

WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 March 2018 at 7.30pm
in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chairman)
Councillor Lois Rimmer
Councillor M Fallon
Councillor C Ball
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor P Elson
Councillor M Reid

Apologies: Councillor J Brown
PCSO Katie Ferguson (Whalley, Billington & Barrow)

In Attendance: M Richardson – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council
Members of the public – 1
Borough Councillor T Hill

1226/18 **to receive declaration of interests**

None.

1227/18 **to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 February 2018**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 February 2018 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

1228/18 **to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)**

1229/18 **to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of the 15 February 2018 were presented to the meeting.

The minutes of the Grounds and Open Garden Committee meeting of the 16 January 2018 were presented to the meeting.

1230/18 **To receive reports of Councillors' from other committees (information only)**

Councillor Highton reported that he had received the papers for the forthcoming Parish Councils' Liaison Committee meeting on 22 March 2018. He reported that the Grounds and Garden Committee meeting on the 13 March 2018 a review of the contract specification took place for the Lengthsman Contract and Vale Gardens Contract. These contracts will be re-tendered in 2019.

The Parish Noticeboard had been delivered and will be installed once the roadworks on King Street are complete. The Committee was considering whether to use the supplier of the noticeboard for installation to ensure correct implementation and subsequent guarantees and warranties for the product. The Clerk to obtain a quote from the supplier.

Martin reported that work continued at Whalley Sports Community Park that aims to develop a multi-use community sports facility on the existing Cricket Club site. A Community Buildings Project Support Grant of £11340 has been secured from Locality to fund business planning, architectural services and CRTB planning advice.

Lois reported that a visit is planned to Shackletons Clitheroe to look at memorial benches for George Hardman. The resurfacing of Footpath 49 had been very welcome but there was a problem with the sump and it wasn't allowing the surface water to drain away. Irresponsible dog owners continued to not pick up and this was on a safe route to schools. This will be reported to the Dog Warden.

Mike Reid reported that the Village Hall was active in hosting a variety of performances the latest being Shirley Valentine on the first Saturday in March 2018. In April Zulu Dancing will be performing at the Centre. The Management Committee are looking to host forthcoming events on a Friday evening on a trial basis.

Councillor Fallon stated the ongoing problem of cars parked on the pavement near the bridge had reduced significantly. The PCSO had taken action to resolve this problem. He noted that the pavement outside the Delacy had been mended. The overhanging lights on the tree to the rear of Chequemate was still a problem. The Clerk agreed to speak to the shop owner. He reported a significant amount of water seemed to be running off the land and flooding the road. This was on the bypass road heading out of Whalley towards Read. Just after the parking layby near Portfield Bar water was flooding the road. Clerk to report to Lancashire County Council.

Councillor Ball was absent from the meeting but sent a written report. Work is still progressing at no 34 The Almshouses and all work will be completed by the end of March 2018. The vacancy will be advertised in April 2018.

The unexpected snowfall on March 8th and subsequent thaw resulted in surface water running down the east side of Monks Cross on Broad Lane. This needs to be investigated.

Councillor Dave Sleight reported that the Tidy Up Day planned for the cemetery on Tuesday 13th March had to be cancelled due to the wet weather and would be rescheduled. As a member of the Whalley Sports Community Park he stated that several meetings will continue to be held throughout March of the main users groups of the proposed facility in order to establish the best footprint for the building.

Philip Elson awaited response from LCC regarding the overgrown hedge on Mitton Road. A letter was circulated from the current owner detailing in chronological order the maintenance history. This was first reported in May 2017 by Lois Rimmer. He awaited a reply from LCC within the service standard timescale. Should LCC fail to get back to him he would then escalate the matter further up the organisation. Philip also discussed the possibility of Street Pastors; a Burnley faith organisation, coming to work one Friday or Saturday evening in Whalley. The Council was very supportive of this idea.

John Threlfall asked that the Parish Council explore the option of seeking to have an electric charging point installed in Whalley. The Clerk to speak to Lancashire County Council about public funding to do this. This could also include the possibility identifying suitable locations including looking at the car park of the new Co-operative Store.

1231/18 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for March 2017

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts for March 2018. Note the Ribble Valley Concurrent grant of £3934.

1232/18 Clerks Report

The Clerk circulated a report of the correspondence, emails and circulation of reading material for information.

The Clerk requested that Committee considers financing Modules One and Two an Introduction for new Clerks and Councillors that John Threlfall wished to attend This course takes place in July 2018 and costs £63 The training is delivered by Lancashire & Merseyside Count Training Partnership. Councillors' agreed to John Threlfall undertaking this training and that this cost will be paid by the Whalley Parish Council.

1233/18 Armistice Commemoration 2018

A small committee had been formed to co-ordinate activities leading up to Remembrance Sunday. A sub group had been formed to manage fund raising. A Community Bank Account will be opened into which donations can be placed

1234/18 Consultation on the Proposed Closure of Clitheroe Interchange

The Councillors had received notification from Lancashire County Council about the proposal to close Clitheroe Interchange in a bid to make savings. The Parish Council objects to the closure and it was agreed that:

- a) Councillors objective individually to the online consultation
- b) The Clerk and John Threlfall prepare a Whalley Parish Council Objection Letter and submit to the online consultation.

1234/18 Insurance BHIB

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council Insurance is due for renewal on 31 May 2018. The insurance had been transferred from EON to BHIB. Discussions with the new provider included reassurances from them that the premium would remain the same or result in a minimal increase. It was agreed to review the new quote nearer the renewal date.

1235/18 Bellway Update

The Committee received updated information from Borough Councillor Terry Hill on the matter. He stated the Council as the Planning Authority had looked into the matter and was confident

that there remained no outstanding liability issues. This was now a matter for the landowners and private individuals. The Chair expressed empathy for the residents that are suffering from surface water drainage problems and the Parish Council agreed to continue to monitor the developments. The Clerk awaited a written response from the Borough Council Head of Planning.

1236/18 **Borough Councillors Report**

Councillor Terry Hill attended the meeting. He reported that Councillor Joyce Holgate sent her apologies following a bad fall that had resulted in hospitalization. The Parish Councillors expressed their good wishes in hoping she makes a speedy recovery.

Councillor Hill stated that Whalley Traders are very unhappy with the impact that the current road works were having on businesses. A meeting had taken place between the Traders and the Project Manager of the Co-operative Store Building work. The latter explained to the Traders there was unexpected work that had to be carried out to the Grade 2 listed building. This was re-roofing the property. It is anticipated that the 3-way traffic lights will not be necessary from early April and this should ease congestion/delays. The Grand Opening of the new Co-operative store will be in May 2018. As part of this opening a Publicity Campaign will take place 'Welcome to Whalley.'

Lack of car parking spaces had been raised by the Traders as an immediate problem that had been exacerbated by the road works. This had led to some Traders calling for a new car park and suggesting converting Vale Gardens. Councillor Hill noted that as part of the Planning Consent granted to the residential development of Land on Accrington Road provision existed for 27 public parking spaces to be created.

1237/18 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 19 April 2018**

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 19 April 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____