



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor J Brown
Councillor S Barker
Councillor J Smith
Councillor E Ronnan
Councillor I Kent

Apologies: Councillor N Ford
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor S Earnshaw

Members of the public – 9

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

781/15 to receive declaration of interests

Declaration of interests were received from Cllrs Barker and Ronnan regarding item 788/15

782/15 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th November 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th November 2015 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

783/15 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

A representative from Clitheroe Civic Society provided information on the project to save The Pinnacle in the Rose Garden of the castle grounds. An information sheet was circulated and further information and a petition can be found located in Whalley Library.

784/15 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 20th November 2014 and 8th January 2015 were received along with the minutes of the Grounds and Gardens committee of the 25th September 2014 and the Joint Burial Committee of the 7th November 2014.

785/15 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Kent reported that the Church Yard committee met and considered issues with the path cleaning, wall repair and works to be completed by the tree surgeon; the Joint Burial committee discussed drainage finance, a new grounds maintenance contract and rate of interest for the finance. The Adam Cottam Trust has yet to meet.

Cllr Ronnan attended meetings at the Old Grammar School and reported that research is to take place into papers that have been archived at LCC, that the financial outlook is on course and that specialist surveyors are to be enlisted for possible works.

Cllr Brown reported that the lengthsman's van has been stolen. Replacement bulbs are to be bought and daffodils will be planted on Accrinton Road. The lengthsman will continue to work with volunteers and other organisations on behalf of the parish council. It was resolved at the meeting to contact the Pickwick committee to consider an overview of the xmas activities and designate role and responsibilities more formally.

Cllr Smith noted that a meeting of members of Whalley Sports Community Park would take place on 28th January.

Cllr Highton on behalf of the parish council congratulated the Pickwick Committee for a successful and enjoyable Pickwick night. At a meeting with LCC officers, councillors etc proposals were outlined in response to parking problems on King St. A consultation process will take place regarding a 2hour limited parking scheme. The double yellow lines at the pinch point near Cornmill Mews entrance are to be finally painted.

786/15 to accept the recommendations from NALC and SLCC regarding the 2014-2016 National Salary Award

It was resolved to accept the recommendations from NALC and SLCC regarding the 2014-2016 National Salary Awards for parish clerks. This would result in a £100 non consolidated (one off) payment for December 2014 and from 01/01/15 the clerks salary at SCP23, presently at £10.603 per hour would increase to £10.836 per hour

787/15 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for December 2014 and January 2015

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for December 2014 and January 2015

788/15 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 Pre-School	250	Whalley Community First Responders	350
Ribble Valley Rail	100	Whalley Cricket Club	400
Whalley Juniors FC	500	Whalley Table Tennis Club	300
Whalley in Bloom	500	Whalley and District Royal British Legion	250
Whalley Tennis Club	500	Whalley Educational Foundation	350

789/15 to consider a request for funding from Whalley Sports Community Park

It was resolved that the parish council would contribute £20,000 to the MUGA scheme.

790/15 to consider forming a working group for a parish plan

It was resolved to form a working group to formulate a parish plan. Cllr Kent agreed to be lead councillor on this project and implement an initial consultation process.

791/15 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information:

A letter from the Royal British Legion has been received thanking the parish council for the donation to the wreath.

A notice of enforcement by LCC on the Eagle at Barrow is due to end this month. As yet the footpath has not been re-installed.

LALC has reported that Quality Council Awards have been replaced. As holders of the award the parish council will automatically transfer to this scheme. However, LALC will update on changes in procedures etc.

792/15 **to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

Borough Councillor Holgate reported that she had received a petition regarding a dog bin for Brookes Lane; concerns of noise by the weir and parking on Church Lane.

793/15 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday February 19th 2015**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday February 19th 2015 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at

Signed: _____ Date: _____