



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th October at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

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

Members of the public – 8

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to the Parish Council

891/15 **to receive declaration of interests**

No declaration of interests were received

892/15 **to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2015**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2015 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

893/15 **to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)**

The new Vicar of St Mary and All Saints Parish Church, the Reverend Jonathan Carmyllie, was welcomed to the meeting.

Mr Brown expressed the opinion that councillors were correct in not becoming personally involved in attempting to enforce traffic regulations and reiterated that the police were responsible for enforcing traffic obstructions.

Mr Pickup reported that usage at the Old Grammar School continued to grow; the constitution has been forwarded to the Charity Commission; a “MOT” of the electrics of the building has been passed and an exhibition of the local history will be held 25th October - 1st November.

894/15 **to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee of the 17th September; the Grounds and Gardens Committee of the 25th June 2015 and the Joint Burial Committee of 31st July 2015 were received.

895/15 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Barker reminded the meeting that the 20th Anniversary of the Village Hall will be held on 24th October 2015.

Cllr Brown reported that at the Grounds and Gardens committee A Piercy had been contracted to prune trees at Vale Gardens following the Tree Check report; Abbey Gardening Services will be asked to plant daffodils on Accrington Road and be involved in the Xmas festivities on behalf of the parish council (see 901/15); quotations are being sought to replace parts of the noticeboard adjacent to CJ's and a precept request of £5000 was to be submitted.

Cllr Ball reported a number of changes to the Adam Cottam Trust committee. The new vicar will be an ex-officio member; Margaret Bridget has resigned after 24 years service to be replaced by Tony Hird; Kathryn Whyatt is to become the new clerk. Banking arrangements are in hand; the Quinquennial inspection has taken place. Next meeting is on 28th October 2015.

Cllr Sleight reported on the Joint Burial Committees meeting; The precept request will be £640; works on the trees and removal of spoil is to take place; negotiations to purchase land adjacent to the Cemetery is in hand; memorial safety check is imminent and work on the Ashes plots alongside the path have been completed.

Cllr Kent asked for the next agenda of the parish council to include an item on the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Highton added that at the QEII playing fields the MUGA pitch has been laid and the Youth Shelter is being erected.

896/15 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for September 2015

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for September 2015

897/15 to authorise the implementation of a Nat West Account solely for the funding of the QEII project

It was resolved to authorise the clerk to:

- a. open a "Whalley Parish Council QEII Development Account2 with Nat West
- b. transfer £35,000 from the Skipton BS account into this new account

898/15 to receive an update to address the problems of traffic congestion and illegal parking in Whalley

It was resolved to:

1. Contact the MP and arrange a meeting with the Parish Council
2. Ensure that the Local Group meeting between LCC Highways Department and representatives of the parish council which has been delayed now meets

899/15 **to consider an application to the Ribble Vally Parishes Grant Fund**

It was resolved to refer this item to the next meeting

900/15 **to consider improvements in Communication with the community**

It was resolved that councillors would research from other parish councils good practice with respect to time and cost implications and report back

901/15 **to consider funding for the Christmas Festivities**

It was resolved that the parish council will liaise with the Pickwick Committee and be responsible for:

1. the Xmas lights in the village which will be erected and dismantled by LCC who will in turn invoice the PC
2. Abbey Gardening Services will be contracted to purchase and erect a Christmas Tree at Vale Gardens ensuring a qualified electrician is enlisted

902/15 **to receive the Clerks Report (information only)**

Additional information:

Circulation: - Minutes of the Joint Burial Committee

Minutes of RVBC Planning and Development Committee

There has been no response to from the Police regarding their presence in Whalley to assess the degree and severity of vehicles obstructing the pavement.

The clerk requested any items for the next newsletter

903/15 **to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

Cllr Hill was in attendance

Following Item 898/15 part b. Cllr Hill stated that the Team would meet in the first week of November, proposals would be published for consultation with residents; RVBC is in discussion with Enterprise Inn the owners of Whalley Arms car park; he encouraged residents to contact the police if vehicles obstruct the pavement; he indicated that construction at Lawsonsteads had paused and the Clitheroe Christmas Market had been cancelled.

904/15 **to consider the date of the Parish Council Precept Meeting as Thursday 5th November 2015**

It was resolved that the date of the Parish Council Precept meeting will take place on Thursday 5th November at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School

905/15 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday 19th November 2015

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will take place on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School

The meeting closed at 9.23pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____