



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th February 2014 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor J Brown
Councillor S Barker
Councillor I Kent
Councillor S Earnshaw
Councillor N Ford
Councillor J Smith

In attendance: Derek Pickup Acting Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies: Councillor E Ronnan
Councillor D Sleight

Members of the public – 3

663/14 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

664/14 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16th January 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January 2014 are approved as a correct record of the meeting.

665/14 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Crabtree alerted the meeting to the continued parking problems in Whalley. He also asked that the meeting noted the continued problem of dog mess around the village. It was noted from the Clerks report 669/14 that both Parkwise and the police have been alerted to the traffic problems and RVBC to the dog fouling problems.

666/14 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of The Whalley and Wiswell Joint Burial Committee held on 13th December 2013 and the Planning Committee of the 16th January were presented to the meeting.

667/14 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Ford reported that work was continuing on a website for the Old Grammar School and the faulty street light in Woodlands Avenue had been repaired.

Cllr Barker reported that the drains on The Sands appeared to be blocked causing some flooding.

Cllr Brown attended PACT meeting and informed that response police are still patrolling village. She also reported that no meeting had yet been arranged for the Almshouses.

Cllr Earnshaw expressed the view that there was a need for another councillor to be appointed onto the Burials Committee.

Cllr Kent reported on the work carried out on the large trees in the churchyard – no major concerns but a replacement plan needs future consideration.

Cllr Highton attended the Parish Councils Liaison meeting and reported that refuse paper collection was to be streamlined and certain bus services were being reviewed as contracts come up for renewal.

668/14 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for February 2014

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for February 2014

669/14 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

The Clerk's report was received in written form from Fred Holland.

Additional information:

RVBC – Trading Standards reports on scams

LCC – Bus Service changes

670/14 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

Cllr Hill reported that contrary to newspaper reports the RV Core Strategy had not been rejected. The Inspector had asked RVBC to re-examine several issues which had to be responded to by the end of March: RVBC were attempting to take

powers back from LCC as regards parking; A village transport flow plan was imminent as were plans to address the issues concerning the accident blackspot on the A671; RVBC council tax will remain frozen for 2014 – 2015.

671/14 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday March 20th 2014

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 20th March 2014 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____