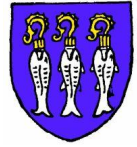


WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor L Rimmer
Councillor J Brown
Councillor M Fallon
Councillor C Ball
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor M Reid
Apologies: Councillor S Barker

Members of the public – 23

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

1058/17 to receive declaration of interests

No Declarations of interests were received.

1059/17 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th November 2016

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th October 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

1060/17 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Representatives from NHS England gave a presentation to outline the consultation process regarding future provision for clients who currently reside in Calderstones. A question and answer format provided additional information to the meeting. The presentation will be available on the Parish Council website.

Inspector Goodall from Lancashire Police met with Brett Price, spokesman for the residents of Bridge/Queen Mary Terraces regarding speeding on Mitton Road. A number of initiatives will be considered after a site visit.

Mr Pickup provided a summary of the financial demands on the fabric of the Old Grammar School and indicated that a request for aid from the trustees would be forthcoming to the Parish Council.

Mr Brown asked that Inspector Goodall be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to meet with residents and discuss policing in Whalley.

Residents expressed concern of the amount of static water on the path to Old Sols Bridge. An initial approach will be made to Network Rail. Water from the De Lacy flower baskets has frozen on the footpath causing a hazard. Mr Wedgeworth will speak to the licensee.

1061/17 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 17th November 2016 and the Grounds and Gardens Committee meeting of 18th October 2016 were presented to the meeting.

1062/17 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Ball reported that possession of the vacant Almshouse was handed over to the new resident in early December. Unfortunately the new resident has not been able to take up residence due to illness.

In the Church Yard work on the North gate and North wall has yet to start. Two contractors have now been asked to tender for these repairs. It is intended to complete this work within this FY.

Paths have been bati-cleaned again due to build-up of algae in shaded areas.

Cllr Sleight reported that the Burial Committee had agreed compensation to the family of Mrs Edgar. A contractor has been commissioned to repair all memorials that have been identified by RVBC as in need of repair to BRAMM standards. Shortly beams are to be laid at the top end of the Cemetery which may also include extra drainage. This will provide for a further 193 graves. The external auditor has provided advice on the possibility of the three host authorities sharing responsibility for the accounts or one authority taking sole responsibility. The Practitioners Guide

is currently being rewritten therefore a resolution is under abeyance. Land transfer of the Cemetery to all three parish councils has been prepared and is now with relevant bodies.

Cllr Brown reported that the area adjacent to Cosgroves on the bus station needs repointing –LCC were contacted by the clerk who responded that the area did not constitute an area where safeguarding is necessary;

The War memorial was cleaned prior to Armistice day; The complaint by Mr Duckworth regarding the overgrown grass verge on The Sands has resulted in a letter from LCC Highways accepting responsibility and placing vegetation removal at this site on their duty rota. On the review of Pickwick Night it was decided to send a letter to Abbey Gardening Services for their endeavours at Pickwick Night and Xmas and to respond to the Neil Martin e-mail regarding Xmas lights: a. providing information on the contractor who supervised the Clitheroe lights and b. Clarifying the Chamber of Trades ownership and responsibilities for the Xmas Lights. Finally a list of priorities for Spring 2017 were identified for the Lengthsman and Abbey Gardening Services

1063/17 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for and December 2016 and January 2017(enclosed)

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented to the Chairman for December 2016 as per Standing the Councils Financial Orders, and January 2017

1064/17 to consider the following issues in preparation for the Audit ending 31st March 2017

a. Update the Assets Register

It was resolved to rectify two errors in the Assets Register

- i. Include the acquisition of Vale Gardens by the Parish Council on 1st November 1985 for the sum of £22,000
- ii. Register the QEII Playing Fields acquired on 17th May 1977 at the original purchase price of £10,100 rather than the current valuation of £250,000

b. Note the auditing responsibilities for host authorities of joint committees

It was noted that the external auditor has provided advice on the possibility of the three host authorities sharing responsibility for the accounts or one authority taking sole responsibility. The Practitioners Guide is currently being rewritten therefore it was resolved to await clarification on this matter

c. Note the change of Auditor from 1st April 2017

PKF Littlejohn LLP has been appointed as the external auditor from 1 April 2017. Stoy Hayward LLP remain auditors for the year ending 31st March 2017

1065/17 to consider requests for S/137 grants (enclosed)

It was resolved that in accordance with its powers under section 137 & 139 of the LGA 1972, should incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the areas of its inhabitants and will benefit them in the manner commensurate with expenditure:

Applicant	Amount Requested £
Whalley Scout and Guide Group	790
Ribble Valley Rail	100
Whalley in Bloom	800
Whalley Pre-School	250
Ribble FM	393
Whalley Local History Group	200 **
Whalley Cricket Club	600
Whalley Table Tennis Club	300

** This applicant is not eligible for funding from the Parish Council under the above powers of LGA1972 Sec 137/139.

It was resolved that the applicant be funded under the powers of the LG(Records) Act 1962

1066/17 to consider a response to the Electoral Review of Ribble Valley : Warding arrangements

It was resolved to note the contents of the Electoral Review of the Ribble Valley : Warding arrangements

1067/17 **to receive the Clerks Report** (information only)

Additions to the Circulation Folder:
RVBC – State of Rural England Report
LALC – Request for Electoral roll numbers

1068/17 **to receive Borough Councillors Report** (information only)

Cllr Hill indicated that the Electoral Review (discussed as item 1066/17) will be considered by RVBC shortly; The Government Minister is due to respond following representation by residents following the closure of Whalley Library; RVBC have concluded that Redrow Homes, at the Lawsonstead site, have breached the conditions of their application by not completing drainage works; a draft summary of responses to the proposed Clitheroe Market has been completed.

1069/17 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 16th February 2017**

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 16th February 2017

The meeting closed at 9.41pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____