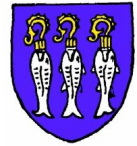


WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 June 2018 at
7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chairman)
Councillor M Fallon
Councillor C Ball
Councillor P Elson
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor L Rimmer

Apologies received: Councillors' J Brown and J Threlfall

In Attendance: M Richardson – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council
Members of the public – 2

1272/18 to receive declaration of interests

None.

1273/18 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 May 2018

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 May 2018 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

1274/18 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Paul White highlighted three areas of concern on Station Road just outside the Almshouses. First, the bench that was looking rather shabby; he questioned whether this would be maintained by the Whalley In Bloom Team given the impending Regional Inspection. Secondly, he stated that the litter bin adjacent to the bench had disappeared. Finally, he asked if the post box that was vandalised outside the Railway Station would eventually be replaced. The Clerk stated that she would contact Royal Mail and Ribble Valley Borough Council regarding the bin and post box.

1275/18 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of the 18 May 2018 were received.

1276/18 To receive reports of Councillors' from other committees (information only)

Councillor Rimmer raised the issue of the General Data Protection Regulations that were in force and what implications this would have for the Parish Council. The Clerk informed Councillor Rimmer that a verbal briefing was provided at the April 2018 meeting (minute 1245/18) at which she sent her apologies.

Councillor Rimmer reported that she had attend the Churchyard Committee meeting and that she had concerns about the cellophane wrappers and other memorabilia that some relatives left on graves which made the area look untidy. With the impending Whalley in Bloom Regional Judging this would have to be monitored. She reported that the Royal Mail Post Box on King Street had been sealed for one week. She presented paperwork about drug dealing gangs operating in Lancashire and reported that she had received complaints about drug dealing taking place on the Swan Car Park in early hours of the morning between 1am-2pm.

Councillor Fallon stated that with the hot weather the weeds were growing at a rapid rate and this was particularly noticeable on Abbeyfields. The Lengthsman had been busy spraying with weed killer and this will hopefully resolve matters. During the recent high winds two trees had been blown over; one at the bottom of Broad Land near the viaduct and the other on the Car Park near the tennis club.

Councillor Ball reported that the Almshouses Trust held its Annual General Meeting on 16th May and he was re-elected as chair for 2018/9. The vacant dwelling is now carpeted and the blinds have been fitted; it is now ready for occupation. The front elevation over the front door has been completely re-pointed in an attempt to cure the damp problem.

The Trust received two applications for the vacant Almshouse. Both were interviewed and after some confusion the lady who came to us via RVBC Housing was finally offered the dwelling. It is hoped that she will take up residence by the end of June or early July. The Almshouse Association has been kept up to date with the work and as a result an article on the Adam Cottam Almshouses will now be published in the Almshouses Gazette.

The Churchyard Committee met on the 18th June. The Chairman gave a short review on 2017/18 leading up to a project which was left over from the past financial year. This is the installing of new handrails to the East Gate. It was resolved to proceed with seeking permission to use the office steps handrail design, seeking advice from the Archdeacon regarding a faculty and updating the Contractor's estimate. Other matters included the clearing of ivy from memorial stones, keeping the Garden of Remembrance tidy and schemes to improve drainage in front of the West Door.

The Bishop of Blackburn has refused to de-consecrate the land at the former Calderstones Hospital cemetery. The developer has the option of abandoning the project or taking the request to the Consistory Court

Councillor Dave Sleight reported that Ribble Valley Borough Council had agreed to carry out the annual memorial safety inspection of the Cemetery once a Faculty had been granted. In creating a memorial garden some clearance of saplings is required after which the land will need levelling off. The Chair and Registrar to are to investigate. The Registrar is to approach the Borough Council to obtain a further quote for the installation of a tap, at the request of a committee member. Several grave plots will be levelled to improve their appearance. The updated rules are now in operation and copy will be placed in the noticeboard at the Cemetery. The Registrar is to proceed with GDPR and basically obtain consent from owners for the data that we hold on them. The attenuation pond at Lawsonsteads is now being built. The verge to the left of the footpath up Accrington Road is overgrown with a mixture of brambles, wild roses, shrubs and trees and is in need of a severe cutback.

Philip Elson reported that he had a third on site meeting with Lancashire County Council regarding the hedge on Mitton Road. This matter was still unresolved. He noted that some of the road signs had been obscured by the hedge.

Councillor Martin Highton reported that the Parish Council Liaison Committee had met on the same date as Whalley Parish Council so he was unable to attend. Items of note on the Agenda included a request by Sabden Parish Council for an update on the proposed roundabout on the A59 at the Sabden Junction and a review of Dog Initiatives carried out by the Borough Council over the past 2 years.

1277/18 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for June 2018

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts for June 2018.

1278/18 Clerks Report

The Clerks Report for June 2018 was accepted.

1279/18 resolved that the Responsible Financial Officer interrogates the information about the LEADER grant funding for the Queen Elizabeth Playing Fields and once satisfied it is of low risk the Council agrees to make a bridging loan of approximately £20,000

The Council unanimously, agreed subject to the above financial checks, to offer a bridging loan not exceeding £20,000 to meet the shortfall in funding until the LEADER GRANT money came through for the recent works carried out on QE2 Playing fields.

1280/18 Whalley Parish Council Newsletter – June 2018

The Newsletter was in the process of being distributed but we awaited further copies. The Whalley Remembers Stickers are being inserted and delivered at the same time. Remaining areas that had not yet received the newsletters included Lawsonsteads, Hayhurst, Queen Street, Princess Street and King Street.

1281/18 Armistice Commemoration 2018

Councillor Ball stated that the first banners have been delivered and put up outside the Primary School on Church Lane and in front of the new Co-op store stickers have also been delivered in the Whalley Parish Council Newsletter. Orders are being placed for enamel badges and printed mugs; these mugs will be given to each child in our Primary School, Barrow Primary School and Oakhill Juniors.

Whalley Remembers was represented at the Co-op opening day on 31st may and there will be a presence at the forthcoming Mitton Hall Open Day. An order is also being placed for silhouettes from the 'There but Not There' web site. Church and school leaders are being asked if it would be practical to hold a 'placing ceremony' whereby children from our schools place the silhouettes in churches and benches around the village – perhaps sometime at the beginning of the Autumn Term. He thanked the tremendous team effort of the volunteers involved in making the events possible.

Funds for the project currently amounted to the £12,000 and he suggested that local businesses and shops should be canvassed for a contribution to the event. A Window Display competition was being planned for Whalley and a website will be created. Plans were still proceeding to

develop a permanent monument based on detail contained in George Hardman's book. Discussions were taking place to look at Float Celebration in 2019 to replicate a similar event over 100 years ago.

1282/18 **Borough Councillors Report**

No Borough Councillors attended the meeting.

1283/18 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as 7.30pm Thursday 19 July 2018**

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 19 July at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____