



## Annual Report 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Whalley PC is made up of 9 councillors who are volunteers and receive no financial support for the many hours spent working for the village. It was an honour to be re-elected Chairman at last years AGM and I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their support this year.

The council held the usual 11 monthly meetings plus AGM and Precept meeting (with a public attendance varying between 1 and 9 which often included one or both borough councillors and sometimes a representative from the police).

Planning meetings are normally held each month where any planning applications are considered and comments passed to RVBC, any objections can only be made on planning grounds. However, this year has been dominated by the public consultation on Ribble Valley's 'Core Strategy' and two major planning applications for further housing developments in the village. This involved arranging 2 challenging public meetings and several extra planning meetings to prepare our response. RVBC were left in no doubt about the strength of feeling in the village on the document and the planning applications. I would particularly like to thank our Chair of Planning, Councillor Stephen Barker for the many hours of preparation prior to these meetings and successfully speaking against the Coop application at the Ribble Valley planning committee. We were pleased that the committee refused permission for this development but we await news on the appeal against this decision and the date for determination of the proposed CEG development

Other regular committee meetings are:

**Churchyard:** Whalley is a closed churchyard and is a major responsibility for the PC. The general maintenance contract continues to work well. A further area has been cleared and turfed this year, the appearance is much improved and this will be much easier to maintain. Trees and slippery paths continue to be a major problem and need constant attention. This year the tree survey has identified a tree that needs removing. A major worry for the PC is the condition and safety of a number of gravestones, a survey has identified a number that are in urgent need of attention and a programme of repair has started.

**Grounds & Gardens:** good progress this year. I would like to thank our lengthsman, David Smalley and the gardener for their work in this area

The PC also holds a joint meeting with the Calderstones Executive and is represented on many other committees and bodies.

**Pickwick:** I would like to thank the Pickwick Committee for their work in creating a successful event and promoting the village and hope that they will continue in this role. They have my support and that of the Parish Council.

**Whalley Economic Action Plan:** No further progress with the plan this year.

**Toilets:** some rectification work was completed following the 12 month defect survey and the operating lease was finally signed!

Youth Shelter: This project has been under consideration this year but there are still major outstanding issues to resolve particularly potential location. I would specifically like to thank Councillor Jill Taylor for her work on this project.

Best Kept Village and Britain in Bloom. A group led by members of the C of T is planning to enter the village in the Britain in Bloom and also the Best Kept Village competition next year. The P C has offered the group a grant and support from the lengthsman and gardener.

Flood Protection: Ribble Valley BC have provided flood protection equipment to many 'at risk' properties through the E A flood protection grant scheme

War Memorial: I would like to thank Mr George Hardman for his help and support in the maintenance of this area.

The constitution for the Whalley and Wiswell Joint Burial Committee has been adopted.

Donations continued at 3k this year, primarily made to local groups. The formal application procedure adopted last year has continued and all applicants provided the necessary information. I particularly wish to commend work done for young people by all the sport groups in the village including football, cricket, table tennis and bowling.

Concurrent Functions: I am pleased to report that RV has continued to support PC with a grant towards expenditure on the lengthsman, burial grounds and parks.

Parish Council Surgery: We have started a monthly surgery where members of the community can meet a parish councillor.

This is the last meeting of the current council as this is an election year so I would like to thank the 3 councillors that are not standing for re-election Gill Taylor, Mike Reid and Andrew Bury for their contribution to the council.

Finally, I would like to thank our Clerk, Fred Holland for the support he has given to me and the council throughout the year.

I look forward to continuing to work for the benefit of the village in the new council. It is our intention to work towards meeting the requirements for 'Quality Council' status.

Martin Highton Chairman

## Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2011

Balance as per statements as at 31st March 2011

Skipton(general a/c)		42006
Skipton(Toilet a/c)		0
Nat West		3651
less u/p cheques	2583	100

	2594	10
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	2587	200
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Total		45347
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Per Books:Bank Summary 2010/11

Opening balances April 2010

Skipton(general)		21764
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Skipton(toilet account)		3708
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Nat West		10714
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less outstanding cheques	2480	211.5	712
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	2478	100
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	2481	400
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Total		35475
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One cheques(no 2481 ) never presented		400
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Actual balance		35875
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Receipts

Precept	32095	
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Other	13157	
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Total	45252	
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Payments

Staff costs		7293
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other expenditure		24783
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Toilets		3708
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Total		35784
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Closing balance		45343
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## Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2011

### Assets

Bank and Building Society accounts	45347
Fixed assets	69709
Total assets	115056

### Liabilities

Reserves brought forward	105184
Surplus for the year	9472
Capital adjustment*	400
Total	115056

\* for cheque 2481 not presented in 2009/10

## Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 2010/11

### Income into Nat West account

Precept	32095
Lengthsman	5325
Other income	783
Total income	45252

### Expenditure

Toilets	3708
General Admin	4502
Grants/donations	2400
Burial Ground	1278
Staff costs	7293

Churchyard	5309
Lenghtsman	7405
Vale Gardens	3885
Total	35780

Surplus for the year 9472

## Parish Councillors

Councillor M Highton (Chairman)

22 King Street Whalley BB7 9SL 01254 823983

Councillor M Fallon (Vice Chairman)

27 Abbots Croft, Whalley, BB7 9RR 01254 822645

Councillor J Brown

93 King Street Whalley BB7 9SW 01254 824318

Councillor S Barker

17 Hayhurst Road, Whalley, BB7 9RL 01254 822302

Councillor E Ronnan

4 Sydney Avenue, Whalley , BB7 9TF 01254 822555

Councillor J Taylor

The Arches, Abbey Fields, Whalley, BB7 9RS 01254 822260

Councillor S Earnshaw

2 Woodlands Drive, Whalley, BB7 9TG 01254 822786

Councillor M Diack MBE

34 Mitton Road, Whalley, BB7 9RY 01254 823012

Clerk to the Parish Council

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