



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

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

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

906/15 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

907/15 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 2015 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

908/15 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Special Purposes (Precept) Meeting held on 5th November 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Special Purposes(Precept) Meeting held on 5th November be approved as a correct record of the meeting and that the Clerk forward the details of the request to RVBC Finance officers.

909/15 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr White requested that the lengthsman be asked to use the blower to remove the leaves at the railway station.

Mr Ronnan asked how many members of the public have attended the Parish Council surgery recently. He also asked, supported by Mr Brown for a “Matters Arising” agenda item at the end of each parish council meeting.

910/15 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 15th October 2015 were presented to the meeting

911/15 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Sleight reported that a safety check had taken place on the headstones in the Joint Burial Ground.

Cllr Rimmer reported on the water logged state of the Spar car park and the detrimental impact it had on the LCC safe route to school initiative.

Cllr Brown listed the events that she has attended.

Cllr Ball reported on behalf of the Almshouses Trust. The accounting procedures were on-going; the Quinquennial Report was presented with no major issues although it was resolved to carry out further roof inspections; ivy and undergrowth are to be removed from the Almshouses by a contractor and shortly proposals for re-configuration of the empty Almshouse will commence.

Cllr Kent informed the meeting that the Church Yard committee is to meet on December 14th 2015 and that the tree surgeon has been contracted to carry out the work identified by Tree Check.

Cllr Barker reported on the successful anniversary celebration by the Village Hall.

Cllr Highton reported on the opening of the MUGA at QEII, a meeting with the LCC Cabinet Member for Transport and was in discussion with Pickwick Committee regarding the Xmas lights and the location of the stage at Pickwick Night.

912/15 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for October 2015

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for October 2015. In accordance with the Parish Councils financial standing orders the chairman can sign any cheques in December that require payment. The account spreadsheet will then be presented for ratification by the Parish Council in January.

913/15 to authorise payments to John Wade Group for works at QEII

It was resolved that payment could be authorised once a certificate of completion had been received by the Clerk.

914/15 to consider a review on the implementation of a Whalley Neighbourhood Plan

It was resolved to:

- a. Abandon the formal Neighbourhood Plan
- b. To thank Cllr Kent for his time, expertise and endeavours towards this plan
- c. Update the Whalley Village Plan

915/15 to receive an update to address the problems of traffic congestion and illegal parking in Whalley (information only)

It is believed that the Whalley Traffic Plan is to be published by RVBC and be open for consultation shortly. The comments from the MP who attended a recent meeting on this topic were noted.

916/15 to consider applications for the Ribble Valley Parishes Grant Fund

It was resolved to accept an application from the trustees of Whalley Old Grammar School and forward to RVBC

917/15 to receive feedback on ways to improve communications with the community(information only)

After an analysis on the methods of communication used by the parish council further investigation into an improved noticeboard at CJs and the introduction of a web site blog would be further investigated and considered by councillors at the next meeting

918/15 to receive information and consider appropriate action to ensure that the Parish Council acts in accordance with the changes in the workplace pensions law

It was resolved that the Parish Council would apply to join the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) and complete a declaration of compliance to The Pensions Regulator

919/15 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information forwarded to councillors by e-mail:

LCC – Consultation on reduction of bus subsidies

Pickwick Committee regarding location of the stage on Pickwick Night

CPRE – Renewal of Membership

920/15 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

Cllr Hill confirmed the publication and consultation of the Whalley Traffic Plan; a decision on Whalley Arms was imminent; the planning applications on Accrington Road and Mitton Road, at which no work has at yet commenced, are due to expire shortly. This may impact on the Ribble Valley housing numbers; he commended the officials, armed forces and public services who attended the Flood Alert and constructed flood protection measures; He gave an update on the Combined Authority Bill and that the Lancashire Electoral Review will not impact on Ribble Valley.

Cllr Holgate emphasised that RVBC require evidence that noise at and around Bradys is unacceptable. Monitoring of the situation can be done by the relevant RVBC officer.

921/15 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday January 21st 2016

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday January 21st 2016 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.38pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____