



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 20th March 2025 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: Cllr Allen, Cllr Ball, Cllr Highton (Chairman), Cllr Mirfin, Cllr Threlfall, Cllr Vickers. Apologies: Cllr Smith, Borough Cllr Hindle. Present: Liz Haworth (Clerk), 3 members of the public.	2576/25
2.	Declaration of Interests	
	There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable and Non-registrable interests in items for discussion on the agenda.	2577/25
3.	To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting	
	It was resolved to approve and confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 20 th February 2025.	2578/25
4.	To Receive the Minutes of other Committees/Meetings	
	It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee Thursday 20 th February 2025.	2579/25
5.	Whalley Parish Council Casual Vacancy	
	The Parish Council has received two expressions of interest for the Council vacancy.	2580/25
6.	To Adjourn the Meeting for Public Discussion	
	The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to speak at the meeting in respect of items on the agenda or to update on relevant village matters. (5 mins per person) Railway Station- All running as normal. Viaduct works set to complete end of March. Dales Rail service suspended from 5-12 April due to planned works. Car Park contract under negotiation. WIB preparing for Spring planting.	2581/25

	10.2 Consultation TTRO noted by the Council - Clitheroe Road, Whalley, Ribble Valley, Bus Stop Clearways (894.20417) Removal and introduction of bus stop clearways. See draft order for details.	2588/25
	10.3 Consultation TTRO noted by the Council - Clitheroe Road and Station Road, Whalley, Ribble Valley, Rev, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting (894.20418) Introduction of prohibition of waiting on Clitheroe Road and Station Road, and restrictions between 8am & 6pm Clitheroe Road and Station Road. See draft order for details.	2589/25
	10.4 The Council noted the Initial Notification - Mitton Road, Whalley Road and Clitheroe Road, Whalley Nightly Closure for LCC to carry out carriageway resurfacing works.	2590/25
11.	Flooding	
	No response has been received from LCC or UU with regards to flooding. Clerk to chase.	2591/25
12.	Planning Permission Whalley Sports Park	
	12.1 A meeting is due to be arranged with Stephen Kilmartin next week for the pre-planning application for the Sports Park.	2592/25
	12.2 The Council has agreed in principle to the development of an all-weather pitch on the QEII land. Councillor Highton had a meeting with Adam Allen at RVBC to discuss potential funding opportunities and the next steps required.	2593/25
13.	Annual Parish Meeting	
	A discussion took place to identify a suitable speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting, which is scheduled to be held on 1st May 2025. Clerk to write to WIB and Cllr Mirfin to contact Mr Entwistle.	2594/25
14.	Flagpole in Vale Gardens	
	It was resolved to purchase and install a 4.6-metre fibreglass flagpole, measured from ground to finial, in Vale Gardens. The location for installation was agreed, and Councillor Highton and the Clerk were delegated to make the necessary arrangements.	2595/25
15.	VE Day 80th Anniversary - 8th May 2025	
	Discussions took place to consider how to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. It was resolved that WPC would purchase a VE Day 80 Flag £20 and will support the village decorating with flags with a grant or purchase up to £500.	2596/25
16.	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, Police Partnership meeting updates. Cllr Threlfall provided an updated of upcoming meetings Village Hall 31/3/2025, Police Partnership Meeting 3/4/2025 and RVBC Liaison Meeting 10/4/2025.	2597/25

	<p>CLlr Mirfin & CLlr Ball have met with members of Mitton Road Action Group with regards to complaints of heavy goods vehicles affecting property on Mitton Road.</p>	2598/25
	<p>CLlr Vickers attended the virtual LALC meeting. Next RVLALC meeting is to be held at Foxfields on Wednesday 26/3/2025 at 6.30pm.</p>	2599/25
	<p>CLlr Ball reported that Calder Services have serviced the boilers at the Alms houses. A meeting is to be scheduled for the Churchyard Committee.</p>	2600/25
17.	Reports by Cllrs & Clerk as INFORMATION only – Not for debate	
	<p>Items arisen, correspondence received since the last meeting for information only, that may result in future agenda item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Bulletins • Whalley Queen St RAG Reports • RVBC Updates • Neighbourhood/Stay In The Know/Crime Figures February • Waste Bins - King Street Whalley - verbal update • NALC Executive Bulletins and newsletters • Enquiry Ref: 82980: Bridge height sign, Railway Bridge at Whalley Station. • RE: Police Camera Car - Wiswell Lane Whalley – Follow up 	
	<p>CLlr Ball reported that a bollard is missing from the end of Broad Lane. To be reported on Clean Streets.</p>	2601/25
	<p>CLlr Allen reported issues with the roadworks on King Street with the safety of the zebra crossings.</p>	2602/25
	<p>CLlr Mirfin reported broken bottles and glass litter from the nighttime economy.</p>	2603/25
	<p>CLlr Highton spoke with Adam Allen about the issue of bins being left out on King Street.</p>	2604/25
	<p>CLlr Highton spoke to Whalley Meadows Forest School regarding the use of the woodland at QEII without prior permission and requested a risk assessment and an indemnity agreement releasing the Parish Council from any liability. The Parish Council is to write formally to the Nursery.</p>	2605/25
18 .	Next Meeting Date	
	<p>It was resolved to approve the next meeting date of Thursday 17th April 2025 at 7.30pm to be held at Whalley Old Grammar School.</p>	2606/25

Meeting Closed 9.20pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

Councillor Martin Highton