



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor J Brown
Councillor S Barker
Councillor I Kent
Councillor S Earnshaw
Councillor E Ronnan

Apologies: Councillor J Smith
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor N Ford
Members of the public – 5

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

672/14 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

673/14 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 20th February 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th February 2014 are approved as a correct record of the meeting.

674/14 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Wedgeworth advised that Whalley in Bloom was to commence work in planting seeds at the War Memorial and locating incredible edible planters at the agreed locations. He updated the meeting on the progress in providing a water reservoir to enable a working water feature; he gave notice that Whalley in Bloom will enter the North West in Bloom competition and thanked the Parish Council for the generous grant to Whalley in Bloom. He also aired the possibility of uprighters being installed at the water feature in the future.

Mr Reid informed the meeting that motorists were repeatedly parking on the yellow zig-zag lines at The Sands side of the primary school. He added the practice was a safety hazard for pupils attending the school

Mr Brown agreed with Mr Reid that traffic obstruction on Church Lane was of great concern to local residents.

675/14 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of The Church Yard Committee held on 9th December 2013 and the Planning Committee of the 20th February 2014 were presented to the meeting.

676/14 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Kent reported that a number of trees in the Church Yard had been tested and no problems had been found. RVBC countryside officers are to be consulted with respect to future planning and conservation in the Church Yard.

Cllrs Brown and Earnshaw stated that no Almshouses meeting had taken place.

Cllr Ronnan gave notice that the Grounds and Gardens Committee would meet at 7.30pm on 3rd April 2014 at the Old Grammar School. He thanked Mr Pickup for his clerking services to the parish council over the last month and his work on the Parish Council notice board in the Old Grammar School.

Cllr Earnshaw gave notice that the Whalley and Wiswell Joint Burial Committee will meet on 4th April 2014.

Cllr Highton reported that the Whalley Village Partnership met and amongst the issues discussed were proposals for easing traffic congestion in the village.

677/14 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for March 2014

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for March 2014. Authorisation of the transfer of £2000 from the Skipton BS to Nat West to cover outgoings was confirmed.

678/14 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional Information received:

Training on the defib will take place on 31st March at 6.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

679/14 to consider a strategy for a Neighbourhood Plan for Whalley

It was resolved to instigate a process of consultation on a Whalley Neighbourhood Plan with an initial informal meeting with RVBC officers.

680/14 **to confirm changes to the following sub-committees**

- a. **Cllr Ford to become a member of the Grounds and Gardens Committee**
- b. **Cllr Kent to resign from the Grounds and Gardens Committee and join the Whalley and Wiswell Joint Burial Committee**

The changes proposed in Items 680/14a and 680/14/b above were confirmed.

681/14 **to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

Cllr Hill reported the Borough Council approved budget was frozen again and that paths and planting was taking place at Calderstones Park.

682/14 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday April 17th 2014**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 17th April 2014 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____