

Local Government Act 1972
Whalley Parish Council

Members of the Council, you are summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on
Thursday 19th February 2026 in the Calder Room, Whalley Old Grammar School at 7.30pm

Signed: *EKHaworth*

Liz Haworth - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Minutes

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

1.	Chairman's Welcome	
	The Chairman formally opened the meeting and welcomed all present.	2693/26
2.	Attendance & Apologies	
	Present: Cllr Ball, Cllr Duckworth, Cllr Highton (Chairman), Cllr Miffin, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Smith, Cllr Threlfall, Cllr Vickers. Apologies: Cllr Allen. In Attendance: Liz Haworth (Clerk), 3 members of the public.	2694/26
3.	Declarations of Interest	
	There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests, or non-registrable interests in respect of items on the agenda.	2695/26
4.	To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting	
	It was resolved to approve and confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 15 th January 2026.	2696/26
5.	To Receive the Minutes of other Committees	
	It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee Thursday 15 th January 2026.	2697/26
6.	Adjourn the Meeting for Public Discussion	
	To adjourn for members of the public wishing to speak at the meeting in respect of items on the agenda or to update on relevant village matters. (5 mins per person) It was reported that the Railway Station is running as normal. Bridge works will commence 4-6 th April 2026. Train journeys should be checked around these work dates. WIB are planting the platform areas. The hedges on Mitton Road are still overgrown.	2698/26

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Credit interest of £36.26 was received into the reserve account on 30/1/2026.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Whalley Parish Council</th> <th>Cash Book</th> <th>FEBRUARY</th> <th colspan="4">2026</th> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="4">Approved Minutes Ref No:</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> </tr> <tr> <th>Chq No.</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Inv no.</th> <th>Payee / Payer</th> <th>Description</th> <th>NW Curr</th> <th>NW Bus Res</th> <th>NW QE2</th> <th>Skipton</th> <th>Total</th> <th></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th>£</th> <th>£</th> <th>£</th> <th>£</th> <th>£</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>02/02/2026</td> <td></td> <td>Easy Web</td> <td>Website/Email Services</td> <td>(78.83)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(78.83)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td></td> <td>E Haworth</td> <td>Salary/Office/Travel</td> <td>(1,341.66)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(1,341.66)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td></td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Tax£249.80 NIE£41.24 ENIE£171.98</td> <td>(463.02)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(463.02)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td>2.9E+08</td> <td>E-On Next</td> <td>Vale Gardens Electricity</td> <td>(14.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(14.00)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td>1005</td> <td>Abbey Gardening Services Ltd</td> <td>Vale Gardens (January 2026)</td> <td>(327.60)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(327.60)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td>1004</td> <td>Abbey Gardening Services Ltd</td> <td>Parish Churchyard (January)</td> <td>(418.80)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(418.80)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td>1687</td> <td>Gizzi Electrical & Engineering Ltd</td> <td>OGS Upper Garden Room Project</td> <td>(1,513.04)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(1,513.04)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td>1694</td> <td>Gizzi Electrical & Engineering Ltd</td> <td>OGS Upper Garden Room Project</td> <td>(1,116.96)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(1,116.96)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td>SplD78</td> <td>Altham Parish Council</td> <td>63 Mitton Road LC26</td> <td>(166.10)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(166.10)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td>JM3334</td> <td>WEF</td> <td>Room Hire Jan 2026</td> <td>(28.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(28.00)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td></td> <td>Whalley & District Lions</td> <td>WPC Grant</td> <td>(300.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(300.00)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td></td> <td>Ribble Valley Rail</td> <td>WPC Grant</td> <td>(300.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(300.00)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td></td> <td>Whalley In Bloom</td> <td>WPC Grant</td> <td>(2,000.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(2,000.00)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td></td> <td>Whalley Methodist - Elevesnes</td> <td>WPC Grant</td> <td>(500.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(500.00)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td></td> <td>Whalley Table Tennis Club</td> <td>WPC Grant</td> <td>(500.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(500.00)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>23/02/2026</td> <td></td> <td>Little Green Bus</td> <td>WPC Grant</td> <td>(300.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(300.00)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Movement in Month</td> <td></td> <td>(9,368.01)</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>(9,368.01)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Cash Book Balance at START of Month</td> <td></td> <td>9,971.88</td> <td>40,145.86</td> <td>1,095.00</td> <td>83,942.84</td> <td>135,155.58</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Cash Book Balance at END of Month</td> <td></td> <td>603.87</td> <td>40,145.86</td> <td>1,095.00</td> <td>83,942.84</td> <td>125,787.57</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Whalley Parish Council				Cash Book	FEBRUARY	2026				Approved Minutes Ref No:											Chq No.	Date	Inv no.	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	<p>The Parish Council will take part in the statutory consultation on all five proposals for the Government to gather views from residents and stakeholders. The consultation runs from Thursday 5 February and will run for 7 weeks, closing at 11:59pm on Thursday 26 March. Please take part and share your views.</p> <p>https://lancashirelgr.co.uk/</p> <p>Local government reorganisation in Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool - GOV.UK</p> <p>Next steps After the consultation closes, Government's current timeline is: - Summer 2026: Decision on the preferred option - May 2027: Shadow elections for new unitary councils - April 2028: New unitary councils go live</p>	2700/26																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
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	<p>It was resolved that the Parish Council would support the Friends of Whalley Moor Woodland with the purchase of a dog waste bin; however, the Council does not have the ability to service or empty the bin, and alternative arrangements for its ongoing maintenance will be required.</p>	2703/26																								
12.	Churchyard Wall																									
	<p>It was resolved to approve the works to the Churchyard wall at an estimated cost of between £5400 - £6200 subject to any works identified upon commencement.</p>	2704/26																								
13.	Village Traditional Signposts																									
	<p>It was resolved that the proposed traditional signposts project would be given further consideration, and that RV would review the details and potential locations for the fingerposts in greater depth.</p>	2705/26																								
14.	Ongoing/Standing Items																									
	<p>To note progress with ongoing matters – not for decision.</p> <p>14.1 Planning Permission Whalley Sports Park 14.2 QEII Playing Fields and Land Encroachment – letters sent to advise no right to access from gardens onto Parish Council land – any access must be closed off 14.3 Trustees of the QEII Playing Fields charitable trust 14.4 Wiswell Lane Welcome Sign 14.5 Whalley In Bloom Plaques (New and change of placement) 14.6 Churchyard Wall Repairs 14.7 Tree Report BTC3323 - Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields 14.8 Mitton Road overgrown hedges-WPC to address. 14.9 Parish Council owned bench numbering 14.10 LCC Tree works to the boundary of land at QEII land and A59 bypass 14.11 Register the bus station land with Land Registry 14.12 Carpark on Land South of Accrington Road Whalley-Oakmere Homes (NW)</p>	2706/26																								

