



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor J Brown
Councillor S Barker
Councillor J Smith
Councillor I Kent
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor E Ronnan
Apologies: Councillor S Earnshaw
Members of the public – 3

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

696/14 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

697/14 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th April 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th April 2014 are approved as a correct record of the meeting.

698/14 to approve as correct the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 1st May 2014

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699/14 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Wedgeworth, on behalf of Whalley in Bloom, provided information on the open gardens project on 21st June 2014. 9 gardens will be open plus the Abbey and English Martyrs Church. Maps will be available. He also stated that the Judgement Day for Britain in Bloom would be Wednesday 16th July. He asked that hanging

baskets were regularly watered and received the assurance that the lengthsmen would be working to this date.

Mr Brown praised the pristine state of Vale Gardens but alerted the meeting to the number of youths playing football on the grass. He suggested the erection of more signs forbidding ball games.

700/14 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee of the 17th April 2014 were presented to the meeting.

701/14 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Kent requested notification of the Adam Cottam Trust meetings. He reported that he had drafted a letter regarding the possibility of implementing a neighbourhood plan which could be forwarded to other parish councils.

Cllr Ronnan reported that Whalley Education Foundation had appointed new governors; the finances of the Old Grammar School were in line with predictions; classes are now 23 a week with a target of 40 and a Summer Fayre is to be held to raise finance on Saturday 14th June 2014. He stated that stolen stone from the Vale Gardens has been replaced.

Cllr Brown attended the Adam Cottam Trust meeting at which notification was given of a vacancy for a house; liaison was to take place with other organisations who manage Alms Houses.

Cllrs Speight and Kent attended the recent clean up day at the Joint Burial Ground.

Cllr Smith reported that work was still required on bids for funding at the QEII. The feasibility study will be printed and forwarded to councillors; the youth shelter and multi use games area will need planning permission; a number of trustees are required to build up the full complement and a secretary and treasurer have been appointed.

702/14 to receive the Internal Auditors Report

It was resolved to accept the Internal Auditors Report 2013/14

703/14 to consider, approve and authorise the Chairman and the RFO to sign Section 1 (Statement of Accounts) being part of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31st March 2014

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704/14 to consider, approve and authorise the Chairman and the RFO to sign Section 2 (Annual Governance Statement) being part of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31st March 2014

It was resolved to authorise the Chairman and RFO to sign Section 2 (Annual Governance Statement) being part of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31st March 2014

705/14 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for April 2014

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for April 2014.

706/14 to consider participation in the World War One Centenary Tree Planting Scheme

It was resolved that the parish council will participate in the World War One Centenary Tree Planting Scheme. Councillors considered it would be appropriate for the chosen site for the tree should be in the former grounds of Calderstones, the former military hospital which was used for the care of wounded soldiers.

707/14 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information:

Consultation with RVBC dog warden took place. A red soluble paint spray is to be used on dog faeces on the path between the church and school. This will be removed after a day but it is to raise public awareness of the problem and the need for members of the public to report errant dog owners to RVBC.

708/14 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

No Borough Councillor was in attendance

709/14 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday June 19th 2014

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 19th June 2014 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____