



You are invited to attend the next meeting of Whitworth Town Council, which will be held in the Council Chamber, Whitworth Civic Hall, Market Street, Whitworth on Thursday 16th January 2025 at 7.30pm

AGENDA:

1. To receive apologies and the reasons for absence.
2. To receive any Declarations of Interest.
3. To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2024, and to approve them by the signature of the Chairman as a correct record.
4. Public Question Time.
5. Planning Applications for consideration and comment:
2024/0482 House O Th Hill, Hall Fold, Whitworth, Rossendale OL12 8XL. Proposal: Householder: First floor side extension above existing domestic attached garage.
6. To receive and note the minutes of the Finance Monitoring Committee held on the 9th January 2025.
7. To receive and note the nine-month outturn.
8. To receive, and if appropriate accept, the planned budget for the 2025-2026 financial year.
9. To set the Precept upon the rating authority (Rossendale Borough Council) for the financial year 2025/2026.
10. To discuss recent flooding in Whitworth.
11. To discuss commenting on a Government Consultation: 'Strengthening The Standards and Conduct Framework For Local Authorities in England'.
12. To receive the report of the Town Mayor (not for discussion).
13. The Chairman or Clerk to answer questions from Councillors (Standing Orders 16 & 24 – 27, for information only).
14. To receive reports from delegates and representatives to outside organisations (for information only).
15. To receive and, if appropriate, adopt the financial statements presented by the Clerk.
16. To authorise the signing of orders for payment: schedule 11, 2024-2025.
17. To carry out the internal audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Hodson'.

R Hodson, Town Clerk

For more information: please contact Rachel Hodson, Town Clerk: tel: 01706 852018 / email info@whitworth.gov.uk or visit www.whitworth.gov.uk
In person: Whitworth Town Council Offices, Civic Hall, Whitworth, OL12 8DP
(Monday-Friday, 9:30am – 2pm)

WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
PRECEPT PLANNING 2025/2026 - final version 5

EXPENDITURE	I&E 2023/24	budget 2024/25	Est final 2024/25	budget 2025/26
Salaries (clerk/caretaker/lengthsman+1)	£ 68,136.00	£ 72,000.00	£ 68,772.20	£ 84,000.00
Parish Lengthsman materials	£ 239.00	£ 500.00	£ 327.39	£ 500.00
Audit Fee	£ 420.00	£ 420.00	£ 420.00	£ 420.00
Bank Charges and paypal fees	£ 234.00	£ 350.00	£ 244.37	£ 350.00
Conferences & Training/Member Expenses	£ 430.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00
Insurance	£ 1,391.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00
Machine Rental & Printing	£ 1,042.00	£ 750.00	£ 659.25	£ 750.00
Membership Fees	£ 1,147.00	£ 1,250.00	£ 1,154.30	£ 1,300.00
Office Expenses & stationery	£ 7,372.00	£ 7,800.00	£ 7,275.99	£ 8,000.00
Legal and Professional fees	£ 5,556.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
Postage	£ 309.00	£ 350.00	£ 333.75	£ 500.00
Telephone & Broadband	£ 535.00	£ 800.00	£ 401.19	£ 450.00
Website	£ 479.00	£ 500.00	£ 405.00	£ 1,500.00
<u>Statutory / Civic Expenses:</u>				
Civic (Community) Carol Service	£ 172.00	£ 200.00	£ 202.62	£ 250.00
Civic Dinner	£ 750.00	£ 750.00	£ 726.00	£ 850.00
Civic Sunday	£ 100.00	£ 200.00	£ 210.00	£ 200.00
Elections	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Mayoral Allowance	£ 2,220.00	£ 2,320.00	£ 2,320.00	£ 2,400.00
Remembrance Sunday	£ 559.00	£ 500.00	£ 543.33	£ 600.00
Section 137		£ 100.00	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Update Mayoral and Hon Townsman board	£ 720.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 375.00	£ 300.00
<u>Other Expenses:</u>				
Sponsorship / Donations	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Horticultural Projects	£ 594.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 966.87	£ 1,000.00
Magazine	£ 2,964.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,841.50	£ 2,500.00
Special Projects police vehicle	£ 1,507.00	£ 1,800.00	£ 4,270.63	£ 2,650.00
christmas lights	£ -	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 4,000.00
CCTV	£ -	£ 750.00	£ -	£ -
Cattle grid, Whitworth Rake	£ 12,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
80th anniversary D Day	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Waingap Woods maintenance	£ 10,390.00	£ -	£ 1,000.00	
Fencing Mildred Crabtree picnic area		£ 5,000.00	£ 2,600.00	£ -
Maintenance of Chamber furniture		£ 1,000.00	£ 611.67	£ -
Honorary Townsman		£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Flagpole Service		£ -	£ 985.00	£ -
Whitworth Leisure Centre			£ 2,320.00	£ -
Parliament week	£ -	£ 150.00	£ -	£ -
Contingency	£ 289.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Community Toilet Scheme and Healey toilets	£ 1,132.00	£ 1,200.00	£ 1,800.48	£ 1,650.00
Regalia	£ 102.00	£ 100.00	£ 95.01	£ 200.00
Other expenses				
Total Expenditure	£ 123,789.00	£ 115,090.00	£ 113,761.54	£ 125,270.00
<u>INCOME</u>				
Precept	£ 60,384.00		£ 69,901.50	
Bank Interest and Investment Income	£ 23,441.00	£ 21,400.00	£ 23,927.02	£ 21,400.00
Caretaker contrib (RBC/other)	£ 32,735.00	£ 22,988.00	£ 22,950.00	£ 22,988.00
LCC funding (lengthsman/other)	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
other	£ 300.00	£ 300.00	£ 2,492.18	£ 300.00
Total Income	£ 117,360.00	£ 45,188.00	£ 119,770.70	£ 45,188.00
precept amount		£ 69,902.00		£ 80,082.00
Amount financed from reserves				
Band D equiv for 25/26				2,365
Precept per band D in 2025/2026				£ 33.86
Precept per band D in 2024/2025				£ 30.97
Increase				£ 2.89
%age increase				9.3%
Movement in Earmarked reserves			£ 570.00	
Surplus/ (deficit) - transferred to general reser	-£ 6,429.00		£ 6,579.16	