

WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

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

In Attendance: M Richardson – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council
Members of the public (5) Including Borough Councillors G Mirfin & M Hindle

Apologies: None

1558/19 to receive declaration of interests

None.

1559/19 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Meeting held on 17 October 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

1560/19 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Precept Meeting to set the budget for 2020/21 held on 7 November 2019.

It was resolved that the minutes of the Precept Meeting held on 7 November 2019 to be approved as a correct record.

1561/19 receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes were received of the:

- Planning Committee meeting held on 17 October 2019

1562/19 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

Borough Councillor Ged Mirfin reported that he had a Police meeting scheduled with Kevin Day on the 29 November 2019. He was the new Community Engagement Lead and has come from Greater Manchester Police. He hoped that more progress would be made to address rising ASB crime statistics for Whalley.

Councillor Mark Hindle said he was continuing to get complaints from residents of Queen Street about the noise and drug use associated with Bradys. He stated that a commitment was required

from the Senior Leadership at Ribble Valley Borough Council and the Police. There was a significant problem with Cocaine use by adults using the licensed premises of Whalley.

Eric Ronan stated that car parking was a problem in Whalley. Although the restrictions had initially helped to resolve problems the lack of enforcement resulted in people using parking spaces all day. The Borough and Parish Councillors debated the need for more parking and identified the Judge Walmsley Car Park and the extra 27 granted as part of the planning for more housing on Accrington Road. This development did not have a start date though.

Tony Brown expressed his thanks for the large turnout on Remembrance Sunday and particularly the support from the voluntary groups. He stated that last year's Commemorations had significant impact on numbers. Tony also thanked Ged Mirfin for his help in getting the Police to attend the event.

There will be a 75th Anniversary Celebration for the WWII at the end of May 2020.

Paul White reported that the subway light at Whalley Railway Station was not working but had been reported. Winter planting had been carried out. Poppies that had been placed at the station for the 2019 Commemoration events had been removed because they were decaying. ASB behaviour took place on 12 and 13 November in which approximately 15 young people were involved. The group moved onto the bus station. The Police failed to attend.

1563/19 **Councillor Update**

Cliff Ball reported that he attended the Calderstones Remembrance Service on 2 November and the Mayor was in attendance. He said problems had reoccurred at Breda Murphy's with patrons parking on the pavement as the bollard had been removed. The Clerk had instructed Brent Stevenson to undertake an inspection of the Memorials in the Parish Church for safety (headstone that had been recently damaged) and aesthetic reasons. As Chairman of the Adam Cottam Almshouses Trust plans continue to progress with refurbishment; work would begin in the first week of January 2020

Councillor June Brown reported she attended a Trustee Meeting of Whalley Educational Foundation on the 28 October 2019 – it had made good progress and was well used by the community with Tuesday being the only day of under occupation. The Trustees had considered accessibility to the second floor and the cost of installing a lift. It was agreed the cost was too prohibitive and that provision did exist on the ground floor. The Trustees agreed work would take place to improve the surface of the car park and formal allocation of disabled parking spaces would be prioritized. She attended the Remembrance Service at Calderstones on 2 November, the 10th November at the Methodist Church and the Sunday 11 November 2019 the Cenotaph Service.

She reminded people that Whalley Pickwick Committee were planning an afternoon event on 1st December that would be located in the Car Park of the Co-op. The Parish Council Chairman would then switch on the Christmas Lights 5pm. She thanked all the volunteers who continue to give up their time throughout the year for the benefit of the Whalley Community and wished them a healthy and happy New Year.

John Threlfall reported the County Council had accepted responsibility for the defective reinstatement on Mitton Road and repaired the defect. This had taken months of persistence and the Council congratulated and thanked John for his persistence.

Patrick Brown reported that he had attended Module 1 of the New Councillor Training at LALC. He noted that Whalley Village Hall had not submitted accounts to the Charity Commission since

2016 or an AGM held. John Threlfall is the Parish Council representative and he agreed to follow this up. He stated that the Whalley Local History Group was hosting a local talk about three Whalley residents that had made significant contributions to society. Patrick was the speaker.

