



Whitbourne Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

27th May 2026

Held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 7.00pm

Present:

N Shaw (NS) (Chair); R James (RJ); L Kershaw (LK); J Ashcroft (JA); P Davis (PD)

In Attendance: No members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

K Phillips (Clerk); P Wood (PDW); S Knowles (SK)

2. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

See attached report given by the Chairman

3. Public Discussion of any matters relating to Whitbourne

No members of the public present

Meeting Closed at 19:08

Signed Cllr N Shaw (Chairman)

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Annual Report from the Chairman of Whitbourne Parish Council.

Over the year, the Parish Council has continued to deal with a wide range of parish business in a steady and practical way. We have maintained sound governance and financial control, including approval of the year-end accounts and governance statement, re-adoption of the Council's key policies, and successful internal and external audit outcomes.

A good deal of work has gone into local infrastructure and parish maintenance. The Council progressed the white gates and village signage project through approval, ordering and installation, and continued to support practical work through the Lengthsman scheme, including drainage, verge and highway-related matters across the parish. Further progress was also made on drainage works at Church Bank, supported by grant funding.

The Council also continued to support community resilience and local initiatives. During the year, work progressed on SmartWater and We Don't Buy Crime signage, support was given for defibrillator consumables, and further attention was given to grit bins and other parish assets. Interest was also renewed in the Neighbourhood Development Plan working group, and initial steps were taken on biodiversity planning.

Planning matters remained an important part of the Council's work. Between May 2025 and March 2026, the Parish Council considered five planning consultation items, including one application that returned for further consideration.

The Council was supported by our Herefordshire Councillor, Cllr. Peter Stoddart, who successfully persuaded the highways dept to resurface and deliver drainage works to the A44 where it passes through our parish.

Finally, I would like to thank councillors, the Clerk, our volunteers and all those in the community who continue to support the work of the Parish Council throughout the year.

Nigel Shaw

Chairman Whitbourne Parish Council