



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th July at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

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

Apologies: Councillor J Brown
Councillor I Kent

The Parish Council wish to convey their support and good wishes to Councillor Browns husband Tony following his sudden illness and look forward to his speedy recovery.

Members of the public – 11

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to the Parish Council

855/15 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

856/15 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th June 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th June 2015 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

857/15 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Members of the public representing Green Lane attended the meeting after presenting a formal petition. They expressed their concerns regarding the volume and speed of traffic and the use of the cul-de-sac as a car park. They asked for a “residents only access”, speed bumps. They were joined by residents from Riddings Lane who echoed the Green Park residents concerns but also highlighted the problems of parking and traffic congestion not only in the vicinity near to their homes but also in and around Whalley. The meeting was informed that motorists ignored yellow lines and universally parked on the pavements. Those in wheel chairs or buggies were forced off the pavement into the road. Furthermore the lack of response from the police and the total absence of traffic wardens allowed this anti-social behaviour to remain unchallenged.

Mr White mentioned that the damaged perspex sign at the railway station had yet to be repaired. Mrs Lohue expressed concern that a number of hedges were impeding pedestrian movement and she also asked that the village war memorial be protected from spectators when the cycle race comes through Whalley.

858/15 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee of the 6th March 2015 and of the Planning Committee of the 18th June were received.

859/15 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Rimmer visited the residents of Green Park and agreed with their comments. She asked that the Lancashire County Councillor be informed.

Cllr Sleight noted that RVBC has repaired the boundary railings and child's slide at Proctors Field. He attended a Whalley Sports Community Park meeting at which representatives from RVBC were present.

Cllr Barker informed the meeting that an event will be held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Village Hall.

Cllr Fallon has been contacted by residents complaining about dog fouling especially along the path between the school and the church. He asked that the bench for the memory of Mr Nutter in the Church Yard be refurbished from monies allocated for this purpose.

Cllr Ball stated that a new clerk and trustee have been appointed by the Adam Cottam Trust. The empty dwelling is to be refurbished and he thanked fellow members for their support. He attended RVBC Affordable Homes public meeting. He shared the frustration with Whalley residents with respect to the traffic congestion and called for a fully integrated strategy to be implemented.

Cllr Highton reminded the meeting that judging for the Whalley in Bloom national competition will be Wednesday 12th August. He will be shortly be meeting, along with members of the Chamber of Trade, RVBC councillors, officers from LCC regarding the widening of King St and consultation on other highways proposals.

860/15 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for June 2015

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for June 2015

861/15 to approve the external audit and report for the year ending 31 March 2015

It was resolved to approve the external audit and report from BDO LLP for the year ending 31 March 2015.

862/15 to approve the new constitution of the Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee

It was resolved that Whalley Parish Council approve the new constitution of the Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee

863/15 to consider the implications for the parish council following the decision by RVBC Planning to forward and receive planning application information by electronic format

It was resolved that:

- a. the clerk will e-mail the weekly planning applications, when received from RVBC to councillors. Councillors can access the RVBC web site and prepare representations which then can be submitted at the parish council planning committee meeting.

b. in preparation for the September planning meeting trials will take place whereby the overhead projector is utilised to provide information/plans and recommendations from the RVBC planning portal.

c. The clerk will convey councillors concerns regarding this cost cutting policy and seek financial costs from RVBC to ensure effective monitoring of applications by the parish council.

864/15 **to consider a response to the Electoral Review of Lancashire County Council**

It was resolved to refer this item to the next parish council meeting in August

865/15 **to receive the Clerks Report (information only)**

Additional information:

Following liaison with the lengthsman, the bench in Vale Gardens will be loaned for a day in the New Year to celebrate

866/15 **to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

RVBC Councillor Holgate has been in discussion with the tenants on Bridge Terrace/Coronation Terrace regarding Calderstones NHS Trust recent housing policy. She has been approached by residents regarding dog fouling throughout the village; LCC policy regarding bus passes to Clitheroe GS and disturbances in the early hours in the vicinity of Queen St.

867/15 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday 20th August 2015**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will take place on Thursday 20th August at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School

The meeting closed at 9.34 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____