

# WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 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 M Reid  
Councillor P Elson

Apologies: Councillor S Barker  
Councillor L Rimmer

Members of the public – 5

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

## **1124/17 to receive declaration of interests**

No Declarations of interests were received.

## **1125/17 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

## **1126/17 to approve as correct the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

## **1127/17 to approve as correct the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

## **1128/17 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)**

Ms Lamb and Mr Barnes expressed repeated concerns regarding the illegal parking in the village which results in pedestrians having to leave the pavement and walk in the road thereby resulting in safety issues.

**1129/17 to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were presented to the meeting.

**1130/17 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only**

Cllr Ball reported that a large bough fell from one of the trees adjacent to the path between the churchyard and school. There was no damage and the bough was quickly removed. The tree has been inspected and the churchyard Committee has been advised to take it down; The Survey of all church yard trees was undertaken in early June; A contractor visited the Churchyard to see inspect the East Gate and to discuss our proposal to provide a handrail to one side of the steps into the Churchyard; Examination of the memorial stones by Brent Stephenson will commence shortly. He also reported that the Almshouse will be shortly occupied. He also reported that following a letter from Barrow PC who has not responded to the consultation on the expansion Barrow School it would be inappropriate for Whalley PC to correspond without collaboration from Barrow PC.

Cllr Fallon reported that vegetation from the Abbey was encroaching the footpath on King St. Cllr Sleight reported that at the Joint Burial Cemetery beams have been completed on the RC side but await Faculty confirmation to proceed on the C of E side; advice is to be sought from RVBC for compulsory purchase of adjacent land; a specific site for spoil generation has been identified. The accounts have been completed and have been signed off by RVBC; the annual tree check is taking place.

**1131/17 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for June 2017(en-closed)**

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts for June 2017.

**1132/17 to receive updates on:**

- a. The Parish Council web site – the web designers have completed a draft model of the site and further tweaks have to be made. Training is to commence shortly.
- b. Traffic Enforcement Proposal – as yet no reply has been received from LCC with respect to the Parish Council offer to pay for extra traffic warden presence in Whalley. It is intended to ask Inspector Goodall and the representative from Mitton Road to attend a PC meeting shortly to consider traffic proposals. It was noted that LCC are to commence road widening/parking bays on King St during the school holidays.
- c. Application for the Grant of Premises Licence at 3 Accrington Road Whalley – Cllr Ball is to attend the RVBC Licensing Committee meeting as the PC representative.
- d. Vale Gardens – A vigil was held in Vale Gardens to commemorate the loss of life of a Whalley resident, Mrs Michelle Kiss, who was killed at the Manchester bombing. Around 400 people attended, candles were lit and floral tributes lain. Cllrs Brown, Ball and Mr Brown respectfully removed some of the life expired tributes. After the funeral the family wreaths and floral tributes were brought from the funeral to be placed at the gardens as a request from Mr Kiss and the family. A message from Mr Kiss is “this collective show of grief and solidarity will never be forgotten”. The Parish Council is to

make a donation to the nominated charity and Whalley In Bloom intend to construct a rose garden in remembrance.

- e. Clerk Vacancy - Cllrs Highton, Brown and Ball have prepared a job description and an advert in preparation for the vacancy to be advertised.
- f. RVBC Borough Boundaries – The Parish Council strongly support the views of RVBC that parts of the existing village around Accrington Road should remain within Whalley.

1133/17 **to receive the Clerks Report** (enclosed)

Additional information:

Notification of a Celebration Service at the Parish Church following the restoration of the church - 25<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm.

Information Posters regarding Cardiac Arrest

Whalley in Bloom Newsletter

1134/17 **to receive Borough Councillors Report** (information only)

Cllr Holgate confirmed earlier items on the agenda with respect to traffic enforcement and RVBC boundary consultation.

1135/17 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.24pm

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