



## WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)  
Councillor J Brown  
Councillor L Rimmer  
Councillor C Ball  
Councillor I Kent  
Councillor M Fallon  
Councillor D Sleight  
Apologies: Councillor M Reid  
Councillor S Barker  
Members of the public – 5

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

### 922/16 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

### 923/16 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

### 924/16 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Wedgeworth asked the meeting to reflect on reports that LCC officials and personnel had no involvement during the aftermath of the flooding. He along with Mr Brown verified the LCC were active and committed from 3.00am Boxing Day morning onwards. Both acknowledged the work and commitment of all volunteers and institutions that had helped in the clean up and provided welfare for those members of the community whose homes had been flooded. Mr Wedgeworth suggested that a plaque be placed in the vicinity of the culvert on King St displaying emergency telephone information.

### **925/16 to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015; the Church Yard Committee of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015; the Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee meeting minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 and the Grounds and Gardens Committee of the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were presented to the meeting

### **926/16 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)**

Cllr Sleight reported that the Burial Committee were continuing discussions on purchasing land to extend the cemetery; the spreading of ashes in the cemetery is to be officially permitted although a cost to cover administration will be served; the memorial check has been completed and the committee is minded to extend the maintenance contract. At the WSCP meeting he attended a grant has been received to proceed with the fine details of the proposed Community Hall. All interested parties are meeting with the architect and Locality Consultant to finalise the plan.

Cllr Ball reported that the Adam Cottam Trustees have rationalised their banking arrangements; the Almshouses roof requires renovation; a Quantity Surveyor is to be enlisted to provide budgetary costing in the formulation of a business plan; programme for 2016 is to have plans and contractors identified and work to be completed by autumn. It is hoped that a resident, made homeless by the floods, can be housed in an Almshouse in the near future.

Cllrs Ball, Brown and Highton attended meetings following the floods. At the Billington meeting the practicalities of gaining grant aid and help with temporary location etc were publicised. At the Primary School meeting an Action Group is to be formed to act as a focus when flooding happens again and a body to promote and publish change to existing practices that have contributed to flooding.

Cllr Brown reported that the Grounds and Gardens Committee has revised the Lengthsman and Vale Gardens contracts and are to extend the contracts. Reviews had been carried out after Pickwick Night and liaison with other groups.

Cllr Kent reported that the Church Yard Committee welcomed the new vicar; reviewed the maintenance contract with a view to extend same; work has been completed on the trees and that a quote is to be sought for further works on the wall.

### **927/16 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for December 2015 and January 2016 (enclosed)**

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for December 2015 and January 2016. It was approved that the Chairman signed off the December accounts prior to this meeting as per the financial standing orders of the council.

**928/16 to accept the recommendation that the Parish Council opts to be audited commencing the financial year by the NALC/SLCC Sector Led Auditors**

It was resolved that the Parish Council accepts the recommendation to opt for the Sector Led Auditors commencing April 2017

**929/16 to consider request for S/137 grants** (enclosed)

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 Scouts and Guides	550	RV First Aid	150
Ribble Valley Rail	100	Whalley Cricket Club	450
Whalley Juniors FC	350	Whalley Table Tennis Club	250
Ribble FM	100	Running 4CF	250
Whalley in Bloom	800	Whalley and District Royal British Legion	350
Little Green Bus	150		

**930/16 to consider updates to the Village Plan**

Cllr Kent provided an analysis of the Village Plan from 2004 to nowadays concentrating on floods, transport (especially parking/congestion) and youth provision. He noted the seeming indifference by developers both to their impact on traffic congestion and flood risk. The evolving Traffic Plan (see item 931/16) and the enhanced youth provision are areas which the original authors of the plan may recognise and acknowledge. He suggests that the drive to develop the QEII provision should be the councils focus.

**931/16 to receive an update on the Traffic Plan**

After taking note of representation from a number of bodies and institutions, LCC are to publish a Traffic Plan based on King St and surrounding area. It incorporates sites for limited time parking bays, parking and loading restriction areas and the yellow lines etc. It was noted that this ideal to improve the problem of traffic congestion will be a total waste of money and time if regulations are not enforced.

**932/16 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)**

Additional information forwarded to councillors by e-mail:

A letter from the Swan Hotel which reports alleged disregard of traffic regulations by taxi drivers on King St. In addition the accompanying noise by passengers and others creates a disturbance to residents and visitors in the early hours of the morning. RVBC has been informed in order that relevant officers can investigate this complaint.

**933/16 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

No Borough Councillors present at the meeting

**934/16 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2016**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.47

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_