

Local Government Act 1972
Whalley Parish Council

Members of the Council, you are summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on
 Thursday 16th June 2022 in the Calder Room, Whalley Old Grammar School at 7.30pm

Signed: *EKHaworth*

Liz Haworth - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Minutes

Agenda items should be submitted to the Clerk seven clear days before the meeting.
 The Clerk will forward Councillors, all relevant information and supporting documents, 3 clear days
 before the meeting.

1.	Attendance & Apologies	
	Present: Cllrs John Threlfall (Nominated Chairman), Caroline Allen, Clifford Ball (Nominated Minutes), June Brown, Jonathan Smith. Apologies: Cllrs Martin Highton, Cllr Dave Berryman, Liz Haworth (Clerk) In attendance: Cllr Ged Mirfin, 2 members of the Public Cllr John Threlfall assumed Chair of the Meeting in Cllr Martin Highton's absence (Covid) and Cllr Cliff Ball took notes in place of the Clerk (Liz also has Covid).	1928/22
2.	Declaration of Interests	
	There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable and non registrable interests in items for discussion on the agenda.	1929/22
3.	To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings	
	It was resolved to approve the meeting minutes of 19 th May 2022 It was resolved to approve the meeting minutes the Annual Meeting of 19 th May 2022.	1930/22
4.	To Receive the Minutes of other Committees	
	It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee of 19 th May 2022 and the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Thursday 26 th May 2022.	1931/22
6.	To Adjourn the Meeting for Public Discussion	
	To adjourn for members of the public wishing to speak at the meeting in respect of items on the agenda. (5 mins per person) Tony Brown complimented Cllr Cliff Ball and the Almshouses Trust on the excellent work to re-roof the Almshouses; they look very neat and tidy. Mr. Brown also commented on the excellent work done by LCC Highways in the re-modelling of the pavements in the centre of Whalley. It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation to LCC.	1932/22

	<p>Paul stated that the difficult situation regarding then railway station car park had been satisfactorily resolved. He also advised that bunting for the Jubilee had been removed. There is concern regarding the forthcoming strike by railway employees; not sure how this might impact on the Clitheroe line.</p> <p>There followed a general discussion regarding the letting of Unit 14 on the Sidings Estate to Graham Vernon and the Burnley Boys & Girls Group. Following the first meeting there had been complaints about youngsters playing football and trespass. Andrew Ronnan has written a formal letter of complaint to Mr. Vernon which includes the use of legal action if the situation is not resolved. The Parish Council agreed to monitor but not to get involved at this stage.</p>	<p>1933/22</p> <p>1934/22</p>
7.	Partnership Meetings	
	<p>To receive reports from Borough/County Councillors and partnership meetings Councillors have attended which impact on the Parish e.g., LCC, RVBC, Parish Liaison meeting updates.</p> <p>Cllr Mirfin raised the issue of paint on the new pavements outside the DeLacy pub; needs sandblasting for which the DeLacy should pay. Mitton Road is scheduled to be resurfaced in next year (2023-4). Speeding on Mitton Road remains a problem but there is no apparent means of solving this. It is evident that crime is not being reported in Whalley and was thought simply because there is no confidence that the Police will do anything about it. The Parish Council should be encouraged to impress upon residents that all crime should be reported. Whalley licensed premises are to be visited for drug use and selling on a random basis in the near future; the use of cocaine has become commonplace in Whalley.</p> <p>Cllr Mirfin commented that Whalley is not getting the support required from RVBC.</p>	<p>1935/22</p> <p>1936/22</p>
8.	Reports by Cllrs & Clerk as INFORMATION only	
	<p>Items arisen since the last meeting for information only, not debate, that may result in future agenda item.</p> <p>Cllr Brown said that all had gone well with the Jubilee activities; there was something for everybody; there was the 'Picnic in the Park' arranged by Calderstones Park residents, afternoon tea in the Methodist Hall arranged by Whalley Lions and various street parties. The Concert in the village Hall was very well attended and thanks to Joanna Lavelle for all the hard work she and her team had put in. A Valedictory Service was held at St. Luke's Chapel, Calderstones before the building is handed over to its new owners. St Luke's has been used by Service Users and staff for many years; many happy events have taken place there. Finally, a meeting of the Grounds & Gardens Committee is to be called.</p> <p>Cllr Ball reported that the re-roof of the Almshouses is complete on time and within budget. As Chair of the Almshouses Trust Cllr Ball thanked the</p>	<p>1937/22</p> <p>1938/22</p>

