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**Monday 15th September 2025, 7pm. Meeting Room, Village Institute**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllr Walkden, Cllr Wright, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Pritchard, J.Jones, S. Openshaw, A. Harrison (Clerk)

Meeting commenced at 19:03

The Parish Council would like to thank Councillor James Staveley for his long-standing service to the community as a Parish Councillor. James has now resigned from the position and will be much missed. We are very grateful for all your hard work.

**26/54 – Apologies for absence –** Cllr Cheshire, C. Halstead

**26/55 - Declarations of interests and dispensations –** Cllr Wright is on the Village Institute committee.

**26/56 – To approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 9th June, 2025 and meeting held on Monday 14th July, 2025 - approved**

**26/57 – To co-opt to the Council – two vacancies –** one expression of interest received, application pack sent.

**26/58 - Council Admin –**

Santander bank account is introducing a new charge of £4.99/month. Cllr Cheshire to update – Clerk to contact via email for an update. Proposal – Transfer £2000 from Santander - agreed

**26/59 Finances:**

**Expenses:** Lengthsman’s wages £418.00

C. Halstead £209.00

Clerk’s wages - £356.08 (£51.60 to HMRC)

Microsoft Office - £84.99

Mcafee Anti-virus - £59.99 (2 year subscription – required credit card to purchase – Clerk to purchase and be re-imbursed)

Parish Online website - £432

Parish Online mapping - £72

Recorded post, Land Registry - £5.75 (to be reimbursed to Clerk)

Land Registry fees - £45

**Income: none**

**All expenses approved.**

**26/60 Wray Village Institute –** Harrison Drury Solicitors instructed to act on Parish Council’s behalf. Village Institute require a complete freehold land transfer to meet terms of their charitable status. Solicitors instructed to review Institute Constitution prior to agreeing terms of transfer.

**Proposal:** Council to resolve on type of transfer and instruct solicitors accordingly – Council agreed to a full freehold transfer, dependent on review of Institute Constitution by our solicitors.

**26/61 Banking –** £10,000 transferred to Virgin bank account. As of 31st July, £2,215,81 remains in Santander account. Proposal – transfer £2000 - approved

**26/62 Neighbourhood Plan –** no matters arising

**26/63 Planning Applications –** Crag Hall, Crag Road, Wray – change of use of barn and extension to connect barn to main residence. **No objections.**

**Thistle House –** replacement windows on rear elevation**. No objections.**

**26/64 PROWs: Main St – Home Farm, DMMO 804-763 –** Appeals process is ongoing.

**Wennington Rd DMMO 804-620** – Lancashire County Council are now starting the process to request written representations from any objections received on this application. No objections from Council.

Clerk to continue with application for land registry for land between Main Street and School Field – submitted to Land Registry and received by them – suggested completion date of 20 November 2026

**26/65 Blooming Wray** Council to consider the benches Emma O’Kane has sent through for their consideration. Green Barnes – traditional bench in recycled plastic - £613 per bench, £22-30 depending on fittings to ground. Council to advertise the project and to enquire about sponsorship for 2 benches or plaques for benches (Cllr Walkden to action). £997.20 for disability friendly picnic benches.

**26/66 Village Greens –** Council to select picnic table/bench to order for Flood Garden. 1 picnic table considered in place of bench which needs repairing.

Update on benches around the Mosaic area on Flood Gardens – **deferred.**

Curved benches – clerk to contact carpenters/ engineers to fix benches.

**26/67 - Speed calming measures for the village**

**SPIDS** – New location proposals for SPIDs sent to LCC for assessment following feedback from the consultation process. Approved sites still under consideration. Landowners consent to be determined. **Clerk to email landowner and LCC to organise site assessment.**

Email received 5th September from Whittington Parish Council about their concerns for speeding around the local area and suggesting a community meeting of local councils, Speed Awareness team, Police etc. Council agreed to this proposal – Clerk to inform that we are in support of such a meeting.

**26/68 - Smithy Brow:**

Consider selling Parish car park spaces on Main Street, Smithy Brow, to raise funds for future projects. One expression of interest received via email. Cllr Walkden produced copy for Wrayly Mail. Clerk posted on Facebook and website. Solicitors instructed to act on our behalf. **Clerk to contact solicitor to follow up on how we can handle the sale.**

**26/69 AOB –**

Resignation received from Cllr Staveley.

Email received from parishioner about use of glyphosate used by LCC in their recent weedkilling visit, suggesting Parish Council should complain about the use of this in the village. Parishioner noted that they weren't following proper health and safety procedures and also residents' private property. Resident reports there was no signage on van, no strong box, worker was not wearing proper safety gear either. Council proposed to send a message to LCC to advise that the land on one side of the village is private property and should not be sprayed. Also a request that glyphosate not be used in the future and more natural remedies be used – **Proposal Approved**.

Email received from parishioner about woody nightshade growing over the wall into the playground. Reported to Lengthsman and has been cut down and added to the Lengthsman’s programme of work.

**26/69 - Date and time of next meeting –** Monday 13th October, 2025, 7p.m.