15.	Partnership Meetings	
	<p>To receive reports from Borough/County Councillors and relevant Partnership Meetings impacting the Parish (e.g. LCC, RVBC, LALC, Parish Liaison, Police Partnership).</p> <p>County Cllr Mirfin has met with the Fire Service regarding funding. Flooding continues to be a high priority.</p> <p>Cllr Ball updated on the churchyard, and a meeting is to be scheduled in the forthcoming month.</p> <p>Cottam Trust Alms Houses are continuing work from the Quinquennial report. Cllr Ball attended the Old Grammar School Governors Meeting.</p> <p>Cllrs Highton & Threlfall attended the Parish Liaison Meeting which included a presentation on Local Government Reorganisation, Grant programmes, funding available Recreation and Culture Grants, Sporting Excellence Grants, Arts Excellence Grants, Ribble Valley in Bloom / Christmas Lights Grants, Voluntary Organisation Grants, CCTV Grant, Jubilee Fund and funds allocated to projects such as Clitheroe Castle and Ribblesdale Pool. Food waste bin roll out from 1/4/2026- although may be delayed until September 2026.</p>	<p>2707/26</p> <p>2708/26</p> <p>2709/26</p>
16.	Reports by Cllrs & Clerk as INFORMATION only – Not for decision	
	<p>Items arising and correspondence received since the last meeting for information only, which may give rise to a future agenda item.</p> <p>16.1 Neighbourhood Alerts/Stay In The Know 16.2 Trading Standards Service - Consumer Alerts 16.3 Whalley Queen St RAG Reports 16.4 NALC Executive Bulletins and newsletters 16.5 CPRE News Bulletins 16.6 Community Engagement - News items on Websites/Facebook 16.7 Crime Figures – January 16.8 LCC Heads up from Heath Protection – Feb 2026 bulletin 16.9 Shared Prosperity and Jubilee Fund Expression of Interest for a capital award of £10,000 – declined 16.10 RVBC Grants Information – CCTV? 16.11 TRN Urgent Road Closure - Church Lane, Whalley between 10:00 hours until 14:30 hours on 10th February 2026 until 11th February 2026 16.12 RVBC Four Lancashire: for residents and for communities</p> <p>Cllr Ball reported the flooding is still occurring on Broad Lane. Cllr Mirfin updated that the Environmental Agency is investigating.</p> <p>The Clerk highlighted the email received from the founder of SIS Strength in Struggles and asked whether the Council would like to invite Beck to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting. The RV MP should also be invited.</p> <p>The Chairman has received correspondence to meet with the Sports Groups of the QEII clubs.</p>	<p>2710/26</p> <p>2711/26</p> <p>2712/26</p> <p>2713/26</p>

15.	Next Meeting Date	
	The next meeting date is Thursday 19 th March 2026 to be held at Whalley Old Grammar School at 7.30pm in The Calder Room.	2714/26

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

Councillor Martin Highton