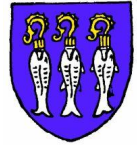




## WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 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 M Reid  
Apologies: Councillor S Barker

Members of the public – 3

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

### 1031/16 **to receive declaration of interests**

No Declarations of interests were received.

### 1032/16 **to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

### 1033/16 **to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)**

Mr Brown asked why the new Abbey Fields development was allowed to use the name of an existing estate. He added it should convert to a new name to prevent confusion to the emergency services.

Mr White noted that the Network Rail is attending to drainage works as well as repairs to viaduct.

### 1034/16 **to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and the Grounds and Gardens Committee meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were presented to the meeting.

### 1035/16 **to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)**

Cllr Reid informed councillors that Richard Wallwork has been appointed as the new secretary at the Village Hall.

Cllr Rimmer provided information on the designated safe walk to school (49) and reported on the increase anti-social behaviour on Procters Field and neighbouring area.

Cllr Sleight reported he would be the acting Chair of the Joint Burial Committee; members are very grateful to Cllr Rimmer for all her hard work in preparing a report on the safety of the memorials in the Cemetery; As a result of the inspection those grave owners whose memorials require attention have been contacted. There are 15 memorials which require immediate attention. The Burial Committee will need to decide a course of action for these memorials if owners cannot be found; each time the C of E side of the Cemetery is worked upon, a faculty from the Diocese of Blackburn is required (£300). Some memorials need to be checked again next year; a number of grave sites require levelling and turfing.; quotes for the laying of beams across the top third of the Cemetery are to be sought; BDO have approved the Accounts; the buying of land adjacent to the Cemetery is not to be pursued; the Land Registry will need to be contacted to update the deeds, so that Barrow is included.

Cllr Ball reported that at the Churchyard Committee meeting Tree Survey was accepted and consideration was given repairs to the Churchyard gates; Lambert Walker have made a good job of repairing the West gate. It was resolved to repair the North Gate and wall this year.

Cllr Ball reported from the Adam Cottam Trustees meeting that the contractor has completed the refurbishment of the empty Almshouse.. The Trust met on 12th October. Six applications for the vacant Almshouses were considered and of these three have been selected for Interview. It is hoped to have the Almshouse occupied for Christmas.

Cllr Fallon noted that the Beez van is still on Accrington Rd; he asked if the cctv camera was operational at Vale Gardens. He noted that the Grounds and Gardens committee has set a precept; accepted the Tree Check report; the bus shelter glass has been replaced; the Lengthsman and Abbey Gardening Services work schedules were assessed.

Cllr Highton has received a request from RVBC with respect to closure of BT payphones in the village. As usage is minimal or even zero it appeared reasonable to support their closure.

**1036/16 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for September 2016**  
(enclosed)

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

**1037/16 to enter the MUGA and Youth Shelter onto the Parish Council Asset Register**

It was resolved in accordance with the BDO audit report that the MUGA and Youth Shelter should be added to the Fixed Assets Register at cost.

**1038/16 to authorise notice of a Casual Vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

It was resolved that following the resignation from the Parish Council by Cllr Earnshaw a Casual Vacancy is deemed to have occurred and a Notice in accordance with LG 1972 (Sec.87(020)) is to be posted on the Parish Council Noticeboard and the Returning Officer at RVBC is to be informed.

**1039/16 to consider the RVBC response to the Boundary Commission for England review of parliamentary constituency boundaries** (enclosed)

It was resolved that Whalley Parish Council will support the RVBC resolution in rejecting the Boundary Commission Parliamentary proposal for Ribble Valley and inform the Boundary Commission of this stance,

**1040/16 to submit Parish Council commitments to the 2016 Xmas activities**

It was resolved that:

- a. Cllrs Brown and Rimmer would liaise with the Pickwick Committee

- b. Abbey Gardening Services would act on behalf of the Parish Council and ensure the Xmas Tree be in position and a qualified electrician would attend to the lights
- c. The Parish Council would for the erection and dismantling of the Xmas street lights in the village.

1041/16 **to consider issues raised by residents:**

- a. Grass verge on The Sands (by email)

It was resolved to contact LCC Highways for an explanation of their correspondence regarding overhanging vegetation on The Sands

- b. Speeding motorists on Mitton Road (by email)

It was resolved to contact Inspector Goodhall, with copies to LCC, requesting information regarding measures to protect residents of Mitton Road from speeding motorists.

1042/16 **to receive the Clerks Report** (information only)

Additions to the Circulation Folder:

Ribble Valley News Autumn 2016

RVBC – Parish Council Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

Parish Council to liaise with RVBC regarding the reports on pavements at the bus station

1043/16 **to receive Borough Councillors Report** (information only)

No Borough Councillor was present at the meeting

1044/16 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016

1045/16 **to consider and approve the date of the Precept Meeting as Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016**

It was resolved that the date of the Precept Meeting as Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

The meeting closed at 9.21pm

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