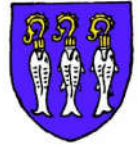


WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor L Rimmer
Councillor J Brown
Councillor M Fallon
Councillor C Ball
Councillor D Sleight
Apologies: Councillor S Barker

Members of the public – 11

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

1082/17 to receive declaration of interests

No Declarations of interests were received.

1083/17 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th February 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th February 2017 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

1084/17 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

James Reilly of Easy Web Designs gave a presentation on parish council communication systems followed by a question and answer session.

A number of members of the public voiced their concern and anger at the illegal parking in Whalley especially on George St/King St and the apparent inability or otherwise of the police to ensure the safety of pedestrians especially the disabled or those with a pram. It was suggested that the parish council could pay for a traffic warden to enforce regulations in the village and that the police should always be informed of problems by members of the public phoning 101.

1085/17 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 16th February 2017; the Church Yard Committee meeting of 14th November 2016 and RV Area LALC meeting of 8th November 2016 were presented to the meeting.

1086/17 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Ball reported that the Churchyard Committee had met and considered Safety in the Church Yard

Paths - The Churchyard paths have been 'Bati-cleaned' for a second time this winter.

Memorials - The Ministry of Justice requires that Churchyard and Cemetery memorials are inspected for safety every 5 years. The memorials in Whalley church yard were inspected 3 years ago and the Churchyard Committee resolved to have the Memorials inspected every 3 years. Brent Stephenson is to undertake a full inspection of our memorials. However he advised the following:

a. Minister of Justice Recommendation is that memorials are inspected every five years. The Church Yard inspection regime is well within that time limit.

b. The safety inspection is a recommendation that the appropriate authority is made aware of concerns and it is the role of the authority to act or otherwise on that advice.

c. The advice given to that authority refers only to that moment in time of the inspection.

d. As the Church Yard is near to the local school specific attention should be given to the safety of 'table monuments'.

Maintenance -In addition to cleaning the Churchyard paths Abbey Gardening Services have removed the lime tree suckers; Lambert Walker has completed the works on the North wall along Church Road. The North Gate is off site under renovation. This work is to be completed and paid for within the current Financial Year.

Unapproved decoration within the Church Yard - The table in the Garden of Remembrance is being decorated with unofficial flowers and tokens. This matter is to be discussed with the Vicar to establish rules for the placing of flowers and tokens in the Garden of Remembrance.

He added that the pedestrian crossing signpost adjacent to the Methodist Church on King St is in danger of falling due to corrosion and needs reporting.

Cllr Brown reported that a new ATM is to be installed at the Post Office on King St.

Cllr Sleight commented that following a successful "Clean-up" at the Burial Ground it is reported that a grave owner objected to the removal of a wreath but no contact has been made to the committee.

Cllr Highton attended the QEII meeting at which Ribble Valley Netball were encouraged to use the sporting facilities; application and bids for finance was being sought from the FA and Cricket authorities and liaison was still taking place with the Village Hall.

1087/17 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for March 2017(enclosed)

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts for March 2017.

1088/17 to consider the deferred request from the Trustees of the Old Grammar School for financial assistance (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Parish Council would contribute £20,000 from reserves for a replacement boiler and associated works at the Old Grammar School premises.

1089/17 to consider ways to enhance communication to and from the Parish Council

It was resolved to:

- a. Print and distribute 500 copies of the Parish Council Newsletter specifically published for residents new to the village.
- b. Defer to the next meeting of the Parish Council a decision on a new website.

1090/17 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additions to the Circulation Folder:

Thanks from RVRail for S/137 monies and update on the proposals for enhanced rail services in the Ribble Valley
LALC – Jo Cox Memorial
LCC – April Bus Changes leaflet

1091/17 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

RVBC Councillor Hill reported that the prospects of a future LCC Combined Authority were in abeyance; the Lawsonsteads developer has reached an agreement with the Flood Authority and the Environmental Agency regarding the construction of a containment pond; he is to research the recent planning application on the Genus site on Mitton Road and that the RVBC dog wardens should be commended for their work and educational initiatives.

1092/17 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 20th April 2017

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 20th April 2017

The meeting closed at 9.44pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____