



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 17th March 2022 in the Calder Room, Whalley 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 Martin Highton (Chair) June Brown (Vice Chair) Cliff Ball, Jonathan Smith, John Threlfall. Apologies: Cllrs Tracey Whistlecraft, Caroline Allen. In Attendance; Liz Haworth (Parish Clerk) Borough Cllr Ged Mirfin and 5 members of the public.	1845/22
2. Declaration of Interests	
No declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable and non registrable interests in items for discussion on the agenda were received.	1846/22
3. To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
It was resolved to approve the meeting minutes of 17 th February 2022.	1847/22
4. To Receive the Minutes of other Committees	
It was resolved to agree to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee of 17 th February 2022.	1848/22
5. To Adjourn the Meeting for Public Discussion	
Members of the public raised concerns about groups of youths congregating around the library and Procters Field. WPC to notify the PCSO to visit these areas.	1849/22
A resident of Wiswell Lane raised the issue of a lamppost that had previously been removed several years ago on Wiswell Lane. The matter has been raised previously but no action resolved. The lack of light on this stretch of road with a blind corner presents a potential safety risk for pedestrians. WPC to contact LCC representative.	1850/22
It was reported that there is no further news on the carpark at The Sidings/Train Station. Vandals have destroyed flower beds provided by Whalley In Bloom by	1851/22

	pulling plants out of beds. New sleepers have been placed in the bottom garden in this area.	
6.	Partnership Meetings	
	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.	
	Borough Cllr Ged Mirfin updated the Council on the meeting with representatives from Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA). Concerns were expressed over flooding on the site area and the impact this would have on the village in general, which already suffers from flooding issues. This has resulted in an overwhelming recommendation of objection to the Local Planning Authority. Objection 1 – Inadequate Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment Objection 2 – Inadequate Surface Water Sustainable Drainage Strategy This Planning Application Consultation Response can be found on the News and Planning Documents Section of WPC website whalleyparishcouncil.org.uk	1852/22
	Cllr Mirfin intends to set up a meeting of the same issue with United Utilities.	1853/22
	Cllr Mirfin reported that he has been in contact with the local retailers in respect of the improvement roadworks in Whalley centre and is coordinating multiple services to work succinctly to prevent further roadworks and upheaval in the near future. Workers are working additional hours and starting earlier in the morning to speed up the process.	1854/22
	Cllr Mirfin updated WPC on the vandalism of the public toilets reporting that they were so badly damaged they now require new cubicles, lighting and doors. The cost of works exceeds this year's budget and as such work will not commence until April into next year's financial budget. He has requested that RVBC put additional CCTV in this area as a minimum.	1855/22
	Cllr Mirfin and Whalley Resident Action Groups are to attend the next Licensing Committee Meeting to be held on 12 th April at 6.30pm in the Ribble Valley Crown Chambers.	1856/22
	Cllr Mirfin reminded us that there is still a Member Grant available of up to £500 and information can be found on the website https://www.blogpreston.co.uk/2022/01/lancashire-county-council-opens-small-grants-to-organisations-in-preston-and-lancashire/	1857/22
	Cllr Threlfall reported that the Village Hall Committee has now met and is building up a program of events after emerging from COVID restrictions.	1858/22
	Cllr Brown has had a meeting with the Traders in the village and WPC understand the problems the roadworks has been causing in the village, especially around the danger and lack of attention drivers are paying to the zebra crossing near to the bus station.	1859/22

