



Local Government Act 1972
Whalley Parish Council

Members of the Council, you are summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on
Thursday 21st April 2022 in the Calder Room, Whalley Old Grammar School at 7.30pm

Signed: *EKHaworth*

Liz Haworth - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Minutes

Agenda items should be submitted to the Clerk seven clear days before the meeting.
The Clerk will forward Councillors, all relevant information and supporting documents, 3 clear days
before the meeting.

1.	Attendance & Apologies	
	Present: Chair Martin Highton, Cllrs Cliff Ball, June Brown, Jonathan Smith, John Threlfall, Tracey Whistlecraft. Apologies: Cllr Caroline Allen, Cllr David Berryman, Cllr Mark Hindle. In Attendance: Liz Haworth Parish Clerk, 7 members of the public, Cllr Ged Mirfin	1883/22
2.	Declaration of Interests	
	There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable and non registrable interests in items for discussion on the agenda.	1884/22
3.	To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	It was resolved to approve the meeting minutes of 17 th March 2022.	1885/22
4.	To Receive the Minutes of other Committees	
	It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee of 17 th March 2022.	1886/22
5.	To Adjourn the Meeting for Public Discussion	
	Members of the Residential Action Group (RAG) updated the Parish Council on the latest Licensing Meeting held on 12 th April 2022 and recent anti-social behaviours and noise pollution issues around Queen Street in particular. The outcome of the Licensing Meeting was one of disappointment for the RAG that important issues such as Early Morning Restrictions Orders were not covered. RVBC solicitor commented there was no issues that they were aware of as no complaints were being recorded to police despite the continuous updates from the RAG and that the residents should ask for a Licensing review, although they were previously advised by Andrew Snowden against this and that other local authorities were better placed to conduct the review i.e. Environmental and Licensing Departments.	1887/22

	<p>RAG continue to struggle with the constant battle for who is going to take ownership/responsibility to alleviate the problems suffered by residents in close proximity to late night drinking establishments and are passed from pillar to post with no actual action being taken by the Ribble Valley Borough Council and/or Police bodies to enforce change.</p> <p>The Ribble Valley Licensing Committee Report on the Whalley Cumulative Impact Assessment covers numerous facts and figures to support the problems surrounding the night-time economy and the distress this causes local residents although it was felt these were dismissed at the Licensing Meeting.</p> <p>Many of the local residents including with young families have lived in their properties in Whalley far longer than some of these businesses have been given late licenses and this is now affecting their daily lives and mental health through interrupted sleep from close by drinking establishments continuing to serve already inebriated people late into the night, observing fights and anti-social behaviour, being subjected to excessively loud music vibrating through the street and noise pollution from the vacating of people in the early hours, or/and with people drinking alcohol on the streets throughout the weekends and at private functions through the week. Much of this could be resolved by having a Police presence at these late night drinking establishments.</p> <p>RAG wanted to thank Cllr Mirfin for all his support so far in trying to take some action in order to improve the situation.</p> <p>Whalley Parish Councillors support RAG in their endeavours to a resolution to this ongoing situation.</p> <p>A member of the public reported that the carpark at The Station was to remain open and that there has been more vandalism from passengers getting off the station at Whalley causing damage around the station, to the ticket machine and onto the main road area.</p>	1888/22
6.	Partnership Meetings	
	<p>Cllr Ged Mirfin updated the Parish Council with recent funding opportunities including Lancashire Road Safety Project- to include experimental handheld speed cameras to monitor traffic, Safer Lancashire Communities Fund – using the proceeds of crime to fund community projects, Lancashire Police and Crime - funding available for items such as CCTV, protecting groups of females and vulnerable groups, and the National Bus Strategy – reviewing local bus routes.</p> <p>Cllr Mirfin commented that the public toilets at Whalley are now open and repairs cost circa £5k from mindless vandalism.</p> <p>The roadworks improvement plan phase 2 is now completed.</p> <p>Cllr Mirfin is to meet with RVBC Chief Executive, Legal Officer, Environmental Health Officer to further discuss the Licensing Meeting issues surrounding the Cumulative Impact Assessment which includes topics such as drunken behaviour, continued service to already inebriated patrons, monitoring and managing the volume of these late licensed establishments, both inside and out.</p>	<p>1889/22</p> <p>1890/22</p> <p>1891/22</p> <p>1892/22</p>

