



## WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th October 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 Councillor N Ford

In Attendance: Fred Holland Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

Members of the Public: - 3

### **754/14 to receive declaration of interests**

No declaration of interests were received

### **755/14 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

### **756/14 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)**

Mr Reid reported that motorists continue to park on the zig-zag lines in front of the school on Church Lane. He also asked for an update on the installation of more 20mph signs on The Sands and subsequent policing of this road and Broad Lane.

### **744/14 to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee of the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014; the Grounds and Gardens Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> July and the Church Yard committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June were presented to the meeting.

### **757/14 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)**

Cllr Kent reported that work will commence shortly on the repair to the walls in the church yard. Tree Check has presented its annual report and the issue

highlighted will be implemented. A meeting has been arranged with the RVBC officer to consider a programme of tree replacement/conservation. A poster is to be displayed in the church porch giving recognition to the maintenance contractors. Leaf algae on the paths will be removed by high pressure water hose at the end of leaf fall.

Cllr Ronnan informed the meeting that the governors of The Old Grammar School were changing the constitution which may impact on the parish council nominated trustees. The expected meeting with the trustees and Whalley in Bloom representatives has not taken place. He stated that it was an error of judgement to allow a letter from a voluntary organisation to be displayed in the parish council notice board.

Cllr Brown reported that the contractor had provided advice for planting at Vale Gardens; the tree check report was to be implemented; work has been identified and prioritised for the lengthsmen; posters have been produced and circulated regarding dog fouling in and around the village and that help from volunteers would be encouraged.

Cllr Smith reported that the increased prevalence of motorists parking on the pavement on King St was a danger to pedestrians. He stated that the QEII bid was in the process of detailed analysis.

**758/14 to consider the implementation of item 658/14 of the parish council meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in funding support to The Old Grammar School**

It was resolved to implement item 658/14 and that The Old Grammar School should receive funding support of £4000.

**759/14 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for September 2014**

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for September 2014.

**760/14 to receive an update on the Whalley Neighbourhood plan initiative**

Cllr Kent met with Wiswell and Barrow parish council providing information on this initiative. Billington and Langho parish councils have also received information. He suggested the parish council had a number of options: a. Wait for a response from the above parish councils b. Abandon the plan c. Revise the plan and focus on Whalley as a key service centre wholly within the Whalley parish boundaries. A working group working towards an update of the Parish Plan may be a way forward. The parish council thanked Cllr Kent for all his work on this initiative.

**761/14 to consider the request from a resident for a statement from the parish council regarding issues with Whalley Arms car park**

It was resolved that the clerk represents the corporate position and views of the council, not the individual views of its councillors. The parish council will not comment on individual cases. The car park is not owned or managed by the parish council but is on private land owned by a private company. However the parish council is aware of a number of issues regarding ticketing and penalty management. This has had a negative impact on the reputation of the village affecting trade and tourism.

**762/14 to consider a request for a donation from the parish council for the Xmas Activities**

It was resolved that the parish council will pay for the erection etc. of the Christmas lights and supply of a Christmas tree for the centre of the village.

**763/14 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)**

Additional information:

Agendas, rationale and spreadsheet distributed in preparation for the precept meeting.

e-mails forwarded: LCC – November Bus Bulletin; LCC – Review of Public Rights of Way Consultation; Whalley in Bloom – invitation to councillors to an evening at Whalley Abbey on 13/11/14 at 7.30pm

**764/14 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

Apologies received from Borough Councillor Hill

**765/14 to consider and approve the date of the Special Purposes Precept meeting as Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

It was resolved that the meeting of the Special Purposes Precept committee will be held on Thursday 6th November 2014 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

**766/14 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup> 2014**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 20th November 2014 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm

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