



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Church Yard Committee held on Monday 18 February 2019 at 4.00pm in Whalley Parish Church

1. Prayers

2. Present and apologies

Present: Cllr C Ball (Chairman) Mr T Small
 Cllr L Rimmer Cllr M Highton Cllr M Fallon
Apologies: Revd J Carmyllie

In attendance M Richardson Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

3. Welcome

Councillor Cliff Ball welcomed participants to the meeting and prayers were said.

4. To Confirm the Minutes of the Church Yard Meeting held on the 18 June 2018

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2018 were a correct record and could be signed.

4. Matters Arising

Councillor Cliff Ball stated that:

- a) Abbey Vale Gardening continued to do an excellent job of maintaining the Church Yard with suckers being removed from all trees on Church Lane and a further Bati Cleaning taking place in December 2018 to prevent moss/algae.
- b) The drawings for the hand rail to East Gate had been prepared by Mr Burke and a Faculty was not required from the Church because the proposed change was on the outside perimeter.
- c) Surface water flooding of the East Gate Path has improved following two maintenance jobs. All sumps are clear but the drain onto Church Lane at the entrance is still blocked. However, this would be a significant job in terms of expense and disruption. As the drains were now not causing any significant problems the Committee agreed to keep a watching brief on this. Martin Highton suggested that deep excavation of the drains may also go beyond pure maintenance and was more about infrastructure so could perhaps need funding by the Church and Parish Council if the problem becomes any worse. The drains will continue to be rodded every 3 years under current arrangements

- d) Abbey Gardening Services had been approached about the bin removal but this had not been actioned yet.
- e) Lois Rimmer reiterated her request that some wild garlic and ivy still needed to be removed.
- f) The storms week commencing 4 February 2019 had caused a large amount of debris. Councillor Cliff Ball had swept the pavement adjacent to the Church on Church Lane but could not do a complete job because of parked cars. The Clerk to contact Tree Check to see whether it was necessary to have another inspection (the previous inspection took place in Summer 2018).
- g) Projects for 2018/9 – the main project left over for 2018/9 is the fitting of handrails to the East Gate. Fogarty restoration quoted £480 to do one side in 2018; Mandy is asking for an update.

6. To discuss and agree action points for the progression of the Northgate handrail

- a) Following receipt of the drawings by Steve Burke for the hand rail the Group agreed the next step would be seek pre-Listed Building Advice from Ribble Valley Borough Council Planning Department.
- b) The drawings by Steve Burke were circulated to the Group.
- c) The Group undertook a site visit of the North Gate to confirm plans to opt for handrails at either side of the entrance (subject to advice from Planning on Listed Building Consent).

7. Financial Update

The Group was given a financial update by the Clerk as follows:

2018/19 Budget Allocation: £8000

Spend to Date: £4277.50

Remaining Allocation: £3722.50

9. Date of next meeting

It was resolved to defer a decision about the date of the next meeting but anticipated that this would be within the next 8 weeks depending on progress of the action points above.

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm

Sign _____ Date _____