

Summary of Grant Applications 2026-27					
Organisation	Purpose	No of People to benefit from Parish	£ Project Amount	£ Amount Requested	Decision
Whalley Juniors Football club	Replacement of damaged football goals with new FA-compliant equipment. Request is for two sets of FA-compliant, freestanding wheeled football goals	Appx 100	£6000	£5000	£3000 Funding approved
Whalley in Bloom	Purchase of annual and perennial plants and compost etc for both spring/summer and autumn/winter planting as well as new and replacement of gardening equipment and planters as required. (Grant Application)	All residents throughout the village	£5000	£1000	£1000 Funding approved
Strength in Struggles (SIS)	To create a decked outdoor area to a shared community wellbeing garden.	200	£6250	£1000	Application does not currently meet funding criteria
Totals				£7000	£4000

10. Christmas Lighting	
10.1 Members considered the quotation, totalling £1,978.00, for the purchase and installation of new LED lighting in the natural tree in Vale Gardens and resolved to defer the decision and expenditure at this time. 10.2 Members resolved to approve the electrical upgrade required for the installation of a new column display, including the replacement of an unusable column and provision for the additional motif now available, at a cost of £295.00 + VAT for the electrical works and £110.00 + VAT for installation and removal - total cost of £405.00 + VAT.	2630/26 2631/26

11. Christmas in Whalley - A Community Celebrates Festival	
Members are pleased to support the Christmas event and resolved to make a contribution of £200 towards the cost of the brass band.	2632/26

12. QEII Playing Fields	
12.1 The council are awaiting further advice and quotations on the supply of the QEII electricity supply.	2633/26
12.2 The council are awaiting further advice on the QEII boundary fence matter.	2634/26

13. Speeding Awareness /Traffic Matters	
13.1 The Council discussed various highways and traffic matters around the village that were discussed with a LCC representative. Further information is to be provided by the council to take discussions further.	2635/26
13.2 Members reviewed the SpID report from 11 Mitton Road Whalley LC17 14 July-31 July 2026. Cllr Threlfall provided the summary below of the data.	2636/26

2025-2026 Speed Surveys	
Location:	LC17 11 Mitton Road
From	To
14th July 2026 (9th September 2025)	31st July 2026 (22nd September 2025)
No. of Vehicles	62493 (47566)
Ave Daily Vehicles	4807 (3397)
Max Speed	50 (45)
85th Percentile Speed	28.8 (28.6)
Vehicles at or below 85th percentile speed	53119 (40427)
Vehicles exceeding 85th percentile speed	9374 (7139)
50th Percentile Speed	24.0 (23.6)
Average Speed	23.89 (23.65)
Vehicles over speed limit	4142 (1892)

Comments:
 Compared to the 2025 survey, there was a 31% increase in traffic.
 5 vehicles were recorded at 50mph (highest speed)
 Thursdays had the highest number of vehicles exceeding the 30mph limit

14. Partnership Meetings	
To receive reports from Borough/County Councillors and relevant Partnership Meetings impacting the Parish (e.g. LCC, RVBC, LALC, Parish Liaison, Police Partnership). Cllr Smith and Cllr Threlfall met with Jason Lancaster, Highway Development Control Lead, Highways Network Management, Highways and Transport, Lancashire County Council, to discuss the Parish Council's objections to the Accrington Road, Whalley, Prohibition of Waiting – 104760 consultation. Lancashire County Council requested that the Parish Council provide further information to assist in understanding the issues and concerns surrounding the proposal. Cllr Smith and Cllr Threlfall will collate the relevant information and present it to the full Council for consideration at the October meeting before taken to LCC. Cllr Highton chaired the Parish Liaison Committee meeting this evening which covered topics including the introduction of the Community Liaison Officer from HARP, Mr Paul Williamson, RVBC asset management plan update is to pause transfers whilst it reviews the position, Local Government Reorganisation Update, Capital Project updates such as Clitheroe Castle and Ribblesdale Pool, and communication methods with LCC. Borough Cllr Hindle updated Members on recent capital projects in Whalley, including Whalley in Bloom and the Old Grammar School. He also referred to the forthcoming elections in May 2027 and suggested that information regarding the elections could be publicised to raise public awareness.	2637/26 2638/26 2639/26

