



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Whalley.

Present:

Councillor M Highton Chairman
Councillor S Barker
Councillor E Ronnan
Councillor J Brown
Councillor M Fallon
Councillor M Reid

Apologies: Councillor A Bury
 Councillor S Earnshaw
 Councillor J Taylor

In attendance: F Holland Clerk to the Parish Council

Members of the public – 2 and 2 Borough Councillors

297/11 **to receive declaration of interests**

No declaration of interests were received

298/11 **to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th March 2011**

It was resolved that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 17th March 2011 be approved as a correct record

299/11 **to receive minutes of other Committees**

The Planning Meeting minutes of the 17th March and the Church Yard Committee minutes of the 7th February 2011 were presented to the meeting.

300/11 **to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)**

Cllr Fallon reported that the Joint Burial Committee had met and were to have another tidy up day; income has reduced; a web site is to be introduced; path repairs are complete and tree work will be carried out soon. He also reported that the Church Yard committee had met and that Brent Stevenson had completed work on 25 gravestones; the paths had been power washed and turf had been laid.

Cllr Highton attended the Parish Councils Liaison meeting at which information was provided regarding the organisation of street parties and PAYE for parish clerks

301/11 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for March 2011

The details of the accounts for payment and receipt for March 2011 were approved and signed by the chairman.

302/11 to consider donations to Whalley Chamber of Trade with respect to the Britain in Bloom Competition and the Best Kept Village Competition

It was resolved that on the proviso that entries to the two competitions take place the parish council are minded to donate £500 to the Britain in Bloom competition and £200 to the Best Kept Village Competition. Additional lengthsman hours could be negotiated.

303/11 to consider the implications of erecting a youth shelter in the village

It was resolved that this item would be placed on next months agenda

304/11 to submit input, views and consider issues to the Parish and Town Council Charter

It was resolved that the clerk would submit a draft submission to be approved by the council

305/11 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information: RVBC have sent a cheque for £2000 for the lengthsman scheme but the precept payment has yet to arrive; Armed Forces Day “Fly a Flag” will take place on Saturday June 25th; Mrs Miller reported concerns on the state of disrepair on The Sands resulting in a resident falling. The clerk will write to LCC regarding The Sands

306/11 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

Councillors Holgate and Hill were in attendance. They reported that RVBC has contacted solicitors regarding the property on Abbots Croft and hopefully the residence would be improved; a “No Ball Games” sign would be placed at Proctors Field; the core strategy consultation findings should be published in September and recommendation should be in place January/February 2012.

307/11 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting as Thursday 19th May 2010

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 19th May at 7.30pm at Whalley Methodist Hall. Prior to this meeting the Annual Meeting will be held at 7.00pm.

Cllr Highton reminded members that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm. The venue will be Whalley Primary School Church Lane.

The meeting closed at 9.29 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETING

Mr Hardman reported that two signs have been erected on Mitton Road directing visitors arriving by train to the village centre. He asked when work would start on the steps to the War Memorial. – Funding from the War Memorial Commission has been signalled and work should start in the near future. He also commented on the shabby state of the wooden benches near the post office. The lengthsman will be scheduled to renovate them.

Mr Brown applauded the work of the Chamber of Trade for their work on decorating the village. He also asked the meeting to reflect on police comments that a youth shelter may attract youngsters from outside the village bringing attendant problems.