dispensation considerations

Cllr Briscoe notified of an interest in payments at item 5.1.

## 3. Minutes of previous Council meetings to be approved, or received at a later date

**Resolved:** Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2025 were approved.

## 4. Statutory Business

## 4.1 Councillor vacancy update

**Resolved:** Councillors co-opted Mr Jamie Halliwell to the vacant Councillor position.

Cllr Halliwell signed his declaration of acceptance of office and took a seat at the table and agreed to return the register of interest form within the required 28 days.

## 4.2 Planning - Consider planning report, approve responses and ratify responses made between meetings or to meet deadlines.

Two applications were to be looked at by the tree warden for the village.

## 5. Financial items

## 5.1 Consider and approve expenditures in the circulated report, and any after the agenda, submitted to the meeting

**Resolved:** Council approved payments for

The final PWLB loan payment for the Union Street Village Hall at £

Date	Payee	Purpose	£
12/07/2025	Easy Web Sites	Web Site Hosting	£62.04
14/07/2025	Chris Briscoe	Seats Shaw Brow, Church Hill	£2,930.00
14/07/2025	Chris Briscoe	Seats Copthurst Lane, Moss Lane	£4,796.00
14/07/2025	Salary - June 2025	Employee 2	£592.74
14/07/2025	Locum KM	Residual contract	£3,577.56
14/07/2025	Locum DP	Locum works	£1,125.00
14/07/2025	Whittle & Clayton Scout	Grant from CIL	£19,151.40

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- 5.2 CIL budget – consider a request to allocate a sum toward the creation/placing of village entrance signs

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed in principle to village entrance signs to be funded out of CIL monies and await for designs and costings to be brought forward.

- 5.3 Update on Unity Trust Bank Account

The accounts are now operational. Money will be transferred to the current account so some practice payments can be made.

6. Project updates from Councillors

Councillors updated Council.

The seat installations have been completed with one left to do. The photos and comments from Councillors who had seen the finished seats were very complimentary.

Cllr Moss is looking in to land in the area following requests for sports facilities from residents.

7. Council meeting schedule

Council meetings are each second Monday of the month, 12 months a year. Proposal was made to delete the August meeting from the calendar.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed to retain 12 meetings per year.

8. Council Pension Scheme consideration

Consider the costs and suitability of the current scheme and whether Council should consider expert advice on other options for providing a pension scheme for the Council.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed for Cllr Fogerty to investigate other schemes and bring forward a report to the Finance Committee.

9. Matters for information

10. Exclusion of Press and Public

**Resolved:** Council resolved because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the forthcoming item of business - pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960<sup>1</sup> and defined in Paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972<sup>2</sup>.

11. Recruitment update

Cllr McDonald updated that one interview had taken place and 5 more are arranged.

12. Consider Locum costs

This had been approved under finance.

Chair closed the meeting.

8.07pm

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Eliz2/8-9/67/section/1>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/schedule/12A>