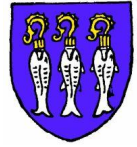


# WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)  
Councillor L Rimmer  
Councillor J Brown  
Councillor M Fallon  
Councillor C Ball  
Councillor D Sleight  
Councillor S Barker  
Apologies: Councillor M Reid

Members of the public – 3

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

## **1047/16 to receive declaration of interests**

No Declarations of interests were received.

## **1048/16 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th October 2016**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

## **1049/15 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Special Purposes (Precept) Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Special Purposes (Precept) Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meeting. The Clerk is to forward the precept request to RVBC.

## **1050/16 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)**

Mr Brown commented on the LCC proposals for limited car parking on King Street. He noted that the parking regulations are to be “self-enforcing”. He disputed the viewpoint that this would be successful. He also commented that whilst LCC maintains it is attempting to save money by closing the library, a LCC employee was discovered to have embezzled £5m without any LCC auditing.

## **1051/16 to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016: the Joint Burial Committee meetings of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016/16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and the Church Yard Committee meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016 were presented to the meeting.

## **1052/16 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)**

Cllr Rimmer commented that the anti-social behaviour around George St and the vicinity of Procters Field has not reduced.

Cllr Sleight attended the Whalley Sports Community meeting at which discussion took place to apply for funding from Sports England. The support and diversity from other sports other than cricket and football would be welcome.

Cllr Ball reported that the vacant Almshouse is now virtually finished. Three applicants have been interviewed for the vacancy. The Trust met to consider the recommendation of the Interview panel; one of the applicants was offered the vacancy and it is hoped that residency will be taken up before Christmas.

He suggested that Whalley Pedestrian at Vale Gardens crossing needs to be repainted. The white sections have almost worn away; the Speed Limit between Whalley and Barrow should be reduced from 40m/h to 30m/h; that the railway bridge on Station Road is an accident waiting to happen because of the motorists speed and that they occupy the centre of the road.

The Church Yard committee meeting considered the following:

Church Yard Walls - accepting the quotation to repair the perimeter walls and noting the work to repair and make good the North gate is due to start in November; Memorial safety- Blackburn Diocese has written to all Parishes to ensure that their Churchyards are inspected regularly, that inspections are recorded and appropriate action taken to rectify dangerous headstones. The PCC asked for confirmation that: a. the memorials are inspected regularly and b. that the council has the necessary insurance should an accident happen.

The Churchyard memorials were inspected 2 years ago but it was resolved to re- inspect them again as a priority. It was also confirmed that the Council has the necessary insurance in the event of an accident.

Paths – as a matter of priority the lengthsman is to baton-clean the paths

Cllr Fallon added that vandals have again deliberately targeted and damaged the saplings adjacent to the east wall.

Cllr Brown confirmed the arrangements with Chair of the Lions and Pickwick committee regarding liaison with the lengthsman and installation of Xmas lights and the tree.

Cllr Highton asked for representatives to attend the Parish Council Liaisons committee group who are to consider an action plan in response to the proposed widespread removal of pay phones in the Ribble Valley. He also thanked councillors and all representatives from the community who attended the Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial. Additionally he asked for a letter to be sent on behalf of the Parish Council to Mr Hardman for his work at the War Memorial throughout the year.

**1053/16 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for October 2016**  
(enclosed)

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

**1054/16 to receive an update on the Casual Vacancy post for a Parish Councillor**

A Notice of notification of a casual vacancy, in accordance with LG 1972 (Sec.87(020)), was posted on the Parish Council Noticeboard. The Returning Officer at RVBC has not received a request by 10 or more electors for an election. The parish council is therefore in a position to co-opt a councillor.

**1055/16 to receive the Clerks Report** (information only)

Additions to the Circulation Folder:

Letter - LCC has confirmed acceptance of ownership of the land along The Sands and they are in turn responsible for the maintenance.

e-mails –

CPRE – Autumn Newsletter

Parish Council Liaison Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to consider the withdrawal of BT pay phones in Ribble Valley

LCC – Parish Champion Newsletter

1056/16 **to receive Borough Councillors Report** (information only)

No Borough Councillor was available due to injuries sustained

1057/16 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The meeting closed at 9.21pm

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