



Chairman

Councillor Scott Smith

Councillors

Kim Blezard

Louise Burton

David Chorlton

Julie Greenwood

Debbie Marshall

Janet Whitehead

Official Clerk of the Council: Miss R Hodson

Admin assistant: Miss S Cutler

1 member of the public was present; no members of the press were present.

59. To receive apologies and the reasons for absence.

Apologies were received in advance of the meeting from Councillor Neal who is visiting Kandel with Whitworth's Town Twining delegation, Councillor Ritson who had a family emergency, Councillor Whitworth who was working and Councillor Butterworth who is on holiday.

60. To receive any Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Blezard declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9.

61. To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2026, 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 5th March 2026, 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 Greenwood and seconded by Councillor Blezard.

62. Public Question Time. None.

63. Planning Applications for consideration and comment:

- a) *2026/0289 Health Clinic, Brenbar Crescent, Whitworth, Lancashire, OL12 8BB - Change of use to a non-residential school (Class F.1) and associated works.*

It was resolved that Council support this planning application. This was moved by Councillor Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Burton.

- b) *2026/0141 Former Workers Public House, 273 Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8PW - Full: Change of use from public house/club to 8 No. self-contained apartments with associated car parking.*

It was resolved that Council have no objection to this planning application. This was moved by Councillor Burton and seconded by Councillor Whitehead.

- c) *2026/0034 2 Eagley Bank, Shawforth, Lancashire, OL12 8HE – first floor extension to side elevation over existing ground floor – amended application.*

It was resolved that Council have no objection to this planning application. This was moved by Councillor Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Blezard.

- d) *2026/0271 19 King Street, Facit, Whitworth, Lancashire, OL12 8LR - Section 73 application to vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans), pursuant to planning approval 2019/0525: to enable amendments including the creation of an open gable roof instead of hipped roof on the second story, and omission of lean to roof on the rear extension to create a flat roof.*

It was resolved that Council have no objection to this planning application. This was moved by Councillor Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Blezard.

64. To consider commenting on Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Community Risk's draft Management Plan.
Councillors discussed this and gave their collective responses to the clerk.
65. To receive and note the minutes of the Finance Monitoring Committee meeting held on August 4th, 2026.
It was resolved that Council receive and note the minutes of the meeting. This was moved by Councillor Burton and seconded by Councillor Blezard.
66. To discuss amendments to Whitworth Town Council's payroll arrangements.
It was resolved that Council approve the suggested amendments to Whitworth Town Council's payroll arrangements. This was moved by Councillor Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Burton.
67. To discuss maintenance/improvements required to Whitworth Leisure Centre.
It was resolved that Council approve the suggested contribution towards maintenance/improvements to Whitworth Leisure Centre. This was moved by Councillor Marshall and seconded by Councillor Whitehead. Councillor Blezard abstained from the vote on this agenda item.
68. To receive reports from delegates and representatives to outside organisations (for information only)
Councillor Chorlton updated those present on the plans for this weekend's Rushcart event organised by the TLC.
Councillor Blezard reported on Teenage Headliners event organised by the TLC.
Councillor Blezard reported on a successful summer of events at Whitworth Leisure Centre and spoke about her pride about being involved with such a great team of staff/trustees.
Councillor Blezard updated those present regarding the membership of Whitworth Sports Council and spoke about plans for the Junior Fell Race and Skyline next year.
Councillor Whitehead reported that Councillor Smith has taken over as chair of Whitworth In Bloom.
Councillor Smith reported that Whitworth Community Choir have a new conductor.
69. To receive and, if appropriate, adopt the financial statements presented by the clerk.
It was resolved that Council receive and adopt the financial statements presented by the clerk. This was moved by Councillor Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Chorlton.
70. To authorise the signing of orders for payment: schedule 5 and 6, 2026-2027.
The clerk explained the Schedule of Accounts Payable in the form of Reports 5 and 6, 2026-2027 and asked for approval. It was resolved that approval be given for the Schedule of Accounts payments. This was moved by Councillor Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Chorlton.
71. 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.