	<p>Cllrs John Threlfall and June Brown attended the Highways Special Conference on 19th March and reported it was very informative and told that the Parishes are at the heart of what they want to do and have 48.4 million 2022-23 to spend on capital projects to make the highways safer and to review and improve bus and travel services. Other correspondence and workshops have been provided around road safety presentations and road tool safety measures on this subject.</p>	1893/22
7.	Reports by Cllrs & Clerk as INFORMATION only	
	<p>WPC congratulate Cllr Caroline Allen and family on the birth of their new arrival.</p>	1894/22
	<p>Cllr Ball updated WPC on Adam Cottam Almshouses. The Scaffold has been erected 12th April; contractor now on-site preparing chimneys for re-pointing and with regards to the Churchyard Committee, the contractor has now finished repairs to the Chancel path using flags provided by LCC (from the pavement work outside Cosgrove's). Just the Bier House path to complete. No progress with the tree removal, still awaiting Roy Cattermole to book this in.</p>	1895/22
	<p>Cllr Whistlecraft updated WPC on the issues around parking on Abbey Road. Cllr Hindle emailed parking issues around Abbey Road and into Abbeyfields Parking has been acutely difficult, particularly recently. At peak times (school start and finish and early evenings and weekends to access the village) cars double park down abbey road and regularly park on the pavement on the west side of the road, forcing pedestrians into the road on a regular basis. Cllr Hindle commented that this is undoubtedly exacerbated by the road works and road closures in Whalley but it has now reached a point where measures need to be taken. This has been reported to Cllr Ged Mirfin & to LCC online twice. A visit has been secured to the scene from Charles Edwards who is the responsible officer at LCC. Cllr Mark Hindle has canvassed residents who have signed a petition as localised opinion is that the preferred solution in is double yellow lines on one side of the road with increased enforcement in the surrounding area.</p>	1896/22
	<p>Cllr Martin Highton reported that they have been looking at some footage from the CCTV camera that covers the bus station area and that the quality is reasonably high and focused. CCTV in Whalley remains a topic of review.</p>	1897/22
	<p>The bench ends on Procters Field should be erected in June.</p>	1898/22
	<p>There were discussions around correspondence received by WPC in general and also that the legal documents have now been received from John Houldsworth Solicitors to lift the restrictive covenant which will enable WPC to claim the £5k which was the retention on the grant from Sport England for the drainage.</p>	1899/22
	<p>Cllr Jonathan Smith continues to work on the QEII Trust and Whalley Sports Club projects and intends to set a meeting with Steve Barker the solicitor at RVBC. Jon is focused on improving the safety of the access paths around the QEII fields area using the grant monies approved for this purpose.</p>	1890/22
	<p>Cllr Berryman emailed to report he had complaints about the lack of fencing outside the houses that are set to be demolished on Mitton Rd. He has spoken with Enforcement who have contacted the developers to remind them that it is a condition that fencing is put up prior to demolition starting. They were unable to get a date for demolition.</p>	1891/22

