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**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7:00pm  
at Holy Trinity, Chantry**

25<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Council Members Present:**

Councillor Andrew Bramston (Chair)  
Councillor Richard Evans  
Councillor Will Palmer  
Councillor Sarah Byrne

**Officers Present:** North Somerset Councillor Barry Clarke

- 112025.1 Chairs Welcome**
- 112025.2 Apologies for absence:**  
Apologies received from Cllr Scott.
- 112025.3 Declaration of Councillors' interests and requests for dispensation:**  
None declared
- 112025.4 Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
The minutes were confirmed and signed as a correct record of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025.
- 112025.5 Somerset County Councillors' report**  
Councillor Clarke had previously circulated a report and gave a verbal update.
- 112025.6 Public Participation relating to meeting agenda items**  
None in attendance
- 112025.7 Presentation from external organisations:**  
None in attendance
- 112025.8 Clerk's Report**  
The Clerk had submitted their report with the agenda.

Clerk was asked to find out the number of houses and the number or residents in Whatley and Chantry and to check about the exercise stations for the Quarry/Quarry loop, and would the current insurance cover this or not

Query on Website hosting payment. Clerk to advise situation and report back to the Council.

**112025.9 Finance: (Responsible Finance Officer)**  
The council **resolved** to approve:

- Current Expenditure at 31 October 2025
- Invoices for payment in November 2025
- Invoices for pre-approval for payment in December 2025

The Council are considering increasing the budget for 2026-2027 by 10%. This will be confirmed at the January 2026 meeting.

**112025.10 Local Farmers Liaison**  
Nothing to report.

**112025.11 Roads & Highways Liaison**  
Nothing to report.

**112025.12 Chantry Village Liaison**  
Cllr Bramston gave a verbal update.

30% of Chantry residents sponsoring the upkeep of the Church and will look to raise further funds by means of a Christmas Card appeal. Whatley is charging for the use of their church.

The Parish Council has the possibility of stepping in to financially support both churches. Via Precept funds, possibly.

The Quarry has donated a Christmas Tree, which will arrive around 29<sup>th</sup> November.

There will be a Quiz night on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December

We still need to find a way to encourage more participation in each both Chantry and Whatley's events. Key to this will be good communication and coordination between the groups, especially for the playing field.

**112025.13 Whatley Village Liaison**  
Cllr Palmer gave a verbal update.

**112025.14 Quarry Liaison**  
Report circulated by Cllr Bramston:

The Quarry are running an electric/battery powered locomotive to reduce noise

We have asked to get the speed trap in place between Whatley & Chantry

It is still expected that Westdown will open in Autumn 2026 or potentially the year after.

**112025.15 Communications**  
Nothing to report.

**112025.16 Local Business Liaison**  
Nothing to report.

- 112025.17 Planning Applications**  
No comments on the planning applications
- 112025.18 WCGT Update**  
Nothing to report.
- 112025.19 Items for next Agenda / Items to Report**
- Freedom of Information policy
  - CCTV policy
  - Assets
- 112025.20 Date and venue of Next Meeting**  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at St Georges, Whatley  
Cllrs Bramston and Evans have advised they are away for this meeting
- 112025.21 Exclusion of press and public**  
Not required

The meeting finished at 8:00pm