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**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 7:00pm
at St Georges, Whatley**

25th September 2025

Council Members Present:

Councillor Andrew Bramston (Chair)
Councillor Jon Scott
Councillor Will Palmer
Councillor Sarah Byrne

Officers Present: North Somerset Councillor Barry Clarke

- 092025.1 Chairs Welcome**
- 092025.2 Apologies for absence:**
Apologies received from Cllr Evans.
- 092025.3 Declaration of Councillors' interests and requests for dispensation:**
None declared
- 092025.4 Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2025**
The minutes were confirmed and signed as a correct record of the meeting held on 9th July 2025.
- 092025.5 Somerset County Councillors' report**
Councillor Clarke had previously circulated a report and gave a verbal update.
- 092025.6 Public Participation relating to meeting agenda items**
None in attendance
- 092025.7 Presentation from external organisations:**
None in attendance
- 092025.8 Clerk's Report**
The Clerk had submitted their report with the agenda.
- 092025.9 Finance: (Responsible Finance Officer)**
The council **resolved** to approve:
- Current Expenditure at 31 August 2025
 - Invoices for payment in September 2025
 - Invoices for pre-approval for payment in October 2025

The following policies were approved:

- Accessibility
- Safeguarding
- Health & Safety
- Data Protection

092025.10 Local Farmers Liaison

Cllr Byrne gave a verbal update that she is still getting round to speak to everyone.

092025.11 Roads & Highways Liaison

Cllr Scott gave a verbal update.

092025.12 Chantry Village Liaison

Cllr Bramston provided the following report:

Brotsky Quartet - The Link with the Frome Festival and using Holy Trinity church as a concert venue worked very well. The concert was a sell out and it is planned to link again next year for another concert. There has been some interest about using the church for other classical concerts following the July concert.

Forthcoming events - 24th Robin Thorne will return to Chantry to talk about the history of Chantry. 25th October James Hornsby - (an international acclaimed actor) will perform / narrate Charles Dickens Great Expectations

The monthly pop-up pub (Thirsty Third Thursdays) is proving popular and 40 - 50 residents typically pass by. The plan is to continue through the autumn and winter. A local resident has obtained a personal licence to enable us to have up to 50 Temporary Event notices to sell alcohol in the church.

Friends of Chantry have had 2 picnic benches provided to the church for community use by Heidelberg materials, and they have also sent a team to remove the oil tank and boiler for the basement.

The quarry loop day was a great success, with a good attendance by both Whatley and Chantry residents to complete the 4.5-mile path around Whatley quarry. The work HM have done to make the path more accessible is very good and well appreciated. We are still hoping they will put in place exercise stations. HM sponsored the Friends groups to £2,000 with the amount shared and money now received.

Roof and floor repairs and making the basement area of the church suitable for storage are the next priorities.

Liaison with Whatley - we still need to find a way to encourage more participation in each other's events. Key to this will be good communication and coordination between the groups.

Discussion took place regarding CCTV and Speed Indicator Devices for Chantry, with a view to replicating for Whatley.

092025.13 Whatley Village Liaison

Cllr Palmer gave a verbal update.

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Quarry Liaison

Report circulated by Cllr Bramston:

Overall business is slightly down on last year, but more material is being taken out by road than in the past. Probably with the reduction of large structure projects impacting rail deliveries.

It is still expected that Westdown will open in Autumn 2026 - we expect an update at the next liaison meeting.

Whatley Quarry have made a strong effort to reduce the impact of blasting to the local residents of Chantry

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Communications

Nothing to report.

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Local Business Liaison

Nothing to report.

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Planning Applications

No planning applications were submitted for discussion.

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WCGT Update

Nothing to report.

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Items for next Agenda / Items to Report

- Clarification of where data is held
- Clarification regarding the external report for Accessibility
- Draft CCTV policy
- Draft budget for 2026/27

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Date and venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th November 2025 at Holy Trinity, Chantry

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Exclusion of press and public

Not required

The meeting finished at 8:00pm