	Cllr Hindle also raised concerns regarding the poor condition of some pavements in Whalley, noting that this can present difficulties for people with mobility issues. Cllr Smith updated the Council on minor works carried out to help prevent blockages in the watercourse near Brookside Close, including the removal of small self-seeded trees and other small vegetation. He also advised that he was seeking a meeting with a representative from Lancashire County Council's Flood Risk Management team to obtain advice regarding other sections where similar issues may arise.	2640/26
15.	Reports from Cllrs & Clerk as INFORMATION only – No Decision Required	
	15.1 Items Arising and Correspondence Items arising and correspondence received since the previous meeting are included for information only. These matters may, where appropriate, be considered for inclusion as future agenda items. 15.1.1 Neighbourhood Alerts/Stay In The Know/ Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Updates 15.1.2 Trading Standards Service - Consumer Alerts 15.1.3 Whalley Queen St RAG Reports 15.1.4 NALC/LALC Executive Bulletins and newsletters 15.1.5 Local Government Reorganisation in Lancashire - updates 15.1.6 Parish Online Newsletter 15.1.7 RVBC Assets – Consideration of Transfer to the Parish Council – paused due to LGR pause. 15.1.8 Parish Council Register of Interest Forms 15.1.9 Heritage Open Day at County Hall 15.1.10 Concurrent Function Grant 15.1.11 Lancashire County Council's Children's Services rated Outstanding and Good by Ofsted 15.1.12 Registrations are open for the Town and Parish Council Conference 2026 - Saturday 14 November, from 9.30am to 3.00pm, at The Exchange, County Hall, Preston. The conference will be followed by the LALC AGM for delegates who wish to remain for this session. 15.2 Reports by Councillors Cllr Ball updated on the recent Churchyard Committee meeting held on Monday 14 September. Cllr Ball reported on dirty road signs around King Lane/Station Road, Broad Lane drainage issues, Mitton Road overgrown hedges. Cllr Threlfall reported that there have been no replacement kerb edge marking outside of the Dog Inn to indicate no stopping, and others reported a missing bollard from the front of The Dog and another from across the road in front of Cosgroves. Cllr Mirfin commended the road works carried out by LCC especially on Clitheroe Road and the fixing of potholes.	2641/26 2642/26 2643/26 2644/26

	Litter bins continue to be an issue around the village – Co-op Car Park – responsibility of the Co-op, Procters Field, Hayhurst Street. A member of the public contacted the Council regarding the overflowing litter bin adjacent to the seating area on Hayhurst Street. Ribble Valley Borough Council confirmed that the bin had not been emptied as scheduled. It was noted, however, that litter and dog-waste bags were continuing to be placed on top of and around the full bin. Members agreed that this was unacceptable and should be addressed and monitored. Cllr Highton reported that all Council-owned benches have now been numbered to assist with the administration and maintenance of the asset register. The CCTV camera on The Sands has been updated. Members Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests forms were distributed for updating.	2645/26 2646/26 2647/26 2648/26
16.	Ongoing/Standing Items	
	To note progress with ongoing matters – not for decision. 16.1 Planning Permission Whalley Sports Park - ongoing 16.2 QEII Playing Fields and Land Encroachment - Unauthorised access points onto the playing field will continue to be monitored. Spoil left from new fence erected by cricket club to be removed and large commercial waste bins to be kept within sports club boundary. 16.3 QEII MUGA - New Electricity Supply 16.4 QEII Boundary fence along A59 16.5 Register the bus station land with Land Registry 16.6 Carpark on Land South of Accrington Road Whalley - Oakmere Homes (NW) 16.7 RVBC Assets – Consideration of Transfer to the Parish Council - paused 16.8 Wiswell Lane Welcome Sign 16.9 Village Traditional Signpost	2649/26
17.	Next Meeting Date	
	The next meeting date is Thursday 15 October 2026 to be held at Whalley Old Grammar School at 7.30pm in The Calder Room.	2650/26

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm.

Draft Minutes Subject to Confirmation