



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th November 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 D Sleight
Councillor E Ronnan
Councillor I Kent
Councillor S Earnshaw
Apologies: Councillor N Ford

Members of the public – 7

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

767/14 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

768/14 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th October 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th October 2014 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

769/14 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Special Purposes (Precept) Meeting held on 6th November 2014

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770/14 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Brown expressed concern for the residents of Queen Street following the notification of increased opening hours by the new owners of The Conny Club. He

predicted that the increase in traffic, late night drinkers, smokers on the pavement would make misery for the local residents. He urge residents to record and monitor the licensees approved schedule and should any transgressions take place RVBC enforcement officers should be notified. He was supported in this stance by Mr Robinson. Mr Brown asked for clarification on proposals for traffic measures on King Street. He questioned how the traffic flow and parking arrangement would improve the already congested street scene.

Mr Robinson informed the meeting that water was accumulating from the blocked drain on The Sands adjacent to the football field. He also pointed out the lack of awareness by transport officials who have now erected a speed warning sign which allows an increase in speed immediately before the Gateway on exiting The Sands. He and Mr Reid also alerted the meeting to the number of motorists still ignoring the yellow zig-zag lines at the school.

Tony Morgan from “Superfast Lancashire” gave a presentation on the delivery and access of increased broadband speed for Whalley following the installation of fibre cabling in the village.

771/14 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee of the 16th October 2014 and the minutes of the Joint Burial Committee of 5th September 2014

772/14 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Smith provided an update on the feasibility study and the combination of Whalley Sports Club Trust and Whalley QEII Playing Fields Charitable Trust. He also distributed the minutes of the Inaugural and Foundation of the Whalley Sports Community Park. He also confirmed that he would collect the plaque from the engravers and replace same at the Three Fishes sculpture.

Cllr Kent confirmed that work had been completed on wall and coping stones on the Church Yard wall. A meeting has taken place with the RVBC regarding a tree replacement and conservation strategy. Friends of Whalley Moor have overseen the construction of a new level path with wheelchair access to the play area. Plans to commemorate the role of the hospital in the care of war casualties are in progress.

Cllr Ronnan clarified that at The Old Grammar School, the parish council had responsibility for the war memorial and tiled area only, the remaining area was the responsibility of the trustees.

Cllr Brown confirmed that negotiations with the Pickwick committee were taking place regarding a Christmas tree.

Cllr Earnshaw reported that the Joint Burial committee is to implement a new grounds maintenance contract; signs have been posted on the different types of waste bins to encourage re-cycling; 29th January 2015 is designated as a clean-up day. At the “Save Whalley Village” meeting concern was expressed on the apparent lack of monitoring by RVBC on dirt on Clitheroe Road at the Lawsonstead site.

Cllr Highton attended the Parish Councils Liaison meeting which received information on superfast broadband; conservation of war memorials and advice on the closure of roads for events.

773/14 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for October 2014

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for October 2014 and to confirm the transfer of £20,000 from the Skipton BS holding account to the Nat West account. In accordance with the financial standing orders the chairman can sign any cheques in December that require payment. The accounts will then be presented for ratification by the parish council in January.

774/14 to consider the implementation of a strategy that examines the parish councils reserves and financial implications

It was resolved that the parish council aspired to prioritise on a case by case basis the following:

Queen Elizabeth Playing Field

Whalley Old Grammar School

Whalley Neighbourhood Plan

775/14 to receive an update on the QEII initiative and consider the financial implications for the parish council (information only)

As noted in item 772/14, Whalley Community Sports Park has been established to administer the playing fields. The QEII field is owned by the parish council and the sports club is held by trustees until 21 years after the death of the last of Queen Victoria’s descendants alive at the time the trust was established – this includes Prince Philip. After that time the land will be passed to the parish council. The intention would be for an earlier transfer of the land with the consideration to a similar Playing Field in Trust status to the QEII land, and administration of the whole area by WCSP under a long lease. The parish council indicated their agreement to this proposed course of action, subject to the agreement of the trustees. A designated agent is to provide a current valuation of all the land, which would then be added to the parish council asset register.

776/14 to consider issues regarding parish council notice boards

It was noted that the Local Government Act 1972 s 142 allows the parish council the “Power to publish information about the council, its services and the services provided in the councils area by other local authorities, government departments, charities and other voluntary organisations”. Additionally concern was expressed regarding the notice board by the newsagents which requires selective monitoring and removal of material.

777/14 to consider forming a working group for a parish plan

It was resolved to defer this item to the next parish council meeting

778/14 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information:

LCC - Regarding the obstructed right of way (Whalley FP5) at the Eagle at Barrow. The footpath is not yet open but preparations are in progress to prepare and serve a documentation of Notice for the removal of the obstruction.

779/14 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

Borough Councillor Hill reported that the Core Strategy update response from the Inspector was imminent; officers are investigating conservation issues at Whalley Arms and the jewellers in the village; the police divisional commander states that the police cars now have intelligence based communication which ensures speedier response times. In planning matters Lawsonsteads need to construct a road to A671 after 56 houses built; Riddings Lane is at the consultation stage with officers and no applications have as yet been made for Mitton and Accrington Road sites. He confirmed that there would be a future public meeting regarding the layout and traffic flow improvement proposals at King Street.

780/14 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday January 15th 2015

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 15th January 2015 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 10.17pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____