

Local Government Act 1972
Whalley Parish Council

Members of the Council, you are summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Thursday 18th January 2024 in the Lower Garden Room, Whalley Old Grammar School at 7.30pm

Signed: *EKHaworth*

Liz Haworth - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Minutes

Agenda items should be submitted to the Clerk seven clear days before the meeting.

The Clerk will forward Councillors, all relevant information and supporting documents, 3 clear days before the meeting.

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1. Attendance & Apologies	
Present: Cllr Allen, Cllr Ball, Cllr Brown, Cllr Carlton, Cllr Highton (Chairman), Cllr Mirfin, Cllr Smith, Cllr Vickers. Apologies: Cllr Threlfall, Cllr Atherton, Cllr Hindle. Present: Liz Haworth Parish Clerk & 4 members of the public.	2384/24
2. Declaration of Interests	
There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable and non registrable interests in items for discussion on the agenda.	2385/24
3. To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meetings	
It was resolved to approve and confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 16 th November 2023.	2386/24
It was resolved to approve and confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held 30 th November 2023.	2387/24
It was resolved to approve and confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held 18 th May 2023.	2388/24
4. To Receive the Minutes of other Committees	
It was resolved to receive the minutes of the WWBJBC meeting held 4 th October 2023 and of the Planning Committee meeting held 16 th November 2023.	2389/24
5. To Adjourn the Meeting for Public Discussion	
The meeting was adjourned for members of the public wishing to speak at the meeting in respect of items on the agenda or to update on relevant village matters. (5 mins per person)	
The council were updated of matters at the train station. Strikes are planned 29/1/24 – 4/2/24 Extra bus services will be put on.	2390/24

6. Partnership Meetings	
Reports were received from Borough/County Councillors and partnership meetings Councillors have attended which impact on the Parish e.g., LCC, RVBC, Parish Liaison, Police Partnership meeting updates. County Cllr Mirfin - LCC have employed new contractors and hedges will be flail cut from March onwards until nesting season. The overgrown vegetation will be cut back on Accrington Road in the next couple of weeks, and other areas in the village. LCC are inspecting the drains and culverts on Accrington Road. A discussion was had regarding the drain issues at Sydney Avenue and others problem areas around in the village. LCC are continuing the bus subsidiary of cheap bus fares.	2391/24
7. Speeding/SplD Plates/Lighting Columns/Joint Working Group	
The Council were informed that the application for fixing SplD plates to selected Lighting Columns has been approved. We will now progress to installing back plates to fix SplDs to monitor and record speeding issues around the village.	2392/24
8. RVBC CIA Response to Licensing Correspondence	
Members discussed the response and process of alcohol license approvals by RVBC whilst a CIA is in place and the effects this has on the local area. Whalley Parish Council is disappointed with this whole process. ACTION: Clerk to write to RVBC to ask for a more informative working approach, similar to that of the planning application process and a more diligent approach to approving applications than if there wasn't a CIA in place.	2393/24
9. Whalley Community Sports Park (QEII)	
Cllr Smith updated Members of the Council of the works completed to the road access at the QEII playing fields. WPC resolved to approve payment of the ground preparation and asphalt surfacing works at a cost of £19460 +VAT. Grant funding received from Entrust of £16460 & £3000 from QEII Trust Fund.	2394/24
10. Planning Permission Whalley Sports Park	
Cllr Smith updated Members on the preparation of the planning application for the Sports Park and funding. Proprietary surveys and costings have been completed and drawings have been prepared. Funding is ongoing with applications underway. Cllr Smith is to complete the online planning application.	2395/24
11. Little Green Bus	
It was resolved to support the Little Green Bus with a £300 donation.	2396/24
12. S137 Grant Applications 2023-24	
Consideration was given to determine requests for grant funding under S137 Local Government Act 1972 in this years budget. It was resolved to approve the S137 Grant Applications to the following constituted organisations.	2397/24

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	<div>Items arisen, correspondence received since the last meeting for information only, that may result in future agenda item.</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural Bulletins• Bus Changes• RAG Updates• Trading Standards/Consumer Alerts• RV Updates• Objection to Noticeboard outside Holdens Ice-cream Shop• Hedgehog Highways Project• Admirals Wood New Ownership																																																																																																																																																	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICO renewal • Parish & Town Council Newsletter • Resident request -Wiswell Lane 30mph sign like Wiswell village • RVBC Polling District & Polling Places Review • Lancashire Devolution Newsletter • PNFS Membership renewal <p>Cllr Mirfin highlighted the application received of a designated Pay & Display at Springwood. This was noted and no additional comments were made.</p> <p>Cllr Mirfin reported that he has received concerns over A Frame Advertisements and will check with LCC if these boards have approval.</p> <p>Cllr Ball reported that the boilers at the Almshouses were being serviced and credited the Remembrance Service and Parade in November as a success with the benefit of the road closure.</p> <p>Cllr Highton had received an enquiry to change the colour of the railing to the steps at the train station to something brighter as it is difficult to see. We believe this is a network rail issue and will refer the matter.</p> <p>Cllr Highton reported on the correspondence received from Pallisters being the land agent of the new owners of the Archbishops/Admiral Wood site reiterating that WPC would support a properly constituted and indemnified organisation in respect of the bike park. Pallisters set out a three-month timeframe limit in November to submit a viable arrangement with their clients. Borough Cllr Atherton is communicating with Pallisters and another party on this matter.</p>	<p>2399/24</p> <p>2400/24</p> <p>2401/24</p>
15.	Employment Matters	
	<p>Members of the Council resolved to exclude the members of the public for this item to discuss and consider ongoing employment related matters.</p> <p>(Appendix A-15) The report and notes for this section are confidential.</p>	2402/24
16.	Next Meeting Dates	
	<p>It was resolved to approve the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7.30pm at Whalley Old Grammar School.</p>	2403/24

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