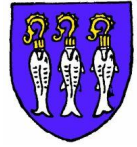




WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor J Brown
Councillor L Rimmer
Councillor Ball
Councillor S Barker
Councillor M Fallon
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor M Reid
Members of the public – 6

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

957/16 **to fill the vacant Parish Councillor post by co-option**

It was resolved to elect Susan Earnshaw by co-option to the Parish Council

958/16 **to receive declaration of interests**

Clr Highton declared an interest in item 10b

959/16 **to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th March 2016**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th March 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

960/16 **to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)**

Mr Brown expressed dismay at the lack of traffic management in the village and especially the parking by taxi drivers in the disabled parking bays.

Mr Pickup gave notice that item 10ai. RVBC has accepted the request for funding. He gave information on the works needed at the OGS and gave notice of a Garden Party at the OGS on 11th June 2016

Mr Ronnan reported that the OGS constitution has still to be ratified by the Charity Commission; that an additional nominee to the trustees of the Grammar School from the parish council is vacant; visitors from Vahiers were looking forward to arriving in Whalley and councillors were welcome to attend the matches; and he thanked the parish council for the continued support to the table tennis club.

961/16 **to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 17th March 2016; the Grounds and Gardens Committee meeting of 14th January 2016; the Church Yard Committee meeting of 14th

December 2015 and the Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee meeting minutes of 5th February 2016 were presented to the meeting.

962/16 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Ball reported that The Adam Cottam Trust met to hear reports on different options for the future of the Almshouses. Discussions have been held with Ribble Valley Homes and with Ribble Valley Planning. It was resolved to Request a Quotation for the basic restoration of the empty dwelling whilst long term options continue to be considered. He stressed that there remains a councillor vacancy to this committee.

Cllr Ball was elected as Chairman of the Church Yard Committee. A new contract has been agreed with Abbey Gardening Services. The Churchyard paths have been cleaned to remove and inhibit algae. The West Gate has been repaired and refitted; the repairs make the gate easier to lock when necessary. The Committee will now seek estimates to repair the other Churchyard gates. Dog fouling remains a problem; when all 3 gates are repaired it may be possible to randomly lock the gates to prevent dogs being let loose in the Churchyard – this will require endorsement from the Parochial Church Committee.

Cllr Brown reported that at the Grounds and Gardens committee a list of priorities was drawn up for the lengthsman duties; RVRail thanked the Parish Council for their support; and a report was received from Tim Blythe, LCC, regarding the cessation of countryside services and the impact on Spring Wood.

Cllr Barker stated that Sport England has ratified the funding for QEII.

Cllr Rimmer was to meet with RVBC officers and would highlight the problem of dog fouling especially in the Church Yard. She also requested publicity for the increase of car crime and burglary and asked the community to be vigilant.

Cllr Sleight reported that the Joint Burial Ground “Tidy-Up” day would be Tuesday 31st May; a new gravedigger has been employed; investigation is taking place to secure the services of a contractor to conduct a safety survey of the memorials; the Annual Audit is to be completed and discussions are still in motion regarding purchase of land to extend the Cemetery.

Cllr Highton attended the Parish Council Liaison meeting at which information was received about the problems of Japanese Knotweed and the ramifications of mothballing the LCC Waste Disposal facility.

963/16 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for April 2016
(enclosed)

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for April 2016.

964/16 to review the Clerks hours of work and consider an annual increment to NJC salary point 25 at £11,545p per hour

It was resolved award the Clerk with an annual increment to salary point 25 at £11,545p per hour and that the hours per year would remain at 676. It was confirmed that the Clerk has opted out of the NEST scheme whereby the Parish Council will not be responsible for any pension contribution.

965/16 to consider requests for funding from:

a. Parish Grant Scheme – Whalley Old Grammar School

- i.** Purchase and installation of LED lighting - submitted and agreed for payment by RVBC

ii. Emergency Lighting – approved by Parish Council for submission to RVBC

b. Whalley and Billington Flood Action Group

It was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting of the Parish Council

966/16 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional items received:

RVBC – Policy for determining Fil Classification

Whalley Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee meeting minutes and end of year accounts

RVBC – Minutes and Proceedings of the Council

A new e-mail www.whalleypcclerk@gmail.com is to be introduced to provide a back up to the existing communication between the Clerk and Councillors.

967/16 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

No Borough Councillor in attendance

968/16 to consider and approve the date of the Annual Parish Meeting as Thursday 5th May 2016

It was resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 5th May 2016 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

969/16 to consider and approve the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 19th May 2016

It was resolved that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19th May 2016 at 7.00pm at the Old Grammar School

970/16 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 19th May 2016

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday May 19th 2016 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____