



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor J Brown
Councillor J Smith
Councillor E Ronnan
Councillor I Kent
Councillor D Sleight

Members of the public – 2

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

818/15 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

819/15 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th March 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 2015 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

820/15 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Brown, on behalf of the village, wished to thank Cllr Ronnan for his time and endeavours for the benefit of the Whalley community over some 38 years as a councillor. He recalled Cllr Ronnan's drive and commitment that ensured successful completion of local projects and events: rehabilitation of Kosovan Refugees; re-opening of the railway station; retention of Vale Gardens; the new public toilets at Vale Gardens; twinning with Vihiers; the Village Hall project and now the reinstatement of the Old Grammar School.

821/15 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 19th March 2015 and the Grounds and Gardens Committee meeting minutes of 8th January 2015 were presented to the meeting

822/15 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Ronnan at his final council meeting wished to thank all present and past councillors, and the Whalley community for their support throughout the years.

Cllr Brown reported that the Grounds and Gardens committee met with representatives from the Pickwick and Whalley in Bloom committees to ensure the proactive liaison enjoyed continues. The lengthsman's work has been prioritised.

Cllr Smith reported discussion was taking place with developers to provide input to the construction of the roads etc at the playing fields and that the lease discussion is near to completion.

Cllr Kent stated that the Adam Cottam trustees had yet to meet, consequently the governance of the Alms Houses was of great concern. The Church Yard committee was in discussion with the PCC to clarify issues over the conservation plan.

Cllr Highton attended the RVBC Parish Liaison meeting at which the RVBC Enforcement Officer gave a presentation as did the Citizens Road Watch. The Tour of Britain will go through Whalley on September 7th.

823/15 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for March 2015

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for March 2015

824/15 to review the Clerks hours of work and consider an annual increment to NJC salary point 24 at £11.190p per hour

It was resolved that the clerks hours would remain at 676 per annum and an annual increment to NJC point 24 at £11.190 per hour would be awarded.

825/15 to accept the market valuation report on the parish council freehold interests in Whalley QEII fields

The professional market valuation on freehold interests in Whalley QEII fields was accepted and will be recorded on the parish council asset register.

826/15 to consider issues regarding the Whalley Neighbourhood plan

Cllr Kent has registered the Neighbourhood Plan for formal recognition with RVBC planning committee. If approved, comments will be sought on the RVBC web site. The neighbourhood plan web link is to be used as a catalyst for ideas etc.

First stage consultation with the public and agencies will be by e-mail. Application for funding is being sought.

827/15 to consider issues regarding the security of official parish council documentation

It was resolved that the “deed box” would be kept at the Old Grammar School.

828/15 to consider issues regarding the Community Road Watch scheme

This item was noted

829/15 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information:

It is noted that a number of LCC Adult Learning Courses are now based at the Old Grammar School.

Result of the Parish Council Election: - Councillors Martin Highton; June Brown; Dave Sleight; Ivan Kent; Stephen Barker; Lois Rimmer and Mike Reid.

830/15 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

No Borough Councillors present due to other commitments

831/15 to consider and approve the date of the Annual Parish Meeting as Thursday April 30th 2015

It was resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday April 30th 2015 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

832/15 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday 21st May 2015

It was resolved that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday May 21st 2015 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

833/15 to consider and approve the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 21st May 2015

It was resolved that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday May 21st 2015 at 7.00pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____