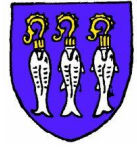




## WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)  
Councillor J Brown  
Councillor L Rimmer  
Councillor Ball  
Councillor S Earnshaw  
Councillor S Barker  
Councillor M Fallon  
Councillor D Sleight  
Councillor M Reid  
Members of the public – 6

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

### **971/16 to receive declaration of interests**

Declaration of interests were received from Cllr Highton regarding item 918/16 a.

### **972/16 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016**

Item 962/16 should include “met” to hear... and the Annual Audit of the Joint Burial Committee ...“is to be completed” rather than has been. It was then resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

### **973/16 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

### **974/16 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)**

Mr Drake from the Padiham Community Action Group gave a presentation regarding Burnley Councils emerging plan to develop greenbelt sites upstream of Whalley, Simonstone and Altham. The Action Group is objecting to these schemes. Discussion took place as to how future flooding of the Calder will impact on Whalley.

Mr Ronnan made reference to the successful visit of Vihiers table tennis team to Whalley and he reflected how twinning initiatives have a positive impact on tourism.

### **975/16 to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 were presented to the meeting.

**976/16 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)**

Cllr Reid urged members of the community to attend the Village Hall events.

Cllr Fallon has been approached by residents complaining of the anti-social parking on George St and the bus bay on King St.

Cllr Ball stated that the gates to the Churchyard will have a locking mechanism. He reported that the Adam Cottam trustees met to discuss the refurbishment of the empty Almshouse. An estimate for the works has been accepted.

Cllr Barker reports that a representative from LCC will be present at the Parish Councils Liaison meeting to receive questions regarding the proposed cuts to library provision in and around Whalley.

Cllr Rimmer has met with the dog warden noting that they are on duty early mornings and evenings. She along with Cllrs Brown and Highton commended the work of The Lions and the recently formed Action Group in their efforts following the floods.

**977/16 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for May 2016 (enclosed)**

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for May 2016.

**978/16 to receive the Internal Auditors Report**

It was resolved to accept the Internal Auditors Report prepared by Mr Ridehalgh.

**979/16 to consider, approve and authorise the Chairman and the RFO to sign Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement 2015/16) being part of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 (enclosed)**

It was resolved to approve Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement 2015/16) and authorise the Chairman and RFO to sign the documentation.

**980/16 to consider, approve and authorise the Chairman and the RFO to sign Section 2 (Statement of Accounts) being part of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 (enclosed)**

It was resolved to approve Section 2 (Statement of Accounts 2015/16) and authorise the Chairman and RFO to sign the documentation. The RFO was authorised to forward the documentation to the External Auditor BDO with a covering letter of explanation for the 10%+ variations in income and expenditure from the previous audit.

**981/16 to consider requests for funding from:**

**a. Parish Grant Scheme – Whalley in Bloom**

It was resolved to authorise the grant and it to be countersigned off by the RVBC Councillor

**b. Whalley and Billington Flood Action Group**

It was resolved to award a grant of £750 to the Whalley and Billington Flood Action Group

**982/16 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)**

Following authorisation of the Statement of Accounts, the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 is to commence on 8 June 2016 to 19 July 2016.

Additional items received:

e-mails from:

- a. G Greening regarding the behaviour of sub-contractors to health and safety issues at the entrance to the Mitton Road construction site
- b. Response from the RVBC complaints officer who has David Wilson Home who have apologised on behalf of the sub-contractor.

**983/16 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

Borough Councillor Alcock informed the meeting that Cllr Hill has been taken ill. Cllr Holgate is now the RVBC Mayor and she will be holding a charity event on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**984/16 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_