



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor J Brown
Councillor J Smith
Councillor E Ronnan
Councillor I Kent
Councillor S Earnshaw
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor S Barker
Councillor N Ford

Members of the public – 4

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

806/15 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

807/15 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 2015 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

808/15 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Brown attended the recent PACT meeting noting that the attendance was poor. 5.00pm is not a convenient time whilst the publicity is nonexistent. He expressed concern to the PCSO present on the following:

Motorists parking on yellow lines and ignored by the police

Parking on the pavement causing obstruction for pedestrians especially those in wheel chairs or with push chairs

The disabled parking bay being abused by fully fit motorists

Motorists using the bus station for parking or a short cut

The virtual absence of traffic wardens in Whalley

These issues were recorded by the PCSO who indicated that this information would be forwarded to the new PC Lee Forshaw and the Parkwise liaison officer at Hutton.

Mr Pickup thanked the parish council for the financial support over the year.

809/15 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 19th February 2015; Whalley and Wiswell Joint Burial Committee meeting minutes of 9th January 2015 and the Church Yard Committee meeting minutes of 8th December 2014 were presented to the meeting

810/15 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Smith stated that the Whalley Community Sports Park had met and reports that the Lancashire Environmental Fund has accepted the proposed plans; tenders have been sought for the MUGA surface and youth shelter; drainage work is start on the playing fields; a new pitch is to be created close to the forest garden area; talks are in place for extra parking and road surfaces and that support has been received from Whalley Lions.

Cllr Brown reported that the Grounds and Gardens committee will meet on Tuesday 24th March at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

Cllr Ronnan on behalf of Whalley Table Tennis club thanked the parish council for the donation that has been used for coaching the youngsters.

Cllr Earnshaw reported that the Joint Burial Ground had received a quotation for memorial safety checks; a drainage specialist report has been received and work will be put out to tender; a report has been received that suggests that the capacity for the burial ground will be exceeded in 25 years time and a cleanup day will take place on Tuesday 21st April.

Cllr Kent reported that the Churchyard committee has approved a quotation for works on the walls/coping stones; identified tree works has been completed; a replacement tree plan is in gestation and a path safety is to be considered.

Both Cllrs Earnshaw and Kent called for a meeting of the Adam Cottam Trust to consider issues regarding the almshouses.

Cllr Highton in discussion with Whalley Lions has discussed a number of sites for judgement in the Best Kept Village competition.

811/15 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for March 2015

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

812/15 to consider the governance and auditing proposals for the Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Cemetery

It was resolved that the parish council recommends that an annual professional external audit is produced that provides an independent opinion of the committees annual accounting statements. The auditor will also review, and, if necessary, report on the committees arrangements to ensure the proper conduct of its financial affairs. This report must be forwarded to the three parish councils.

813/15 to consider a response to the comments from LCC on speeding on Mitton Road and The Sands

It was resolved to support LCC officers in preparing a draft scheme that addresses the speed issues and to appropriate budgets for funding by:

- a. Encourage measures that would reduce the speed of motorists
- b. Continue and increase the number of speed enforcements along Mitton Road
- c. Extend the 20mph limit from The Sands over the whole length of Broad Lane to the junction with Mitton Road

814/15 to consider the governance and change of constitution of Whalley Educational Foundation

It was resolved to defer this item to the Annual Meeting of the Council when decisions are made as to which committees personel from the parish council shall represent.

815/15 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information:

Letters of thanks for S/137 grants have been received from Whalley Educational Foundation and Whalley and District Royal British Legion.

A letter will be sent on behalf of the parish council to Norman Thorpe for his endeavours in the restoration of FP5.

816/15 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

No Borough Councillors present due to other commitments

817/15 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday April 16th 2015

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday April 16th 2015 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____