

WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2018 at 7.30pm
in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

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

Apologies received: PCSO Katie Ferguson, Parish Councillor Mike Reid

In Attendance: M Richardson – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council
Members of the public – 6, Borough Councillors J Holgate and T Hill

1402/18 **to receive declaration of interests**

None.

1403/18 **to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 August 2018**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 20 September 2018 be approved as a correct record with the amendment to ‘Report from Councillors – Lois Rimmer – damage was being done to the gate not the fence.’

1404/18 **to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)**

Tony Brown was present at the meeting and expressed his gratitude for the great deal of work that had been carried out by the volunteers on the Whalley Remembers Armistice Commemorations 2018. He also went onto express concern about proliferation of A boards on the public footpath along King Street and requested that the relevant local authority take action. Borough Councillor Terry Hill agreed to report Ribble Valley Borough Council.

Two residents of Queen Street were present and want to speak about their ongoing concerns of the public nuisance and crime and disorder from Bradys. With the recent application to extend opening hours of the establishment both residents believed this would exacerbate an already desperate situation.

Susan Bettany asked for an update on the Ribble Valley Remembrance Park. The Clerk agreed to send her information about the Planning Consent granted by the Borough Council and the Parish Council objections to the ongoing developments.

1405/18 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 20 September 2018 and Grounds and Garden Committee meeting held on the 2 October 2018.

1406/18 To receive reports of Councillors' from other committees (information only)

Councillor Cliff Ball stated the drains on Wiswell Lane are blocked and just off Accrington Road.

Councillor John Threlfall reported following the last meeting he had written to Lancashire County Council (LCC) about the concerns of speeding traffic heading towards the mini roundabout at the junction of Station Road, King Street and Clitheroe Road but has not yet had a response. The speed signs that were not working on Mitton Road, following his report had now been fixed. He noted that the drains on Mitton Road/Station Road had been emptied by LCC. He noted the bus station Graffiti on the Burnley stand.

Councillor Rimmer reported that someone had been using chalk to write on the pavements and walls near her home on George Street. Following the closure of Maureen Cooksons this retail unit will be split into two with a Log Fire Company and Clothes shop taking over the leases. She had heard rumours about the first floor being looking at by prospective developers wishing to open a Wine Bar/Restaurant because the building had a Licence.

Councillor Martin Highton reported that he attended Parish Council Liaison Committee on Thursday 27 September 2018. County Councillor Keith Iddon and Phil Durnell from Lancashire Council Highways gave an information presentation. Ribble Valley Borough gave a presentation on Affordable Warmth (and this information is included in the winter Parish Council Newsletter. No further progress had been made on the socket installation on the road lamps for the Christmas Lights. This has been an ongoing problem and the Parish Council should perhaps consider making an official complaint if it is not remedied in the next few weeks.

He informed the Parish Council that the Whalley Qe2 Trust had a 28 year lease granted from Whalley Parish Council in 2001 (Freehold owner). With the impending plans to redevelop the area, the QE2 Trust is looking to terminate the existing lease (which has 7 years left) and negotiate a new longer lease. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Councillor Mike Fallon noted potholes are particularly bad at the West side of Whalley Library and the speed Indicator Board on Accrington Road had now been fixed.

Councillor June Brown stated that the Grounds and Garden Committee had recently met. With Pickwick Night being cancelled in 2018, the Parish Council had agreed that the Chairman should switch on the Christmas Lights. The problems in the toilets on the Bus Station had now been fixed but the Parish Council would monitor them more closely. The contractor Abbey Gardening Limited usually spent time helping prepare for Pickwick Night but would now use his time to focus on helping install the Christmas Decorations on King Street.

140718 Draft Risk Assessment Plan 2018-19

The Clerk at the last meeting circulated the Plan for consideration and the Council agreed to accept and adopt Risk Assessment Plan with a commitment to review this document at the annual AGM of the Parish Council.

1408/18 Draft Privacy Policy Statement

1397/18 **Authorisation of Accounts, Payments, Receipts and Balances for September 2018.**

It was resolved to accept the Accounts, Payment, Receipts and Balances for September 2018 noting the recent VAT reclaim and reimbursement via S278 monies for the Planters on King Street.

1398/18 **Clerks Report**

The Clerks Report for September 2018 was accepted. The monthly Crime Statistics was circulated for August 2018 and PCSO Katie Ferguson had provided a written report on the key issues in the area for the month.

1399/18 **Armistice Commemoration 2018**

The first batch of silhouettes had arrived from 'There but Not There' there will be an event for children from the schools to place them in the churches and on benches throughout Whalley centre. The Silhouettes will also be made available to 'tour the schools.' The printed mugs will be delivered week commencing 24 September 2018 and enamel badges have been made. A beacon will be lit on Whalley Nab on the Saturday evening before Remembrance Sunday; Harrisons Engineering are providing the timber and taking it to the Nab. David Wilson Homes are making a donation toward the fireworks.

Work is progressing well for the WW1 concert in the Village Hall which will take place on Saturday; there will also be an exhibition of WW1 memorabilia at the Old Grammar School. In the absence of a police presence Kays Traffic Management will close King Street to allow for the Parades; their estimate is £872 + 50 + Application costs. The contractor will send the invoice direct to the Clerk and the monies allocated by Parish Council will be spent on this task.

The outline plan for Remembrance Sunday will be to start the Service of Thanksgiving in the Parish Church at 9.30am. After the Service parishioners' will walk form up in the The Square and parade up to the War Memorial in time for the Act of Remembrance at 11.00 am. At around 11.30am people will parade back to Whalley Abbey for the Community Lunch which will be served at 12 Noon. There will then be a brass band concert at the Abbey from 2.00pm onwards.

1400/18 **Borough Councillors Report**

Borough Councillor Terry Hill was unable to attend but sent in a written report that was read out by the Clerk as follows:

The attenuation ponds at Lawsonsteads are completed except for some minor landscaping. The proposed second phase planning application for the Lawsonsteads site is expected soon. Finally, the Cumulative Impact Report for Whalley was debated at Licensing Committee on Tuesday 18 September and Ribble Valley Borough Council proposed carrying out a Formal Consultation based on the evidence received in the first stage. This will involve a much more widespread examination of effects, particularly crime and disturbance evidence held by the Police. It was fully accepted that the current national Licensing Legislation is not beneficial for a place like Whalley, especially with the late-night closing time rules that often blight residents' lives. He suggested that the Parish Council write to the MP Nigel Evans to ask him to take it up with the relevant Government Minister.

1401/18 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as 7.30pm Thursday 18 October 2018

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 18 October 2018 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____