

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.30pm

Members of the public present: None.

Members of the Council present: Cllr Rayner (Chair) Cllr Haigh, Cllr Baldini, Cllr Cotterill, Cllr Cronin arrived 7.53pm.

1.1 Apologise for absence.

Cllr Heath– work

Cllr Leech – family commitment

Cllr Campbell – family commitment

Declarations of interest.

None

2.1 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council 13th April 2026. 1564/26 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026.

2.2 Agreed to not publish details of planning enforcement until matter is confirmed by enforcement.

3.1 Matters arising from the minutes of the Ordinary meeting on Monday 13th April 2026.

3.2 Action Log:

- Wig Wag signs - we received an update there is an issue with the supplier who went into receivership and they are looking for another supplier to take on the contract. Noted one is working intermittently.
- PCSO confirmed that he will monitor the 20mph limit on Cinder Hill. Highways confirm that there needs to be a 12-month review period before they will install the interactive signs. Residents confirm it is easier turning out of Grange Lane now the speed limit is lower. We will pick up a review in the autumn. Clerk to contact Gina Lewis regarding the proposal to reduce the speed limit towards Hartford down to a 40mph from the current 50mph.
- Quotes sought for resurfacing, only one quote received second quote not available. See below.

Cllr Cronin arrived 7.53

- Footpath enforcement policy, clerk to chase up with Cllr Lewis, their next meeting with the footpath officer is 14th May.

4. Clerk's report and correspondence

4.1 Discussed and agreed action to Clerk's report and correspondence: actions complete or on the agenda.

- An email was received earlier today from resident regarding parking on Dalefords Lane, clerk to respond inviting to a future meeting to discuss. Action: Clerk
- Clerk to respond to resident regarding an enforcement query on Clay Lane. Action: Clerk

5. Planning

5.1 1565/26 resolved the following planning application responses:

26/01008/FUL	The Saddlers	Single storey rear extension	No objection
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5.2 Appeals:

- Rushmere lodge for removal of 1.8m fence along the highway – appeal dismissed.
- Land at Vale Royal Drive for a conversion of a small workshop into a one-bedroom accommodation. Inspector ref: 6003063. Awaiting appeal decision.

5.3 Planning enforcements:

- The mosses – awaiting outcome of planning application; Clerk has requested an update on application.
- Static Caravan, land on Clay Lane – Clerk followed up with planning enforcement who has confirmed that the static caravan will be removed once repairs to tac room roof have been completed along with the container. Leave on list until removed.
- Folley Cottage – no update
- Covert Farm , Foxwist Green– no update.
- The Dingle, Foxwist Green – no update.
- Green Vale, Foxwist Green – no update.

6. Finances

6.1 The bank statements remain unchanged. Barclays account showed a balance remaining of £101,987.79. The total account balances is £119,909.28 (including savings accounts). 1566/26 agreed:

6.2 Pay Zurich insurance £309.50

6.3 Pay Cllr Leech – reimbursement for trees £391.97 8 trees and steaks and sign

6.4 Whitegate football club invoiced £500 and asked for insurance documents.

6.5 Pay Mid Cheshire Footpath Society £8

6.6 Pay CWAC invoice for 50% contribution to 20 mph £4691.50

6.7 Not nil CIL report – Received £1448.00

6.8 1567/26 agreed to make further changes to ensure digital compliance and migrate emails to the website host and adopt .gov.uk.

7. Road Safety update

7.1 Resident feedback on the 20mph limit, Cllr Rayner has received positive feedback. Some residents have enquired about the 20mph only being in force when school is open. It was noted that a review would look at how it is going in autumn with highways.

7.2 Noted that potholes continue to be an issue, particularly on Cassia Green, which have been reported several times and all responses are no further action. To ask our ward councillors for their support in addressing the poor road surface.

7.3 Noted large pieces of sandstone were place very close to the verge on Dalefords Lane, it appears someone has hit them and they have been moved aside. Clerk to include in a future newsletter to advise residents they are liable if they place items on the verge. Action: clerk

7.4 One quote for resurfacing received, **1568/26 all agreed** to waiver financial procedures due to safety concerns, additional quotes have been sought but not received to proceed with resurfacing. Cllr Cotterill to liaise with TP regarding the work, and Cllr Rayner, Cllr Baldini to meet with contractor and Chair of Recreation Room to ensure job specification is agreed.

Action: VC, PB, KR

8. Parish Issues

8.1 The Beeches - see action log above.

8.2 United Utilities – SC resident and Cllr Rayner met with United Utilities, they have offered community compensation due to damage caused and disruption.

8.3 Footpath action log – meeting 14th May, to report fallen tree FP6.

8.5 Climate action plan - solar panels at the Recreation room -three quotes received and one which meets the Recreation room requirements to install solar panels on the rear, the Parish Council agreed to fund the solar panels (quote provided). Cllr Cotterill to liaise with Cllr Heath to progress by arranging a meeting for next steps. Action: VC/CH

8.6 Infra-red camera passed to Cllr Haigh to try.

8.7 Whitegate conservation group - Cllr Rayner to chase the repairs to the cobbles, following our commitment to fund £1k.

8.8 Agreed we need a recruitment plan to attract new parish councillors for the May 2027 elections. Clerk to publish something in newsletter, Cllr Rayner to provide some wording. See how that goes, may consider a letter drop at a future date. Action: KR / Clerk.

8.9 Annual parish meeting 27th April – poor attendance, not all community groups attended, clerk to include in the donation advert that there is an expectation that community groups attend our annual parish meeting to give update. Action: clerk

9. Items for information and discussion only.

9.1 Noted receipt of letter today from Dalefords Lane resident, clerk to respond. Action: Clerk

9.2 Cllr Rayner received an hand written note from a young resident enquiring about a play area in the village, Cllr Rayner to respond. Action: KR

There being no further business meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.50pm.

Signed by the Chairman Dated

Date of next meeting 8th June 2026.

Outstanding actions (if removed they are complete)

Ref	Date	Action Log	Responsible
3.2	Mar / Apr 26	Wig Wag signs; GL to escalate as no action. GL to follow up with PCSO re 20mph enforcement and enquire about 50-40 mph reduction between Hartford and the village	GL
3.2	Jan/Feb / April May 26	Footpath enforcement report – ask GL to chase up where this is at. GL to chase	Clerk
7.4	May 26	Resurfacing progress Summer holiday	PB / VC
8.5	May 26	Progress solar panels	VC / CH
8.7	Feb / April / May 26	Whitegate conservation group – chase up proposals	KR
6.0	Mar 26	140 th School anniversary - £250 donation	Clerk
8.3	May 26	Stones on kerbside in future newsletter	Clerk
8.9	May 26	Include in donation invites that there is an expectation that they attend annual meeting	Clerk
9.1	May 26	Respond to resident of Dalefords Lane regarding parking	Clerk
4.2	May 26	Respond to resident regarding Clay Lane enforcement	Clerk

Agenda Call forward

Ref	Call forward date	Description
	Tbc	VRA re gritting, nuns grave
	Feb 27	Littler pick date
	Sep 26	Purchase bulbs for The Beeches

Notes: VC not attend June meeting