

# WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)  
Councillor J Brown  
Councillor M Fallon  
Councillor C Ball  
Councillor D Sleight  
Councillor P Elson  
Councillor S Barker  
Councillor M Reid  
Councillor M Rimmer

Members of the public – 5

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

## 1148/17 **to receive declaration of interests**

No declarations of interest were received

## 1149/17 **to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

## 1150/17 **to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)**

Inspector Winter from Lancashire Constabulary received comments from:

Mr Price regarding speeding motorist on Mitton Road endangering residents who expressed concerns that despite him contacting the police and LCC Highways over a considerable time no progress has been made in reducing speed at this area. Discussion on speed cameras/speed indicators/mobile units/community road watch took place. Inspector Winter will update the residents and councillors.

Cllr Ball provided the Inspector with photographs of illegal parking at Breda Murphys whilst the meeting expressed concern with anti-social parking throughout the village e.g George St, Abbey Road, where already displaced parking from King St is appearing. Inspector Winter suggested a Police/Parish Council advice letter be given to motorists.

Cllr Brown gave the Inspector a series of offensive notices which have been posted periodically on the CJ's notice board.

## 1151/17 **to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017; LALC Ribble Valley Area meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017; Whalley Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 and the Grounds and Gardens Committee meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were presented to the meeting.

**1152/17 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)**

Cllr Sleight reported that the Joint Burial Committee are to negotiate a safety check with RVBC. RVBC will advise on safety implications of spiked flower holders. Consideration is being taken to increasing burial capacity and constructing a burial garden.

Cllr Ball reported that the Adam Cottam Almshouses Trust has met and a quote for manufacture and delivery of new front doors for Nos 34 & 36 has been received and accepted; the Church Yard Committee reports that all 33 stone memorials in the Churchyard identified by Brent Stephenson as requiring remedial work have been repaired and made safe. The East Gate has been repaired by Fogarty Restoration to a high standard; the gate can now be locked by use of a padlock; repairs to the North pathway at the same time as refitting the East Gate. Following representation from residents of Mitton Road it appears that the gullies have been surveyed and work will commence with specialist subcontractors; Work has started in the playground of the school which appears to involve drilling and/or deep piling.

Cllr Brown reported on the positive response from the Britain in Bloom judges especially the Church Yard. A plaque in memory of Mrs Kiss will be placed in Vale Gardens; the report on the trees in Vale Gardens from Tree Check was accepted and Andrew Piercy has been contacted to carry out the work.

Cllr Barker praised the rapid response of the lengthsman in strimming and clearing paths that had recently been reported.

Cllr Rimmer reported a request for the repainting of the metal fence on George St has been submitted to RVBC and attempts to engage LCC in cutting hedges has not been successful.

**1153/17 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for August 2017 (enclosed)**

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts for August 2017. It was resolved to accept the recently received invoice from CJ Fogarty for payment and instruct A Piercy to commence work at Vale Gardens and the Church Yard following acceptance of his quotations.

**1154/17 to note the Outstanding Review Points with respect to the Annual Audit ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 (enclosed)**

It was noted that Clerk has responded to the Outstanding Review Points as requested by the external auditor

**1155/17 to receive the recommendation from the sub-committee on the appointment of the Parish Clerk and RFO**

It was resolved to accept the recommendation from the sub-committee to appoint Mandy Richardson as Parish Clerk and RFO commencing 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017

**1156/17 to receive an update on Traffic Enforcement in Whalley**

Observations suggest an increase in presence of traffic enforcement officers in Whalley with a drop in the number of offenders. There is evidence to support the view that long term on street parking is leaving King St to surrounding residential roads causing attendant congestion.

**1157/17 to consider the location and purchase of a replacement Parish Council Notice Board**

It was resolved to purchase a new Parish Council Noticeboard. The style and location is to be deferred to the next meeting.

**1158/17 to receive the Clerks Report** (enclosed)

Additional information:

Invitation to Councillors to Celebrate the Project Completion at Whalley Old Grammar School – 6.30pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at the OGS.

**1158/17 to receive Borough Councillors Report** (information only)

No Borough Councillor was in attendance

**1159/17 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017**

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.34pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_