

Great & Little Whelnetham Parish Council

The Parish Councillors of Great & Little Whelnetham are summoned to attend the Council Meeting of the Parish Council on **Wednesday 25 March 2026** commencing at 7.30pm at Great Whelnetham Community Centre.

Public Attendance – the public are welcome to attend this meeting, however, if you would prefer to email the clerk prior to the meeting at clerkwhelnethampc@outlook.com with a question this will be put to the council and you will receive a response by email.

The council, members of the public and press may record/film/photograph or broadcast this meeting when the public and press are not lawfully excluded.

AGENDA

1.	Opening meeting	7.30pm
2.	Apologies a) Council to receive apologies for absence b) Council to consent to accept apologies received	
3.	Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests	7.32pm
4.	To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of 14 January 2026 (minutes as detailed on website) emailed prior to meeting	
5.	Public Forum - Chair's report, circulated prior to meeting - County Council and District Councillor Karen Soons' latest report, circulated prior to meeting (Feb & Mar), - Clerk's report circulated prior to meeting - Questions from the public present at the meeting, - Emails rec'd from public, see 8 c below. - Correspondence circulated prior to the meeting: Bury Stray Cat Fund re their planning application, Play Inspection Report Jan 2026, Planning Reforms, SALC news on Road Safety Changes	7.35pm
6.	Statutory Business a) Review, consider and approve the statutory legal power identified in LGA, S137 Expenditure: Limit for 2026-2027, notification of appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for parish and town councils in England for 2026-27 is £11.60. The limit of expenditure is £11.60 x 1064 (per head of population = £12,342.40 for Gt & Lt W'ham PC. b) Review the following policies: Grant Awarding, Filming & Lone Worker c) Receive and approve SALC Internal Audit Service agreement letter as auditor for 2025-2026. d) Review and approve updated Standing Orders e) Review and approve Financial Regs f) Approve and adopt the IT Policy. g) Review and approve revised Website Accessibility Statement h) Review Data Protection Policy i) Review and approve updated Privacy Policy	7.50pm
7.	Planning Applications decided by PC since last meeting	8.00pm

	<p>-DC/26/0093/TCA - Trees in a conservation area notification - one cherry and one hazel (marked 1 and 2 on plan) coppice and the removal of ivy from one hawthorn LOCATION Post Office House Bury Road Sicklesmere Suffolk, unanimous support.</p> <p>- DC/25/1972/FUL Proposal Planning application - a. replacement cat pens and installation of isolation pen b. change of use of bungalow to reception/offices c. cladding to all elevations d. insertion of door on rear elevation of existing bungalow e. installation of covered walkway f. alterations to existing access and parking Location Friars Orchard, Bury Stray Cats Home Bury Road Little Whelnetham Suffolk IP30 0UH Applicant Chair Louise Purnell, Bury's Stray Cat Fund, unanimous support.</p> <p>-DC/26/0239/HH Householder planning application - a. one detached cart lodge b. alterations to front porch c. cladding and render added to all elevations d. single storey front extension e. single storey side extension with replacement roof to utility f. alterations to windows and doors on rear and side elevations g. replacement roof to existing conservatory including two roof lights to conservatory roof Location Oak House Bury Road Stanningfield Suffolk IP29 4RX Applicant Mr and Mrs Coe, support</p> <p>- Planning Application DC/25/02730 – Babergh/Mid Suffolk – Valley Farm Solar Farm north of Gedding, 15Km southeast of BSE, objected.</p>	
8.	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Payments since last meeting and bank reconciliation</p> <p>b) To receive and approve the bi-monthly statement and cheques to be issued</p> <p>c) Request for grant for grass cutting at both Lt & Gt W'ham churches</p>	8.02pm
9.	<p>Council to consider</p> <p>a) Children's Playground – review Service Level Agreement with WSC re playground inspection</p> <p>b) Communities Capital Fund – grant application</p> <p>c) New Gov.uk email footer</p> <p>d) Railway Walk – Sat 16 May – confirmation from SCC Ecologist Tim Outlaw for 'Walk & Talk' – other activities tbc</p> <p>e) Town & Parish Council Sites – WSC</p>	8.10pm
10	Reported collapsing Little W'ham road over RW bridge to M Fox @SCC Highways	8.40pm
11	Matters for consideration at next meeting	8.50pm
12	Close of meeting	8.55pm
13	Date of next meeting, Wednesday 13 May 2026	

Elaine Gorman
Clerk
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