



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th November 2010 at 7.30pm in the Primary School Whalley.

Present:

Councillor M Highton Chairman
Councillor S Barker
Councillor E Ronnan
Councillor J Brown
Councillor M Fallon
Councillor S Earnshaw
Councillor M Reid
Councillor J Taylor
Councillor A Bury

In attendance: F Holland Clerk to the Parish Council

Members of the public – 4

255/10 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

256/10 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st October 2010

It was resolved that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 21st October 2010 be signed as a correct record of the meeting.

257/10 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Special Purposes Committee held on 4th November 2010

It was resolved that the minutes of the Special Purposes Committee held on the 4th November 2010, at which a precept of £31,680 was set, be signed as a correct record of the meeting. The clerk was instructed to make an application to RVBC to that effect.

258/10 to receive minutes of other Committees

The Planning Meeting minutes of the 6th October and 21st October 2010 were received.

The Whalley and Wiswell Joint Burial Ground Committee minutes of 3rd September were received.

The Church Yard Committee Meeting minutes of 16th August were received.

259/10 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Ronnan asked that a copy be placed into the circulation folder of minutes presented to the meeting. He reported that the lengthsman was to monitor and renovate benches in the village.

Cllr Bury confirmed that the lights, drains and pavements have now been adopted at Calderstones Park.

Cllr Taylor presented the meeting with brochures outlining her negotiations with a company that supplies youth shelters. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Earnshaw will present the monitoring report of motorists using the bus station to PC Brown. She reported that the Joint Burial committee will now meet every two months; the groundsmans contract is to be renegotiated; expenditure is needed on the woodland path and for beams; wind damage has been evident; the gravediggers will be unobtrusive at burials.

Cllr Fallon reported that work had been completed on the gravestones and new turf added. The flagstones are to be power washed to remove the algae.

Cllr Highton met with the Chamber of Trade and discussed Pickwick Night organisation; Britain in Bloom 2011; the introduction of a parking camera on the Whalley Arms car park.

The clerk represented the parish council at the LALC Ribble Valley Meeting. A presentation from LCC explaining the winter services review and gritting priorities. County Councillor France spoke about "Localism" and the 3-tier founs which may be established. LALC confirmed that the LCC grants for the lengthsman scheme will continue for the next twelve months

260/10 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for October 2010

It was resolved that the details of the accounts for receipts and payments during October be approved. The clerk was authorised to pay invoices and accept receipts for December as per the councils standing orders and submit same in January.

261/10 to authorise the RFO to note in the accounts that £8000 in reserves is allocated to projects that benefit the youth of the village

It was resolved that the RFO to show in the accounts that £8000 in reserves is allocated to projects that benefit the youth of the village

262/10 to consider and approve an addendum to the risk assessment policy

It was resolved that an addendum to the risk assessment policy in relation to the Christmas Tree on Vale Gardens be approved.

1. The tree is donated to the parish council
2. The tree is erected by a competent workforce
3. The lights are installed by a qualified electrician
4. Regular inspections are undertaken and any problems are notified to the clerk immediately

263/10 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information:

Circulation:

RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee Meeting
Rural Services Network Newsletter
Calderstones Partnership Annual Members Meeting 2/12/10 at 1000
Locality Working – 3 tier Forums
Affordable Rural Housing: a practical guide for parish councils
Being a good employer – a guide for parish councils
Lancashire Minerals and Waste Framework Update

Correspondence:

1. Resident of 22 Abbeyfields requesting a response to her complaint regarding the foliage.
2. Discussion with Pickwick Committee and Aon insurance regarding the Xmas Tree on Pickwick Night

264/10 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

Both Borough Councillors sent their apologies due to meetings at RVBC

265/10 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting as Thursday 20th January 2011

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Thursday 20th January 2010 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.21pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETING

Mr Robinson expressed concern about the inconsiderate parking in the village. The clerk will contact Parkwise to ascertain the traffic warden support to Whalley. He also reported that graffiti was now in the Gatehouse.

Mr Hardman commented that the sound system used on Remembrance Day at the War Memorial was not successful and how might it be improved. He also alerted the meeting to the seepage of rainwater and sunken flagstones around the memorial. Council members thanked Mr Hardman for his endeavours throughout the year at the memorial. The clerk was also asked to send letters of thanks to the head teachers of the two schools who represented the young people of the village on Remembrance Day.

Mr Harper informed the meeting of the latest public consultation from CEG and asked that councillors be present; this was confirmed.

Mr Brown thanked the gravediggers for their response to his previous comments but questioned the costing for water when the church yard flagstones are sprayed. He asked the parish council to contact LCC regarding standing water in a number of areas around the village.