

WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor J Brown (Chairman)
Councillor L Rimmer
Councillor J Threlfall
Councillor M Fallon
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor C Ball

Apologies received: Parish Councillors Martin Highton, Mike Reid, Philip Elson and Cliff Ball

In Attendance: M Richardson – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council
Members of the public (3) –Eric Ronan, Tony Brown, Paul White

1471/19 to receive declaration of interests

June Brown Trustee of Whalley Educational Foundation declared an interest in item 10 – Request for funding by Whalley Educational Foundation.

1472/19 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 March 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 March 2019 be approved as a correct record.

1473/19 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Paul White notified the Parish Council that on Tuesday 23 April at 1.30pm on the Clitheroe Platform at Whalley Railway Station the artwork prepared by local primary school children will be celebrated as part of the Whalley Remembers Commemorations. Parish Councillors were invited to attend.

Tony Brown reported the increasing use of the bus station as a turning circle by motorists on King Street and Woodlands Drive. John Threlfall said this was a Police matter to enforce and it was agreed that the Clerk would pass this onto them. He went on to thank Councillor Mike Fallon for his many years of service on Whalley Parish Council and Whalley Action Group. Councillor Fallon said he was sorry to be leaving but at 82 years of age it was now time for the younger generation to take on the challenge.

Eric Ronnan stated that the annual table tennis exchange visit with a club in France is due to take place on the 4 June 2019 7.15-9.00pm at Whalley Village Hall. He had asked a local tree specialist to overhaul the tree planted 20 years ago to make it look good for the planned service in May 2019. He was still waiting for confirmation about final details. An article will be written for the next Parish Council newsletter about this event.

1474/19 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes were received of the:

- Planning Committee meeting held on 21 March 2019

1475/19 Councillor Update

Councillor Mike Fallon reported that 23 potholes had been marked up on Abbey Fields for repair.

Councillor Dave Sleight as Chair of the Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee reported that work to create the memorial garden had now begun.

Councillor Lois Rimmer reported that the youth shelter on the Queen Elizabeth 11 Playing Fields needed wood treatment as it was splitting. It was agreed that the Clerk would email the Chairman of the Trust to notify him.

She noted the hole in the floor of the Calder Room and said it was dangerous and needed to be reported to the Whalley Educational Foundation Trustee meeting. Eric Ronnan agreed to raise it at the next Trustee Board meeting.

Councillor June Brown reported that she had spent time reporting and monitoring the anti-social behavior of young people in Vale Gardens and the toilets. She was pleased to report the Police presence had increased significantly including mounted Police patrols. She said the residents were grateful for the support.

She had contacted John Heap at Ribble Valley Council to try and obtain date when the new metal doors will replace the existing wooden doors. No deadline was given but reassured that it would happen soon. Young people continued to block the automatic locking system of the doors. June Brown felt that if the problems did not improve then she would invite a senior officer to the future meeting to discuss. The Police had offered to host drop in sessions at Whalley Old Grammar School for people to report problems. A date and venue had to be confirmed. The Parish Council welcomed the proposal. June finally confirmed that a multi-agency meeting was being rescheduled to look at the issue.

1476/19 Authorisation of Accounts, Payments, Receipts and Balances for April 2019.

It was resolved to accept the Accounts, Payment, Receipts and Balances for April 2019.

1477/19 Authorisation of the Chairman and Reporting Financial Officer to sign Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement 2018/19) being part of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31 March 2019.

It was resolved to authorise the Chairman and Reporting Financial Officer to sign section 2 (Annual Governance Statement 2018/19) being part of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31 March 2019.

1478/19 Authorisation of the Chairman and Reporting Financial Officer to sign Section 2 (Statement of Accounts) being part of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31 March 2019

It was resolved to authorise the Chairman and Reporting Financial Officer to sign section 2 (Statement of Accounts) being part of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31 March 2019.

1479/19 Funding Request from Whalley Educational Foundation

The Clerk outlined that a funding request had been submitted for £1008 to purchase an outdoor cabinet to host the defibrillator. This cabinet was recommended by North West Air Ambulance. Eric Ronan as a Trustee of the Whalley Educational Foundation said that it had not been formally discussed at a Trustee meeting. The Clerk advised that it was important that before a decision could be made by the Parish Council it had the full support of the Trustees. It was agreed that the item would be deferred to a later meeting after the Trustee Board meeting of Whalley Educational Foundation had met..

1480/19 **Clerks Report**

The Clerks Report for April 2019 was accepted. Parish Councillors were informed that the newsletter is likely to be published in June 2019.

1481/19 **Borough Councillors Report**

No Borough Councillors attended.

1482/19 **To approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as 7.30pm Thursday 16 May 2019**

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Parish Council on **Thursday 16 May 2019.**

The meeting closed at 8.36pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____