

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL, held on Thursday
6th November 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber

Present

Chairman

Councillor Whitehead

Councillors

Councillor Blezard

Councillor Burton

Councillor Butterworth

Councillor Chorlton

Councillor Neal

Councillor Smith

Councillor Whitworth

Clerk of the Council: Miss R Hodson

Business Admin Apprentice: Miss A Luxton

No members of the public were present; no members of the press were present.

119. To receive apologies and the reasons for absence.

Councillor Baron was unable to attend due to work commitments and Councillor Greenwood was unable to attend due to being unwell.

120. To receive any declarations of interest.

Councillor Neal declared a personal interest in agenda item 3 as a member of Rossendale Borough Council. Councillor Smith declared a personal interest in agenda item 3 as a member of Rossendale Borough Council and a trustee of Rossendale Leisure Trust.

121. To discuss Local Government Reorganisation.

It was resolved that this item on the agenda be discussed at the exclusion of press and public since it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under Part 1 Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. This was moved by Councillor Chorlton and seconded by Councillor Neal.

It was resolved that councillors would form a working group including Cllr Blezard, Cllr Chorlton, Cllr Smith and Cllr Whitworth to focus on Local Government Reorganisation and present back to Full Council. This was moved by Councillor Chorlton and seconded by Councillor Smith.

Members of the public were invited to return to the chamber.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:10pm

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