

WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 May 2019 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton(Chairman)
Councillor J Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor J Threlfall
Councillor P Brown
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor C Ball

Apologies received: None

In Attendance: M Richardson – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council
Members of the public (3)

1483/19 to receive declaration of interests

June Brown a Whalley Parish Council appointment on Whalley Educational Foundation Trust regarding item 9- request for funding an outside Defibrillator at Whalley Old Grammar School.

1484/19 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 April 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 April 2019 be approved as a correct record.

1485/19 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Annual General Parish Council Meeting held on 25 April 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 April 2019 be approved as a correct record.

1486/19 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes were received of the:

- Planning Committee meeting held on 18 April 2019

1487/19 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

Tony Brown asked for an update on the Vale Gardens memorial bench for Jill Taylor that had been vandalised. He was advised that the bench would be replaced and discussed in full at the next Grounds and Garden Committee Meeting in June 2019.

1488/19 Councillor Update

Councillor Martin Highton outlined a request a from Whalley in Bloom to replace a noticeboard outside the Newsagents on King Street that had become shabby. Details of the company that had recently been used to replace the Parish Council noticeboard will be forwarded onto them. The Bridging Loan of £11,000 from Whalley Parish Council to Queen Elizabeth Playing Fields Trust had yet to be repaid. The final submission claim to LEADER was due at the end of April 2019 but had been deferred. He stated that he was continuing to press for a completion date from the Chairman Jon Smith so that the monies could be repaid. He highlighted that S106 monies raised from the significant housebuilding in Whalley has yet to be allocated by Ribble Valley Borough Council. He reiterated the need to ensure this money was spent within the Whalley area. He concluded by stating he requested an urgent meeting with John Heap, Director of Community Services at Ribble Valley Borough Council to address a number of pressing issues including ; overflowing public litter bins,

Councillor Dave Sleight as Chair of the Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee reported that wall of the memorial garden had now been built and the ground was being levelled.

Councillor June Brown reported that she had attended the Annual Parish Meeting on the 25 April 2019 and found the guest speaker Fiona Maudsley inspiring and expressed thanks for her attendance. The AGM of Whalley in Bloom had been held and Michael and Pat Wedgeworth had step down from their positions on the Board. She expressed thanks for the work that they had achieved for the benefit of the area. She had attended the AGM of the Almshouses Trust and Whalley Educational Foundation. The latter had appointed a new Chairman ex Borough Councillor Terry Hill. She had attended the Drop In Session with PCSO Natasha Harris following the recent problems with anti-social behavior and young people in the centre of Whalley. Discussion at this meeting focused on the possibility of getting the Police Licensing Sergeant to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Cliff Ball stated the AGM of the Adam Cottam Almshouses Trust was held on the 15 May 2019 where he was re-elected as Chairman. Finances of the Trust were beginning to improve after a 3-year period of refurbishment. Trustees discussed the need to raise awareness of the Trust's work and were considering a Gala Day that would take place on the lawns at the front of the houses. Family descendants of the Trusts had visited the area and were keen to keep in touch with the Trust. A meeting Ribble Valley Planning Department and Fogartys had been arranged for 17 May to discuss permissions necessary for a handrail to the East Gate. He had attended Whalley Primary School presentation at Whalley Railway Station as part of the Whalley Remembers commemorations. Children displayed their artwork regarding the Queen Marys' Military Hospital. He had also attended the Police Drop In Session and felt that the quarterly attendance of the PCSO at Parish Council meetings would be helpful. The post box at the railway station had not yet been replaced.

1489/19 Authorisation of Whalley Parish Council Asset Register and Annual Risk Assessment Register 2019-20

It was resolved to accept the Whalley Parish Council Asset Register for 2019-20. The Annual Risk Assessment Register was accepted with the addition to ensure an electronic file backup system independent of the Parish Clerks hard-drive be put in place. John Threlfall to arrange with the Clerk.

1490/19 Authorisation of the funding request from Whalley Educational Foundation for an outside De-fibrillator

A funding request had been received and circulated prior to the meeting for an outside De-Fibrillator for Whalley Old Grammar School. The Parish Council supported a request for £1008

of funding. The finances would be made up as follows £400 from the Grants and Donations budget with the remainder coming from reserves. The Community Centre had high footfall and this was made up of both young and old people and a worthy cause.

1491/19 Authorisation of the Whalley Parish Council Insurance 2019/20

The Clerk reported that the annual Public & Product Liability and Employers Liability Insurance required renewal. The premium had not increased from last year (£1010.31) It was resolved to authorise the renewal of the Insurance with BHIB Limited.

1492/19 Authorisation of Accounts, Payments and Receipts and Balances for May 2019

The Parish Council authorised the following payments, receipts and balances for May 2019:

Payments	£
Website Maintenance	(24.00)
Clerks Salary	(539.43)
Home office	(43.33)
Internet	(10.00)
Mileage	0.00
Mobile rental	(5.00)
BHIB Insurance Limited	(1,010.31)
Vale Gardens Maintenance- March 2648	(305.00)
Room Hire April 2019	(30.00)
Spreadsheet 2019/20 - Invoice 1019	(75.00)
Whalley Church Maintenance -Mar 2649	(260.00)
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Balances : Nat West Current: £34,024.40 Nat West QE2: 0
 Skipton Building Soicety: £21,742.69

1493/19 Clerks Report

The Clerks Report for May 2019 was accepted.

1494/19 Update on Kosovo 20 Year Celebrations May 2019

Eric Ronnan highlighted a provisional running order as follows: Meeting with families at 10am on the 26 May at Whalley Old Grammar School. The Whalley History Group would welcome the visitor with tea and biscuits and had organized an exhibition of press coverage at the time for them to see. A gathering would take place at Calderstones Hospital around the Tree that had been planted in memory of the Kosovan families. In accordance with their tradition the trees would be decorated with brightly coloured crocheted pieces wrapped around the tree trunks. NHS Mersey Care to provide parking and would video the event. A buffet would then be held at St Lukes followed by walk about tours of Whalley Abbey and the Queen Elizabeth Playing Fields (weather dependent). The Group would reconvene at the Methodist Church for an afternoon service with refreshments provided by the Co-operative. Whalley Calendars would be provided as souvenirs for the visitors. The visitors would leave at 5pm.

1495/19 Multi Agency Meeting 22 May 2019 to discuss Anti Social Behaviour and Young People

A meeting had been organised by the Parish Council for the above date and would include residents, Borough and Parish Councillors, Police, Heads of the Secondary Schools, the Partnership/ASB Officer at Ribble Valley Borough Council and Principle Surveyor.

1496/19 To approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as 7.30pm Thursday 20 June 2019

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Parish Council on **Thursday 20 June 2019**.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____