7.	Reports by Cllrs & Clerk as INFORMATION only	
	<p>ADAM COTTAM ALMSHOUSES Cllr Cliff Ball reported – that there was nothing further to report for the moment; the cost of construction materials is increasing weekly – our contractor is trying to persuade suppliers to maintain costs built into the November estimate.</p> <p>It is with great regret that Cllr Ball announced the passing of Dr. Edgar Ainsworth who served on the Trust for many years.</p> <p>CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE Cllr Cliff Ball reported -There has been much progress since the February report regarding the theft of stone flags; the contractor has successfully replaced flags on the South path which were taken up by the thieves but not removed. Also flags donated by Kellie Hughes and the contractor have also been used to repair the East path so it can be safely used for funerals once more! Many thanks to Kellie and Michael! Repairs to the Chancel path and Bier House path will be completed when more flags become available.</p> <p>Attempts have been made to sort a date for the removal of the diseased tree next to the West entrance to the Churchyard; Roy Cattermole has it in hand, but the work must fit around the school hours and any possible weddings etc. Roy will also cut back the canopy over the allotments at the same time.</p> <p>Cllr June Brown commended the efforts of the village after the tragedy of the fire on Queen Street. The Village Hall opened its doors and refreshments were made available to welcome distressed residents and workers of the emergency services by both local volunteers and village business owners which became a safe place where people could regroup whilst arrangements were made in this time of need. Cllr Brown praised Whalley for never ceasing to pull together as a community in an emergency. Sincere condolences to the families affected.</p> <p>Cllr Martin Highton reported that the Oak Tree to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee was going to be planted and that he had been approached by Jordan of Abbey Gardening to ask if he could use a cement product supplied by Bannister Hall Nurseries to point the flags in Vale Garden and use this to promote the product for further business opportunities.</p> <p>Cllr Highton resolved the full recycling bin issue by the bus shelter which has now been emptied and is now back in use.</p> <p>Cllr Highton contacted LCC for structural testing to check and gain approval around street lighting, flagpoles and bunting for Christmas and other decorative displays. The lamp standards have been checked and are satisfactory for use.</p> <p>Cllrs Martin Highton & Jonathan Smith are coordinating with Stephen Barker over the lease of the sports club land and future of the sports club lease.</p>	<p>1860/22</p> <p>1861/22</p> <p>1862/22</p> <p>1863/22</p> <p>1864/22</p> <p>1865/22</p> <p>1866/22</p> <p>1867/22</p> <p>1868/22</p>

8.	Benny's Bar	
	No updates were received on reported behaviours following the meeting on Monday 13 th December with the solicitor and licensee. The issue will continue to be monitored.	1869/22
9.	ASB Meeting Dates	
	Colin Hirst is going to organise a date for the ASB Meeting that was due to be hosted by Ribble Valley Borough Council on Friday 3 rd December 2021. To be advised.	1870/22
10.	Queens Platinum Jubilee	
	The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations were discussed and it still appears that there is a lack of available volunteers to help drive and organise events in the centre of the village.	1871/22
	WPC support Cllr Jonathan Smith speaking with the Chamber of Trade to see if the retailers would like to decorate the village with flags and discuss any other plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.	1872/22
	WPC is willing to pull together a program of events for publication to promote the Jubilee Celebrations, but there is currently insufficient information that has come forward to warrant this. WPC would like to support and hear of any events that include access to the whole village.	1873/22
11.	Replacement of the Benches on Procters Field	
	It was resolved to approve the purchase of 8 new bench ends to enable the construction of 4 new benches to replace the existing as allocated in the precept budget. Proposed by Cllr Highton & seconded by Cllr Smith.	1874/22
12.	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981-Part III Application for Definitive Map Modification Disorder – Addition of public footpath from Mitton Road to Calderstones Drive, Whalley.	
	WPC noted the application under consultation and had no objections to the definitive map modification order application from Mitton Road to Calderstones Drive, Whalley.	1875/22
13.	Defibrillators	
	The lead time on the replacement parts for the vandalised defibrillator on the Bus Station is still appx 6 weeks away. It was confirmed that WPC would purchase a new defib for the Bus Station and the additional defib would be sited somewhere new in the village once the replacement parts were received.	1876/22
14.	Whalley Parish Council Vacancy	
	The Parish Council has two Parish Councillor vacancies. The positions can now be filled by co-option. There has been some interest and there are notices of the vacancies on the noticeboard and WPC website news section.	1877/22

15.	WPC Policy Documents																																																																																											
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	The council approved the date of the next meeting to be held 21 st April 2022 at 7.30pm at Whalley Old Grammar School in the Calder Room.	1882/22																																																																																										
	Meeting Closed at 9.30pm																																																																																											

Signed by Chairman..... Martin Highton Date