

# WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)  
Councillor J Brown  
Councillor M Fallon  
Councillor C Ball  
Councillor D Sleight  
Councillor P Elson  
Councillor S Barker

Apologies: Councillor M Reid  
Councillor M Rimmer

Members of the public – 5

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

## 1136/17 to receive declaration of interests

Cllr Barker declared an interest in Item 10

## 1137/17 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

## 1138/17 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Ronnan summarised the history and the positive impact on the Town Twinning initiative to both communities in France and Whalley.

Mr Pickup indicated that the work on the boiler at the OGS will commence shortly and be completed by the end of August. He thanked the local community including organisations that had helped in funding this work.

Mr Brown acknowledged the dedication of the small number of volunteers who through their endeavours have kept the OGS building available to the community.

## 1139/17 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and the Church Yard Committee meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were presented to the meeting.

## 1140/17 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Fallon has received reports that the road by the library requires repair

Cllr Ball reported that there is now a permanent residence at No.30 Station Road. A contractor has been asked to quote for manufacture and delivery of new front doors for Nos 34 & 36.

The Churchyard Committee met and it was resolved to accept the quotation from Fogarty Restoration and Building Services to repair the East Gate. In addition they will be asked to quote for remedial work on the North pathway. It was noted that the work on a new handrail to the East entrance would be dependent upon planning permission; the stone memorials in the Churchyard have been inspected by Brent Stephenson and his report states that remedial work to an estimated value of £2200 is required. Work will start in early August; the trees have also been inspected and action is being taken in accordance with its recommendations.

Cllrs Brown and Ball attended the Licensing Application – No. 3 Accrington Rd. Parish Council objections to the Application were spelt out reflecting the concerns of those residents who live nearby. However the Applicant's solicitor replied that all concerns regarding prevention of crime, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and protection of children should be dismissed due to lack of hard evidence. It later transpired that a petition signed by local residents was not submitted. If there is a lesson to learn here it is that if any resident has an observation or complaint then it must be put to the Parish Council in writing and duly recorded in the Council's Minutes – thereby creating evidence trail.

Cllr Brown provided feedback on the efforts of Whalley in Bloom in preparation for the Britain in Bloom judging and expressed gratitude to the Muslim Foundation who visited the community recently.

Cllr Sleight reported that the builder has constructed more beams at the Burial Ground which will increase capacity.

Cllr Highton reported that QEII has applied for funding to complete the MUGA and are lobbying Sport England for funding especially for those who at the moment do not participate in sport.

#### **1141/17 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for July 2017**

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts for July 2017. The Clerk reminded councillors that a new monthly standing order for the website would be incorporated to the spreadsheet next month.

#### **1142/17 to receive updates on:**

- a. The Parish Clerk Vacancy – A number of applications have been received. The Chairman will along with Cllrs Ball and Brown shortlist and subsequently interview applicants before the next PC meeting
- b. Traffic Enforcement in Whalley - There has been progress in obtaining a traffic warden in the village. LCC Community Services have been requested to provide an Officer on a random basis
- c. The Parish Council web site – the new site is now on stream. A letter of thanks will be sent to Balfour Systems for their support over the years

#### **1143/17 to consider a response to the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Dog Control Consultation**

It was resolved that the Clerk will complete the form on half of the Parish Council emphasising Proposal 6 introducing a requirement that dogs are excluded from churchyards at all times.

1144/17 **to consider concerns expressed by residents on Mitton Road**(enclosed)

A resident of Mitton Road has complained to LCC Community Services and to the developers regarding the state of Mitton Road (and Station) Road with respect to the state of the pavements and gullies.

1145/17 **to receive the Clerks Report** (enclosed)

Additional information:

LALC – Community Engagement workshop information

Whalley Hydro Grant to the Old Grammar School information

Concerns by residents:

- a. Lack of parking at the railway station for commuters who overspill to parking on the business park. Resultant complaints from businesses whose customers in turn have no parking spaces.
- b. Youths climbing on the Library roof

1146/17 **to receive Borough Councillors Report** (information only)

Borough Cllr Hill indicated that the Co-op Group are to take over the Whalley Arms and subsequently will replace the existing car parking regime; the Environmental Agency and Flood Authority have concerns over the proposals for the Accrington Road development; RVBC has issued an enforcement order on Redrow at Lawsonstead regarding the non construction of the attenuation ponds and RVBC is writing to LCC formally to take responsibility for the enforcement of on street parking regulations.

1147/17 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.29pm

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