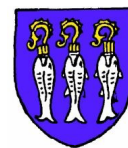


WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 March 2021 at 7.30pm held remotely via zoom

Present: Councillor M Highton(Chairman)
Councillor J Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor J Threlfall
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor P Brown (part attendance)
Councillor G Smith
Councillor C Allen
Councillor T Whistlecraft

Apologies: Councillor C Ball, Borough Councillor Mark Hindle

In Attendance: M Richardson – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council
Borough Councillors Ged Mirfin, David Berryman

1706/21 **to receive declaration of interests**

None

1707/21 **to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Meeting held on 19 February 2021**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 19 February 2021 to include one amendment on the discussion with regard to the development of Queen Mary's and Bridge Terrace, Mitton Road. To be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

1708/21 **to receive minutes of other Committees**

Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Committee held on the 19 February 2021 were received.

Minutes of the Grounds and Garden Committee held on the 29 September 2021 were received.

1709/21 **to adjourn Meeting for a Period of Public Discussion**

Borough Councillor Ged Mirfin stated that Whalley was top of the COVID infection table in the Ribble Valley. He called for LCC to improve signage on the Sands as it was causing problems.

Borough Councillor David Berryman stated that he organized a residents meeting regarding concerns over the Planning Application for Queen Mary's and Bridge Terrace on Mitton Road.

1710/21 **Reports from Councillors (Information Only)**

Councillor Dave Sleight, Gill Smith, John Threlfall, Caroline Allen had nothing to report.

Councillor Martin Highton stated that he had spoken to John Heap (Director of Community Services – Ribble Valley Borough Council about the recent removal of the playarea in the

woods at Calderstones. Councillor Berryman stated that Borough had handled the situation badly and that money would be found to replace the equipment. Martin Highton stated that Parish Council welcomed the news and that a letter be written to the Borough Council asking for like for like replacement.

Martin Highton stated that he had contacted John Houlsworth Solicitors to obtain confirmation of the Title Deed at the QE11 Playing Fields so that £5k of Sports England funding could be drawn down following the drainage works. Jon Smith had applied for grant funding for over £90k to resurface the access road to the site. This is from the Lancashire Environment Fund.

Martin reported that the Chestnut Tree in the Church yard had been partially removed. He would be meeting Roy Cattermole to agree its complete removal. The Multi Stemmed Trees for the planters on King Street had been ordered.

Councillor Tracey Whistlecraft stated that the landowner at Hellicliffs was undertaking work to include more ramps and drainage pipes. The current signs and steps that needed maintenance will be repaired and the Landowner had agreed that a spotter should be used when bikes are using the site.

Councillor June Brown reported that meeting had been held with the Chamber of Trade re the planned King Street Highway Improvements by LCC. The work was due to start in April 2021 but it was agreed this would now change. A small amount of work would take place soon but the when three way lights are necessary this will take place later in 2021.

1711/21 **To agree a response of Whalley Parish Council following the removal of the Woodland Play Area at Calderstone Woods1 External**

The Parish Council was supportive of the Borough Council's rapid response to the situation but want to ensure like for like equipment is replaced.
value £1300). Clerk to write to John Heap.

1712/21 **To determine whether to seek a reassessment of Whalley Parish with regard to the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership.**

The Parish Council has taken decisive action to try and bring about a change and improve enforcement in Whalley at the hotspots such as Mitton Road, Clitheroe Road and Accrington Road. This has included writing to the Police and Crime Commissioner in addition to the Chief Constable. Unfortunately this has had limited effect as both replies referred it back to the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership. The categorisation takes place every three years and the Clerk will write to request this reassessment. Debate took place as to the effectiveness of the Partnership.

The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to seek reassessment from the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership.

1713/21 **To consider the report by Ribble Borough Council regarding options for how Ribble Valley Borough Council can support Whalley Parish Council's request for additional CCTV funding**

The Parish Council has been in negotiation with Ribble Valley Borough Council for many months regarding the rising crime rates regarding Anti Social Behaviour and the need to have better

surveillance in hot spot areas. Currently the Parish has only 3 cameras which is Councillors felt was not enough. The Fibre Optic Link to ensure the cameras can be monitored at the control role in Clitheroe is not yet in place. The Clerk asked Ged Mirfin if the Borough Council will provide the staff time for Parish Council's to submit funding applications and he said yes; future funding pots included LANPAC and the RVBC Concurrent Grant.

1714/21 **To consider and determine whether to purchase additional Christmas Tree Lights and for the associated electricity cables to be buried under ground**

At the last Grounds and Garden Committee meeting it was agreed that increasing the number of lights on the new permanent Christmas Tree would improve the display at Christmas. A quote had been provided by the existing contractor. Dave Sleight suggested that we seek a view from a Tree specialist about future health and pruning of the tree before and check the last Tree Check Report. Providing that no significant work is required regarding the tree it was agreed that the work should then be carried out.

1715/21 **To consider and approve a report increasing the Clerks Salary by 1 spinal column point**

It was agreed, in accordance with the Employment Contract to award a one spinal column point increase beginning on 1 April 2021.

1716/21 **To authorise Accounts, Payments, Receipts and Balances for March 2021**

Website maintenance	(27.60)			(27.60)
Salary	(753.35)			(753.35)
Home office	(43.33)			(43.33)
Internet	(10.00)			(10.00)
Mobile Phone	(5.00)			(5.00)
mileage 56 x 0.45	(25.20)			(25.20)
Reimbursement - stamps	(7.92)			(7.92)
Chq 3533 replacment Invoice 0578	(768.00)			(768.00)
Invoice 0590	(744.00)			(744.00)
Vale Gds Electricity	(9.33)			(9.33)
Employee Contrbn 4quarter	(5.90)			(5.90)
ClIr Training C Allen	(60.00)			(60.00)
Invoice 40645	(18.43)			(18.43)
invoice 39617	(54.55)			(54.55)
	(239.29)	0.00	0.00	(2,532.61)
	39,732.57	0.00	22,977.40	62,709.97

Balances: Nat West Current: £39,732.57 QE2 Nat West £0 Skipton £22977.40.

1717/21 **Clerks Report for March 2021**

The Parish Council resolved to accept the Clerks report.

1718/21 **The Council Approved the date of the next meeting Thursday 15 April 2021**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 15 April 2021.**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____