



## WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)  
Councillor J Brown  
Councillor S Barker  
Councillor J Smith  
Councillor N Ford  
Councillor D Sleight  
Councillor E Ronnan  
Councillor S Earnshaw

Apologies: Councillor I Kent

Members of the public – 3

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

### 721/14 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

### 722/14 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Reference was made to item 714/14 that it should be recorded that councillors attended the Village Partnership meeting. With that inclusion it was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014 are approved as a correct record of the meeting.

### 723/14 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Brown wished to record his thanks to the Abbey Gardening Services team, especially Jordan, for the hard work not only throughout the year but especially prior to the Britain in Bloom judging. He recommended that a letter of thanks be sent by the parish council; He noted that another sign indicating “no ball games” be erected at Vale Gardens to deter footballers. Moreover, he lamented the lack of any police presence in Whalley and that representation should be made; He asked

for clarity from LCC Highways regarding the consultation process for proposed road/pavement alterations on King St.

**724/14 to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee of the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014; the Church Yard Committee of the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Grounds and Gardens Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 were presented to the meeting.

**725/14 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)**

Cllr Ronnans requests for a debate on the surgery for electors and inspection of the new QEII lease when completed was noted. He reported that the financial position of the Old Grammar School was on track.

Cllr Brown reported that modernisation of the Alms Houses was taking place. The Grounds and Gardens committee have updated the maintenance contract; confirmed that the electricity supply will remain intact; that the Whalley in Bloom plaques be displayed; the contractors plaque be removed; allow contractors time to resolve the water supply to the sculpture.

Cllr Sleight received confirmation that United Utilities would maintain the reservoir pools on the Lawsonstead site.

Cllr Smith reported that Whalley Action Group had met and printed copies of the Action Plan would be made available.

Cllr Earnshaw noted that at the AGM for “Save Whalley Village” it was resolved that the campaign would continue.

Cllr Highton reported that the Church Yard Committee was to instruct contractors to attend to the SW boundary wall; a coping stone is to be renewed; Tree Check have reported on the condition of the trees and that a tree replacement plan is to be instigated in liaison with RVBC conservation officers.

**726/14 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for June 2014**

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for June 2014.

**727/14 to receive the external audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and approve and accept the report**

It was resolved to approve and accept the report from BDO LPP regarding the external audit ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014

It was noted that in future audits the RVBC precept should be recorded separately from the Council Support Tax Grant

**728/14 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)**

Additional information:

LCC requests for action regarding overgrown hedges/vegetation

Report No	Site	Reported	Action
17748	Mitton Rd	07/07/14	09/07/14
17750	Calder	07/07/14	Received
17752	Station Rd	07/07/14	09/07/14
17754	Broad Lane	07/07/14	10/07/14

The RVBC grant application for the lengthsman has been successful and the concurrent functions application is being processed.

Letter of thanks has been received from Whalley Scouts and Guides for the S/137 grant and attached are photographs of equipment purchased.

**729/14 to consider the organisation of the Tree Planting Commemoration of World War I on Calderstones Green**

It was resolved that a request for the RVBC Mayor to attend the ceremony at 1030 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August Letters providing information and asking for attendance would be sent to the religious leaders, Royal British Legion, Calderstones NHS Trust, Friends of Whalley Moor, Mr Hardman and Mr Diack.

**730/14 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

Borough Councillor Hill reported that the Core Strategy Consultation document is with the Inspector; the Co-op are in pre-application discussion with planning officers; LCC are to be approached regarding a safe cycle route from Calderstones to Whalley and attempts are being made to remove non-ingenuous plants in Whalley Moor.

Borough Councillor Holgate has been made aware of concerns regarding the low height of some hanging baskets in the village; discussions are taking place to repair the playing fields fence adjacent to the viaduct.

**731/14 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup> 2014**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

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