Dave Sleight stated that a meeting of the Whalley, Wisewell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee took place on the 1 November 2019. A safety inspection had taken place of the memorials and 36 stones had been classified as category 2 and 2 classified as category 1. A schedule of repairs would now be drawn up from this inspection. Problems were occurring with dog walkers failing to pick up. Borough Councillor Mark Hindle said an extra dog warden had been recruited and that this should be reported into the Council for extra patrolling.

Martin Highton stated the Remembrance Service on the 11 November 2019 was well attended. At the last Parish Council Liaison Meeting Sue Sinclair from Homewise gave a presentation of the work of organisation in trying to keep older people independent. An update was given on the Economic and Housing Needs Assessment (SHENA) and proposals for the forthcoming General Election. A Public Health Multi Agency Meeting on Drugs was being planned.

1564/19 To consider tenders and appoint a contractor for the felling of 8 Lombardi Poplars at Vale Gardens

The Clerk outlined the tendering process that had been undertaken to fell the 8 Lombardi Poplars at Vale Gardens due to safety concerns. Three quotes had been received: A Walker, RMD Tree Services, Roy Cattermole.

The Parish Council considered the tenders and agreed that due to the location of the site disruption was a major determinant. The tender from Roy Cattermole committed to undertaking the work within 1 day as opposed to a minimum of 3 days suggested by the other tenders. The work would be carried more quickly due to the hiring of a crane. This increased the cost of the work. The Parish Council resolved to appoint Roy Cattermole as the contractor at a cost of £3850 and £770 VAT. The Council instructed the Clerk to arrange implementation. Councillor John Threlfall agreed to liaise with the bus operators to enable this work to take place.

1565/19 To consider and comment on Changes Proposed to Whalley Educational Foundation

The Parish Council noted the changes to the constitution.

1566/19 To consider and agree to add an SSL Certificate to the Whalley Parish Council Website Maintenance Contract

The Clerk outlined a request by Easy Web, the website maintenance contractor to ascertain if the Council wish to add an SSL certificate. This would display to users that the website was secure and thereby potentially increase use.

The Council debated the requested and agreed that community engagement and accessibility was paramount. Not having a secure website could put off some users so they felt the SSL certification should be added. The Clerk stated that the current monthly maintenance cost was £24 and that this would increase to £27.60 per month.

1567/19 To receive and update on the Multi Agency Approach to ASB and Young People

The Parish Council felt that nothing had resulted from the Council or Police despite the Multi Agency Meeting in May 2019. This was incredibly disappointing as the statistics and residents

reports still affirm there is a problem in the Parish. The Borough Councillors agreed with the Parish Councillors that the lack of action was not good enough.

1568/19 To receive and update on speeding initiatives

John Threlfall outlined how the speed awareness trailer had been placed at two different locations on Mitton Road to monitor speed. Indications from the first set of data are that average speeds in the upper 85th centile are 31mph. Discussions with Gary Mason, John and Clerk suggested that the Parish Council should certainly put pressure on LCC to have the speed signs maintained (once a contractor had been procured by LCC). It was agreed that a further report was required when all the data had been collated.

1569/19 Authorisation of Accounts. Payments and Receipts and Balances for November 2019

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

Payments

Web maintenance	(24.00)
Salary	(718.71)
Home office	(43.33)
Internet	(10.00)
76 miles at 0.65	(76.65)
Mobile rental	(5.00)
Office stationary - reimbursement	(5.00)
VG 2771 October 2019	(273.00)
2772 Church Yard October 2019	(291.00)
CPRE Membership	(36.00)
Levy Contribution	(640.00)
Remembrance	(100.00)
Wreathsx2	
Office stationary	(90.92)
Room Hire JM1523 Oct	(25.00)
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	(2,338.61)

Receipts **0**

Balances : Nat West Current: **£21,359.38** Nat West QE2: **£0**
Skipton Building Society: **£21,742.69**

1570/19 Clerks Report

The Clerks Report for November 2019 was accepted.

1571/19 The Council Approved a Schedule of Meeting for 2020/21

The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on **Thursday 16 January 2020.**

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____