

Local Government Act 1972
Churchyard Committee
Committee of Whalley Parish Council

Members of the Churchyard Committee, you are summoned to a Meeting to be held on Monday 16th March 2026 in the Parish Church of Saint Mary and All Saints at 2.00pm

Signed: *EKHaworth*

Liz Haworth – Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Minutes

Agenda items should be submitted to the Clerk seven clear days before the meeting. The Clerk will forward members of the committee, all relevant information and supporting documents, 3 clear days before the meeting.

1.	Attendance & Apologies	
	Present: Cllr Ball (Chairman & Church Warden), Cllr Highton, Revd Jonathan Carmyllie, Judith Davies (Church Warden) In Attendance: Liz Haworth (Clerk)	128/26
2.	Declaration of Interests	
	There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable and non registrable interests in items for discussion on the agenda.	129/26
3.	To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Churchyard Committee Meeting	
	It was resolved to approve and confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 2 nd April 2025.	130/26
4.	Churchyard Tree Inspection Update	
	4.1 The committee reviewed the Tree Inspection Report dated August 2025. There are still some outstanding items including the removal of deadwood from certain trees identified in the report. These works have been instructed and are currently pending completion by Roy Cattermole Tree Services. ACTION: The Clerk will follow up on the pending works.	131/26
	The multi stem tree has been removed from against the churchyard wall backing on to Back King Street.	132/26
	4.2 Three oak trees are to be planted after the removal of some horse chestnut trees. These are to be purchased and placed appropriately in the churchyard and in accordance with the planning conditions.	133/26
	The three oak tree saplings that were originally purchased to replace the horse chestnut trees have died and need removing.	134/26

	<p>There are also some saplings around the churchyard that require removal along with ivy around the porch and ivy on the wall that backs onto Back King Street.</p> <p>ACTION: The Clerk will contact Abbey Gardening to request the removal of ivy from around the porch and church wall, and to ensure that all saplings are removed when the new oak trees are planted, in accordance with our instructions and planning conditions.</p>	135/26																																																																												
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	<p>5.1 The Parish Council has approved the costs to repair the churchyard wall, with an estimated budget of £5,400–£6,200, subject to any additional works identified once the project begins. A start date and detailed schedule of works are currently awaited.</p> <p>5.2 The ivy on the churchyard wall should be removed and will be referred to Abbey Gardening as per Agenda Item 4.2.</p>	136/26 137/26																																																																												
6.	Churchyard Budget & Expenditure																																																																													
	<p>The committee reviewed the budget and expenditure for the maintenance of the closed churchyard for year ending March 2026.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Churchyard Expenditure</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Date</th> <th style="text-align: right;">2023/24</th> <th style="text-align: right;">2024/25</th> <th style="text-align: right;">2025/26</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>April</td><td style="text-align: right;">(2,356.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(291.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(349.00)</td></tr> <tr><td>May</td><td style="text-align: right;">(582.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(291.00)</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>June</td><td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td><td style="text-align: right;">(407.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(698.00)</td></tr> <tr><td>July</td><td style="text-align: right;">(582.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(349.00)</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>August</td><td style="text-align: right;">(649.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(349.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(698.00)</td></tr> <tr><td>September</td><td style="text-align: right;">(291.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(349.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(1,062.45)</td></tr> <tr><td>October</td><td style="text-align: right;">(291.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(599.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(349.00)</td></tr> <tr><td>November</td><td style="text-align: right;">(1,069.75)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(349.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(349.00)</td></tr> <tr><td>December</td><td style="text-align: right;">(361.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(729.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(349.00)</td></tr> <tr><td>January</td><td style="text-align: right;">(291.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(349.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(1,999.00)</td></tr> <tr><td>February</td><td style="text-align: right;">(291.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(349.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(349.00)</td></tr> <tr><td>March</td><td style="text-align: right;">(541.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(3,449.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(349.00)</td></tr> <tr><td>(***Projected)</td><td> </td><td> </td><td style="text-align: right;">(6,900.00)</td></tr> <tr><td>Totals</td><td style="text-align: right;">(7,304.75)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(7,860.00)</td><td style="text-align: right;">(13,451.45)</td></tr> <tr><td>Budget</td><td style="text-align: right;">8,700.00</td><td style="text-align: right;">9,400.00</td><td style="text-align: right;">9,400.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Deficit/Surplus (annual)</td><td style="text-align: right;">1,395.25</td><td style="text-align: right;">1,540.00</td><td style="text-align: right;">(4,051.45)</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Some planned tree works from 2022/23 rolled into April 2024 **Grounds Maintenance Monthly Contract Works £349pcm 2025/26 *** June 2024 £7820 Parish Council funds earmarked for churchyard path **** Projected payments from 2025/26 budget £700 treeworks, £6200 repairs to wall (Total £6900)</p>	Date	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26					April	(2,356.00)	(291.00)	(349.00)	May	(582.00)	(291.00)		June	0.00	(407.00)	(698.00)	July	(582.00)	(349.00)		August	(649.00)	(349.00)	(698.00)	September	(291.00)	(349.00)	(1,062.45)	October	(291.00)	(599.00)	(349.00)	November	(1,069.75)	(349.00)	(349.00)	December	(361.00)	(729.00)	(349.00)	January	(291.00)	(349.00)	(1,999.00)	February	(291.00)	(349.00)	(349.00)	March	(541.00)	(3,449.00)	(349.00)	(***Projected)			(6,900.00)	Totals	(7,304.75)	(7,860.00)	(13,451.45)	Budget	8,700.00	9,400.00	9,400.00	Deficit/Surplus (annual)	1,395.25	1,540.00	(4,051.45)					138/26
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	<p>It was resolved that the committee will request that the Parish Council consider renewing the path as a community project in the forthcoming budget year, subject to obtaining quotes for the works.</p>	139/26																																																																												

	<p>ACTION: Revd Carmyllie will investigate the faculty process to obtain approval for the footpath renovation.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to seek three quotes for works to renovate the path</p>	
8.	Reports from Members and Clerk for information only – not for debate	
	<p>Items arisen, since the last meeting for information only, that may result in future agenda item.</p> <p>A Memorial Safety Inspection is due in the churchyard.</p> <p>ACTION: The Clerk will investigate suitable stonemasons to carry out the inspection.</p>	140/26
	<p>Judith Davies reported that she would like to form a volunteer group to help clean moss from older memorials in the churchyard, improving both their appearance and the legibility of their inscriptions.</p>	141/26
	<p>It was reported that in response to observations from neighbours of the church who have been disturbed by unacceptable behaviour in the churchyard, the Churchyard is now closed from Friday 4pm – Saturday 9.30 am and Saturday 4pm – Sunday 8am at weekends.</p>	142/26
9.	Next Meeting Date	
	To next meeting is to be held Monday 15 th June at 2pm.	143/26

Meeting Closed at 2.45pm.

Cllr Clifford Ball Date:.....
Chairman