

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 August 2025 in the Calder Room, Whalley Old Grammar School at 7.30pm

Signed: *EKHaworth*

Liz Haworth - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Agenda

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: Cllr Allen, Cllr Ball, Cllr Duckworth, Cllr Mirfin, Cllr Smith, Cllr Threlfall (Chairman), Cllr Vickers. Apologies: Cllr Highton, Borough Cllr Hindle. In Attendance: Liz Haworth (Clerk), 7 members of public.	2722/25
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	Cllr Mirfin declared that they are also a Lancashire County Councillor and Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property. No other councillors declared any personal or prejudicial interests in relation to the business of the meeting.	2723/25
3.	To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting	
	It was resolved to approve and confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 17 th July 2025.	2724/25
4.	To Receive the Minutes of other Committees	
	It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee Thursday 17 th July 2025.	2725/25
5.	Adjourn the Meeting for Public Discussion	
	The meeting was adjourned for members of the public wishing to speak at the meeting in respect of items on the agenda or to update on relevant village matters. (5 mins per person) It was reported that the railway station is all in working order. There are still no trains running on a Sunday. The bags of rubbish have been removed as requested with network Rail. The Yorkshire Dales Explorer rail service is still well supported and a three car unit is to be considered. WIB are tending to the platform and garden plants and all looks well.	2726/25

10.	Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025	
	<p>10.1 It was resolved to agree road closure plans at a cost of circa £1100. The road closure application is to include King Street, Clitheroe Road and Station Road for the short duration of the Memorial Service at the War Memorial.</p> <p>It was resolved to hire the sound equipment as last year at a cost of £325 for the forthcoming Remembrance Sunday Parade and Memorial Service held at the War Memorial on 9th November 2025.</p> <p>10.2 It was agreed to purchase two wreaths, one for laying at the War Memorial in Whalley and Calderstones Cemetery with a donation to RBL of £100.</p> <p>10.3 It was resolved to support a purple poppy wreath in recognition of animals in war at a cost of £27.50.</p> <p>10.4 It was resolved to order a further 50 lamppost Tommy's and red tie fixings at a cost of circa £250.</p>	<p>2739/25</p> <p>2740/25</p> <p>2741/25</p> <p>2742/25</p> <p>2743/25</p>
11.	Procter's Field	
	Members discussed with a representative from Whalley In Bloom the wildflower area on Procter's Field. It was agreed that the area should be mowed and could be reduced to a more manageable area of appx 3mx3m. The clerk is to make the arrangements in collaboration with RVBC.	2744/25
12.	Partnership Meetings	
	<p>To receive reports from Borough/County Councillors and partnership meetings Councillors have attended which impact on the Parish e.g., LCC, RVBC, LALC, Parish Liaison, Police Partnership meeting updates.</p> <p>Cllr Vickers attended the online LALC Constitution Extraordinary meeting on 12/8/2025. The new constitution was approved by 20 votes (22 attended / 4 from Ribble Valley). This will be in place up to devolution. A low turn out from a possible 180 attendees.</p> <p>Cllr Mirfin reported that he will be attending a meeting with LCC on 10 September at the Whalley depot to discuss roads and pathways throughout the village.</p> <p>Cllr Mirfin has attended a meeting with UU to discuss the HARP project and also a meeting with the police to discuss the capture and recording of crime data.</p>	<p>2745/25</p> <p>2746/25</p>
13.	Reports by Cllrs & Clerk as INFORMATION only – Not for debate	
	<p>Items arisen, correspondence received since the last meeting for information only, that may result in future agenda item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPRE News Bulletins • Whalley Queen St RAG Reports • RVBC - Shop Front Design Guidelines • Neighbourhood Alerts/Stay In The Know/Crime Figures July • NALC Executive Bulletins and newsletters • LALC Extra Ordinary Meeting – revised constitution • LALC Updates & Pay Agreement • RVLALC Draft Minutes July meeting • Lancashire Parish and Town Council Conference Saturday 1 November 2025 	2747/25

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King Street/Calder Vale Bins – verbal update • Community Engagement - News items on Websites/Facebook • Sydney Avenue Flooding • St Marys Parish Church - Tree Risk Management Report • Arrival of new replacement benches • Use of QEII Playing Fields update QEII Tree Failed Branch – removed by Abbey Gardening Services. • RVR News 142 • Network Rail – Viaduct Works - Site Clearance completed. <p>Cllr Allen attended the September WEF meeting and reported that an open weekend will be held on 13–14 September 2025 at Whalley Old Grammar School. A variety of classes and events will take place throughout the community centre to celebrate its 300th anniversary.</p> <p>Cllr Duckworth attended the W&D Lions meeting and reported that Whalley Day will be held on 13 September 11am-4pm and they are holding a Duck Race and stalls.</p> <p>Cllr Smith reported that the footpaths on Accrington Road are overgrown and is dangerous to pedestrians. The 30mph sign is no longer visible. Clerk to email the Wards LCC Cllr to support the cutting of these hedges.</p> <p>Cllr Threlfall reported that RAG attended a meeting with The Aviary 22 July 2025.</p> <p>Cllr Ball reported that the Adam Cottam Trust are working with WIB to improve the gardens at the Almshouses and organising the Quinquennial. Cllr Ball has received comments from the public about the bright yellow colour of the new deli in King Street. He reported that there is a branch that needs some attention in the churchyard. Clerk to contact Roy Cattermole.</p> <p>A suggestion of reinstating the train station façade was recommended for a future agenda item.</p>	<p>2748/25</p> <p>2749/25</p> <p>2750/25</p> <p>2751/25</p> <p>2752/25</p>
14.	Next Meeting Date	
	It was resolved to approve the next meeting date of Thursday 18 th September 2025 to be held at Whalley Old Grammar School at 7.30pm in The Calder Room.	

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Draft Minutes Subject to Confirmation