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**Minutes of Whatley Parish Council  
Held on Wednesday 13 March 2024 at 7:00pm  
at Holy Trinity Church, Chantry**

16 March 2024

**Member Present:**

Councillor Andrew Bramston (Chair)  
Councillor Richard Evans  
Councillor Will Palmer

Councillor Colin Boorer  
Councillor Jon Scott

**Officers Present:** Rachel Nash, Clerk

**Members of the Public:** One

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**Agenda**

- 032024.1 Chairs Welcome**
- 032024.2 Apologies for absence:**  
None received
- 032024.3 Declaration of Councillors' interests and requests for dispensation:**  
To declare any interests relating to the business of the meeting and receive any dispensation requests from the Clerk (Localism Act 2011 s29-34)  
  
None received
- 032024.4 Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
To confirm and sign as a correct record of the meeting held.  
  
**Approved and signed.**
- 032024.5 Somerset County Councillors' report**  
Cllr Barry Clarke was not in attendance but had sent a written report beforehand.
- 032024.6 Public Participation relating to meeting agenda items**  
Nothing to report.
- 032024.7 Presentation from external organisations:**  
Nothing to report

Signed by the Chair:

Dated:

8/8/24

**032024.8 Clerks Report**  
The Clerk gave an update on activities.

**032024.9 Finance: (Responsible Finance Officer)**

**Resolved to approve:**

- Current Expenditure at 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024
- Invoices for payment in March – clerk services £288.75
- Natwest Account – closure of account

**It was agreed that the Clerk would draft up a letter of closure to be signed and sent to Natwest.**

**032024.10 Local Farmers Liaison**  
Cllr Boorer provided a verbal update regarding concerns of walkers straying across fields, rubbish being dropped and fly tipping. The council will look into CCTV for both villages as a deterrent against this.

**032024.11 Roads & Highways Liaison**  
Cllr Scott provided a verbal update.

**032024.12 Chantry Village Liaison**  
Cllr Evans gave a verbal update and advised that the first meeting for residents would be at Chantry Church on 26 March at 7:00pm. Flyers will be going out to all properties in Chantry.

**032024.13 Whatley Village Liaison**  
Cllr Palmer gave a verbal update.

**032024.14 Quarry Liaison**  
Cllr Bramston gave a verbal update and advised that he would be attending the next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**032024.15 Communications**  
Ellie Swinhoe was in attendance and advised that she has been adding local businesses to the website and keeping documentation updated.

**032024.16 Local Business Liaison**  
Cllrs Evans & Palmer gave a verbal update.

**032024.17 Planning Applications**  
  
No applications have been received.

**032024.18 Parish Field**  
There was a discussion regarding the use of the field in Whatley. The Council have agreed to find out what the residents would like to use the field for before making a decision on how to proceed regarding maintenance of the grass.

**032024.19 WCGT Update**  
A written report was provided from the WCGT.

*Discussion regarding  
caption of interest  
of a Councillor doing  
the grass cutting.*

Signed by the Chair:



Dated:

*8/5/24*

- 032024.20**    **Items for next Agenda / Items to Report**
- Election of Chair, Vice Chair and RFO
  - Final 2023/2024 expenditure report
  - Audit return for the external auditors
  - Updates to policies, assets and insurance

**032024.21**    **Date and venue of Next Meeting**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at St Georges, Whatley

**032024.22**    **Exclusion of press and public**  
Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Members of the public and press are required to leave the meeting due to the following items being a confidential matter – staff discussion.

**The meeting finished at 8:30pm**

Signed by the Chair:



Dated:

8/5/24