8.	Benny's Bar																																																									
	There were no negative updates on behaviours following the agreement from Meeting on Monday 13 th December 2021 with the solicitor and licensee of Benny's Bar.	1892/22																																																								
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	There was no update on the ASB Meeting that was due to be hosted by Ribble Valley Borough Council on Friday 3 rd December 2021.	1893/22																																																								
10.	Queens Platinum Jubilee																																																									
	There have been three requests of help with funding the Queens Jubilee Celebrations. It was resolved to assist Whalley Chamber of Trade with decorations through the village of £700, Whalley Village Hall up to £220, and Whalley & District Lions Club with £300.	1894/22																																																								
11.	Defibrillators																																																									
	The defibrillator at the Bus Station has now been replaced. The replacement parts for the vandalised kit are still on a parts time delay of until late May. Clerk to contact the hosts of the defibrillator on the Sidings to confirm WPC adoption of the device.	1895/22																																																								
12.	Clerk & RFO																																																									
	WPC confirmed the permanent appointment of Liz Haworth as Whalley Parish Clerk & RFO as we reach the end of the probationary period.	1896/22																																																								
13.	Monthly Financial Report																																																									
	It was resolved to authorise Accounts, Payments, Receipts & Balances for April 2022.	1897/22																																																								
<p>Balances at start of month</p> <p>Nat West Current A/C £36,309.40</p> <p>Nat West QEII £0</p> <p>Skipton BS A/C £24,006.74</p> <p>Chq No. Payee Description</p> <table> <tr> <td>3719</td> <td>E-On</td> <td>Vale Gardens Water Feature 6/1/22-6/4/22</td> <td>(26.84)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3720</td> <td>E Haworth</td> <td>Clerk Salary</td> <td>(745.38)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3721</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Tax £190.60 NI £46.63</td> <td>(237.23)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3722</td> <td>E Haworth</td> <td>Home office</td> <td>(43.33)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>Easyweb</td> <td>Website Services</td> <td>(58.80)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3722</td> <td>E Haworth</td> <td>Internet</td> <td>(10.00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3722</td> <td>E Haworth</td> <td>Mobile rental</td> <td>(5.00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3723</td> <td>E Haworth</td> <td>Re-Imbursement Debrillator Inv 1000082013</td> <td>(870.00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3725</td> <td>Bannister Hall</td> <td>Plants Vale Gardens Inv 2204-006006</td> <td>(181.68)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3725</td> <td>Bannister Hall</td> <td>Quercus Robur Inv 2203-005262</td> <td>(168.00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3724</td> <td>E Haworth</td> <td>Re-Imbursement Jubilee Celebrations</td> <td>(38.99)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3724</td> <td>E Haworth</td> <td>Re-Imbursement Jubilee Celebrations</td> <td>(20.98)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3724</td> <td>E Haworth</td> <td>Re-Imbursement Jubilee Celebrations</td> <td>(13.99)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3724</td> <td>E Haworth</td> <td>Re-Imbursement Jubilee Celebrations</td> <td>(27.98)</td> </tr> </table>			3719	E-On	Vale Gardens Water Feature 6/1/22-6/4/22	(26.84)	3720	E Haworth	Clerk Salary	(745.38)	3721	HMRC	Tax £190.60 NI £46.63	(237.23)	3722	E Haworth	Home office	(43.33)	DD	Easyweb	Website Services	(58.80)	3722	E Haworth	Internet	(10.00)	3722	E Haworth	Mobile rental	(5.00)	3723	E Haworth	Re-Imbursement Debrillator Inv 1000082013	(870.00)	3725	Bannister Hall	Plants Vale Gardens Inv 2204-006006	(181.68)	3725	Bannister Hall	Quercus Robur Inv 2203-005262	(168.00)	3724	E Haworth	Re-Imbursement Jubilee Celebrations	(38.99)	3724	E Haworth	Re-Imbursement Jubilee Celebrations	(20.98)	3724	E Haworth	Re-Imbursement Jubilee Celebrations	(13.99)	3724	E Haworth	Re-Imbursement Jubilee Celebrations	(27.98)
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3726	LALC	Membership Fees Inv 2223115	(597.68)
3727	Whalley Educational Foundation	WPC Meetings Inv JM1914	(26.00)
3728	Whalley Wiswell & Barrow Joint Burial	Cemetery Levy	(640.00)
3716	Abbey Gardening Services	Cancelled chq incorrect amount Inv 3372	455.00
3729	Abbey Gardening Services	Vale Gardens Inv 3372	(445.00)
3729	Abbey Gardening Services	Vale Gardens Inv 3390	(273.00)
3729	Abbey Gardening Services	Whalley Parish Church Inv 3389	(291.00)
3730	AER Accountants Ltd	internal audit 2021/2022	(250.00)
	Movement in Month		(4,533.86)
14.	Next Meeting Dates		
	It was resolved to approve the date of the next Whalley Parish Council meeting Thursday 19 th May 2022 at 7.30pm.		1898/22
15.	Annual Parish Meeting		
	It was resolved to approve the date of the Annual Parish Meeting of Thursday 5 th May 2022 at 7pm. Clerk to email Chief Inspector Pearson to invite her to the meeting to speak to the Parish.		1899/22

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm.

Signed by Chairman..... Martin Highton Date