



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th August at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor J Brown (Chair)
Councillor C Ball
Councillor L Rimmer
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor S Barker
Councillor M Fallon
Councillor M Reid
Apologies: Councillor M Highton
Councillor I Kent

Members of the public – 6

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to the Parish Council

868/15 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

869/15 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th July 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th July 2015 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

870/15 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Brown thanked the parish council for their kindness and concern following his recent health scare. He alerted the meeting to the fact that two accidents have recently taken place at the mini-roundabout adjacent to the Old Grammar School on King St. He expressed concern that if a nearby planning application is successful traffic on Brookes Lane would be untenable. Cars would be emerging directly onto this mini-roundabout. Furthermore traffic would be a danger to pedestrians using the public footpath.

Mr Leach suggested that King St should be designated a 20mph zone.

Mr Ronnan stated that the constitution for the Old Grammar School had yet to be finalised. A Summer Fair is to be held at the Old Grammar School on Saturday 29th August 10-00am to 4-00pm.

871/15 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee of the 16th July were received.

872/15 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Sleight reported that a quotation for work on the MUGA at QEII had been accepted and work was to commence shortly. At the Joint Burial Ground he reported that: The faculty have agreed for memorial checks to be carried out but the committee is awaiting permission to remove part of the path to facilitate the burying of ashes; Various trees are receiving remedial actions and the over hanging trees on the boundary fence are to be cut back; More bins have been received from RVBC; initial communication is taking place for the purchase of a parcel of adjacent land; the accounts have been approved by the external auditor.

Cllr Fallon reported that the bench in the Churchyard has been refurbished.

Cllr Rimmer has worked to facilitate a meeting with the MP regarding traffic concerns in the village.

Cllr Ball has been made aware by a member of the community that an internment took place at the Calderstones Cemetery in 2002. He is waiting for an opportunity to discuss this project with the landowner. In the Churchyard work has started on the walls whilst the Commonwealth Graves Commission have identified sites for the signs. Adam Cottam Almshouses Trust met and appointed a new trustee and Clerk to the Trust; The Accounts have been forwarded to the internal auditor whilst the updating of the administrative details is ongoing; requests have been received from potential residents whilst progress has been made with respect to restoring the vacant dwelling.

Cllr Kent forwarded a report on the Neighbourhood Plan; the first meeting has taken place and a report is on the website see <http://www.synergies.com/wnp> ;the next meeting is on Wednesday 16 September at the Old Grammar School.

Cllr Brown praised the work of the Whalley in Bloom volunteers. Their floral displays have enhanced the village and she wished them well in the future judging.

All Councillors were of the opinion that at the next parish council meeting there should be an item that addresses the traffic congestion and parking problems in the village.

873/15 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for July 2015

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for July 2015

874/15 to agree to the recommended tender for the Youth Shelter at the QEII playing fields and signing of contract subject to the completion of the legal documents

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875/15 to consider a response to the Electoral Review of Lancashire County Council

It was resolved to note the recommendations for the new electoral arrangements for LCC

876/15 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information:

Mr Nutters bench in the Church Yard has been refurbished and painted.

Added to the circulation folder is the RVBC Planning and Development Committee meeting minutes.

Additional E-mails forwarded to councillors:

Request for agenda items for the Parish Council Liaison Committee meeting on 10th September
LCC – Consultation on Corporate Strategy (Draft)

877/15 **to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

No RVBC Councillors were present at the meeting

878/15 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday 17th September 2015**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will take place on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____