

# WHESSOE PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend the MEETING of WHESSOE PARISH COUNCIL which will be held on MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2026 at 7 PM in WHESSOE PARISH HALL, Harrowgate Village, DL1 3AA for the purpose of transacting the business listed in the agenda below.

## AGENDA

Item	Subject	Owner	Time
1	<b>Introductions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apologies: to receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.</li> </ul>	DW	
2	<b>Public participation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents are invited to give their views and comments to the Parish Council on issues on this agenda.</li> </ul>		
3	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To notify of any item on the agenda in which you may have an interest.</li> </ul>	All	
4	<b>Minutes of meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To approve and sign the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council.</li> <li>All actions are covered in the agenda.</li> </ul>	All/DW	5 mins
5	<b>Planning:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider planning applications delivered before the meeting, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Darlington Borough Draft Local Plan Review 2025 – 2042 Consultation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Planning Committee Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – note report.</li> <li>Update regarding a meeting and walk around with Persimmon and residents from the Berrymead estate.</li> <li>Solar Farm update and their community benefit fund.</li> <li>Log of current planning applications – to note the latest position.</li> </ul>	All All BC Lawley All All	20 mins
6	<b>Parish Councillor vacancies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None at present.</li> </ul>		
7	<b>Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Committee Update – nothing for this meeting.</li> </ul>		
8	<b>Finance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bank reconciliations for January and February 2026 were completed on 11<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March respectively.</li> <li>Financial and Budget Statement to end of February 2026.</li> <li>Transactions exceeding £100 to end of February 2026.</li> </ul>	Clerk Clerk	10 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To appoint Kevin Pearce as internal auditor for the Parish Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>Banking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbal Update</li> </ul>	All  Clerk	
9	<p><b>IT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website – Verbal update</li> </ul>	Clerk	5 mins
10	<p><b>Review and approval of Council protocols and policies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assertion 10 - update</li> </ul>		15 mins
11	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerks and Councils Magazine</li> <li>Supporting Local Cancer Voices This Winter</li> </ul>	Clerk Clerk	5 mins
12	<p><b>Events and Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback from Events and Training</li> </ul>	All	5 mins
13	<p><b>Marketing and Social Media:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notice Board on Berrymead Farm – verbal update</li> </ul>	Clerk	5 mins
14	<p><b>Whessoe Parish Hall Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update from the Committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026.</li> <li>Hall Opening Rota</li> </ul>	DW Clerk	10 mins
15	<p><b>Social Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charity Donation update.</li> <li>Quiz Night hosts</li> <li>Charity for 2026-27</li> </ul>	Clerk Clerk All	10 mins
16	<p><b>Date of future meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council</li> </ul>	All	

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**The Press and Public are very welcome to attend this meeting.**