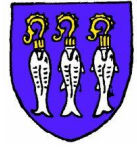




WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th June 2016 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor M Reid
Councillor L Rimmer
Councillor Ball
Councillor S Earnshaw
Councillor S Barker
Councillor M Fallon
Councillor D Sleight
Apologies: Councillor J Brown
Members of the public – 3

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

985/16 to receive declaration of interests

No Declaration of interests were received.

986/16 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th May 2016

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th May 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

987/16 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 19th May 2016

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 19th May 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

988/16 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Gathercole provided an update and the potential consequences to fracking. Licences for exploration in the Ribble Valley have been issued. He warned that the exploration process will have a negative impact on the area; noise; increase in traffic; pollution especially waste water; wildlife. A number of meetings have be arranged: Sunday 19 June at the Village Hall in Whalley 10am-2pm. This is an opportunity to drop in and talk with a geologist about fracking in this area. Also Monday 27 June at 7pm at The Bureau, Centre for the Arts, St John's Church, Victoria Street, Blackburn BB1 6DW. This is a public meeting with several speakers and time for questions.

989/16 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 19th May 2016 were presented to the meeting.

990/16 **to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)**

Cllr Fallon reported that the RV LALC meetings are now taking place at differing venues to encourage greater participation.

Cllr Ball postponed the Church Yard meeting and will reconvene when the Tree Check report is forwarded and the Lambert Walker estimates are analysed.

Cllr Reid attended the Flood Seminar and reported that it provided the welcome opportunity for residents to meet members of organisations and receive practical advice.

991/16 **to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for June 2016** (enclosed)

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for June 2016.

992/16 **to consider accepting the recommendation from NALC/SLCC that the Clerks Salary at SCP25 should increase from £11,545 per hour to £11,660 per hour backdated from 1st April 2016**

It was resolved to accept the recommendation and backdate the pay award to 1st April 2016

993/16 **to formally accept the QEII Playing Fields onto the Parish Council list of assets following the signing of the Deeds of Novation and Dedication as approved in item 855/15**

It was resolved to accept the QEII Playing Fields onto the Parish Council List of Assets

994/16 **to consider a response to the proposed closure of Whalley Library**

It was resolved to refer this matter to the next meeting of the parish council. Cllr Reid was nominated to represent the Parish Council at the Ribble Valley Parish Councils Liaison sub-committee which is preparing a submission in response to closures.

995/16 **to receive the Clerks Report (information only)**

Following authorisation of the Statement of Accounts, the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 is to commence on 8 June 2016 to 19 July 2016.

996/16 **to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

Ribble Valley Councillors absent due to previous commitments

997/16 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 21st July 2016**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday July 21st 2016 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____