	<p>Almshouses Association and the Parish Council for their support. Removing the old roof revealed its parlous state and without the re-roof the Almshouses would eventually have to be closed. The next jobs are to paint the external woodwork and remove boughs from nearby trees. New flags for the Churchyard paths are being ordered; lead time is 6 weeks.</p> <p>Cllr Smith advised that the Ukrainian family comprising 5 people had now arrived. Whalley CofE Primary School has been brilliant in agreeing to accept them. LCC is negotiating places at St. Augustine's for older children. A Network has been set up in Clitheroe so that Ukrainian refugees can keep in touch with each other.</p> <p>Cllr Allen commented on the hard work that had gone in to prepare for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; the village looked beautiful. Concern was raised regarding pot holes in the village and the apparent lack of action to repair them. Cllr Mirfin advised that there was a number of routes to draw this to LCC attention: download the LCC App, post photos with location or simply contact LCC. There is also concern from residents in Dale House regarding noise from the Swan Pub especially during the Monthly market days.</p> <p>There followed a complex discussion regarding the past, present and future of the Whalley Sports Club and the QEII Playing Fields. Cllr Smith explained the roles of the Sports Club and the Clubs affiliated to it. Cllr Smith proposed that it is put on the agenda for discussion.</p> <p>Cllr Smith commented on the minutes regarding the placing of the new plaque for Two Toms Trail, the new walk from Whalley to Colne and the Pennine Way. It is to be placed on the pillar closest to Woodland Drive.</p>	<p>1939/22</p> <p>1940/22</p> <p>1941/22</p> <p>1942/22</p>
9.	Benny's Bar	
	The meeting with the management of Benny's bar seems to have borne fruit in that the outside is now kept tidy and the Security ('bouncer') at the front door is controlling the entry. WPC will write to Benny's Bar to thank them for their cooperation in this matter.	1943/22
10.	Clitheroe Police Station Meeting- working together for Whalley	
	Cllr Highton, Cllr Threlfall, Rev. Thomas (Whalley Abbey Director) and Graham Vernon met at Clitheroe Police Station on Friday 20 th May at 11am to discuss recent incidents in the village and surrounding area. A follow up meeting has been arranged for 20 th July.	1944/22
	Inspector Claire Pearson's visit to Whalley on the 7 th June included a comprehensive tour of the village including King Street, Queen Street, The Sands, The Sidings, The Abbey and the Library area. It was emphasised that police officers had to get out of their vehicles and 'patrol' rather than just driving around before leaving.	1945/22
11.	Parish & Town Councils Charter 2022-2024	
	It was resolved to acknowledge, receive, and adopt the better working between LCC & Parish & Town Councils Charter.	1946/22

12.	Queens Award for Voluntary Service 2023																																																																																																							
	There was unanimous agreement that 'Whalley in Bloom' should be nominated for this prestigious Award.	1947/22																																																																																																						
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	The pathway from Mitton Road to the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Calderstones has become totally overgrown and now almost prevents access to the Cemetery, this is not helped by the landowners who want to develop the site with a new crematorium. The County Council, as Surveying Authority, have received an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order (not apparent who applied for this) After some discussion it was resolved to support this.	1948/22																																																																																																						
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	To receive an update from the Parish Forum meeting held on Monday 6th June to discuss the response to the new Local Plan consultation. The draft document circulated to Councillors is just a starting point; there has been a 1 st Consultation Meeting. Whalley remains vulnerable to large scale development even though land supply is now getting restricted. If anything is to come from initiatives which give Parish Councils more say then there should be provision to demand priority for infrastructure before land development can proceed; an example being the construction of new access roads prior to commencement of house building.	1950/22																																																																																																						
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17.	Next Meeting Dates	
	It was resolved to approve the date of the next meeting 21 st July 2022 at 7.30pm at Whalley Old Grammar School.	1952/22

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

Signed by Chairman.....Cllr Martin Highton

Date