



Minutes of the Meeting of
WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL General Purpose Committee held on
THURSDAY 5th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber

Chairman

Councillor L Burton

Councillors

Councillor K Blezard

Councillor S Butterworth

Councillor D Chorlton

Councillor J Greenwood

Councillor RA Neal

Official Clerk of the Council: Miss R Hodson

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

215. To receive apologies and the reasons for absence.
Apologies were received in advance of the meeting from Councillor Baron who was unwell, Councillors Smith and Whitehead who were working and Councillor Ritson who was attending a different meeting.
216. To receive any Declarations of Interest.
Councillor Neal declared a personal non-pecuniary interest in the schedule of payments.
217. To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2025, and to approve them by signature of the Chairman as a correct record.
It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December 2025, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were correct and should be approved by the signature of the Chairman as a correct record. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Blezard.
218. Public Question Time.
None.
219. Planning Applications for consideration and comment:
None.
220. To consider commenting on a Rossendale Borough Council's updated Alterations and Extensions to Residential Properties Draft Supplementary Planning Document.
Councillors discussed this and gave their collective responses to the clerk.
221. To receive reports from delegates and representatives to outside organisations (for information only)
Councillor Greenwood reported from the recent Whitworth Multi Agency meeting regarding illegal offroad activity, dumping in Whitworth and that a new community police officer should be covering Whitworth soon.
222. To receive and, if appropriate, adopt the financial statement presented by the clerk.
It was resolved that Council receive and adopt the financial statement presented by the clerk. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Chorlton.

223. To authorise the signing of orders for payment: schedule 14, 2025-2026.

The clerk explained the Schedule of Accounts Payable in the form of Reports 14, 2025-2026 and asked for approval. It was resolved that approval be given for the Schedule of Accounts payments. This was moved by Councillor Chorlton and seconded by Councillor Blezard.

224. To carry out the Internal Audit.

Members carried out an internal audit of bank statements; invoices and Schedule of Accounts Payable; balances against bank statements and receipts and petty cash. All was found to be in order.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:45pm.