



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

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

In attendance: Fred Holland Clerk to the Parish Council

Members of the public – 3

650/14 to receive declaration of interests

Declaration of interests were received from Cllrs Ronnan and Barker regarding 657/14

651/14 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 21st November 2013

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st November 2013 are approved as a correct record of the meeting.

652/14 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Brown alerted the meeting to health and safety concerns he observed on Pickwick Night and asked that his comments be noted. He strongly supported the continuation of public use of the Old Grammar School.

Mrs Whitham strongly expressed concern regarding the application for change of use of a residential property to business use on George St. She added that the pavement on George St was uneven and dangerous due to persistent and illegal parking.

653/14 to receive minutes of other Committees

The Grounds and Gardens Committee minutes of the 3rd October 2013; the Church Yard Committee minutes of the 9th September 2013 and the minutes of The Whalley and Wiswell Joint Burial Committee held on 11th October 2013 were presented to the meeting.

654/14 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Kent reported that the renewal of the maintenance contract for the Church Yard was imminent and that authorisation has been given for inspection of a number of trees.

Cllr Brown attended the meeting with Calderstones NHS Trust.

Cllr Earnshaw reported that the Joint Burial Committee had purchased a new noticeboard; work was ongoing regarding dead trees quotations for the woodland path; new green bins had arrived; an area for infant graves is to be investigated and the boundary fence has been repaired.

Following the Grounds and Gardens meeting, Cllr Ronnan reported that the lengthsman's contract had been renewed; the bolts for the J Taylor bench had yet to be delivered by the suppliers; the signs for the bus station regarding ball games will be erected shortly; concerns have been expressed about the electricity consumption for the water feature and the defibrillator has been fastened to the toilet wall.

Cllr Smith expressed a desire for the early construction of a youth shelter which would demonstrate a physical input to the overall QEII plans.

Cllr Highton read out an e-mail from representatives of the Pickwick committee regarding issues with the Xmas lights and funding. Of particular relevance was the commitment to ensure Whalley has a Christmas Tree in 2014.

655/14 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for December 2013 and January 2014

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for December 2013 and January 2014

656/14 to authorise transfer of £10,000 from Skipton BS to Nat West

It was resolved that £10,000 would be transferred from the Skipton BS to the Nat West Bank in order to pay invoices by cheque.

657/14 to consider requests for S/137 grants

It was resolved that the following monies under Section 137 LGA 1972 would be granted to:

Applicant	S/137 Grant £	Applicant	S/137 Grant £
Whalley Guide and Scout Group	445	Whalley Community First Responders	350
Ribble Valley Rail	75	Whalley Cricket Club	750
Little Green Bus	150	Whalley Table Tennis Club	480
Whalley in Bloom	500	Whalley and District Royal British Legion	250

658/14 to consider a request for funding from Whalley Old Grammar School Community Centre

It was resolved that the parish council would ring fence a sum of £4,000 for specific expenditure identified by the trustees of the Old Grammar School Community Centre

659/14 to consider the adoption by Whalley Parish Council of a community defibrillator

It was resolved that the parish council would adopt the defibrillator after an appraisal by the insurers.

660/14 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information received:

The parish council has been given a 1953 Coronation Programme describing the celebrations that took place in Whalley

661/14 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

No Borough Councillors in attendance due to RVBC planning meeting

662/14 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday February 20th 2014

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

The meeting closed at 8.47 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____