



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th September 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
Apologies: Councillor S Earnshaw

Members of the public – 5

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

741/14 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

742/14 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st August 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st August 2014 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

743/14 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Reid stated that the 20mph limit road signs on The Sands and Church Lane were being totally ignored with the consequences that a serious accident will take place.

Mrs Hulland indicated that volunteers were available to weed/maintain etc the grounds of the Old Grammar School.

Mr Wedgeworth had noted that war memorials in other villages had planters and could this be a feature in Whalley. He added that the working relationship between the parish council and Whalley in Bloom has improved and every credit should go to Abbey Gardening Services for the contractors work at Vale Gardens and throughout the village. However he was strongly of the opinion that the removal

of the plaque at Vale Gardens by the parish council, without consultation, was unacceptable. He asked for improved communication in the future.

Mrs Miller complained of the increase in weeds throughout the village but especially around The Sands.

744/14 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee of the 21st August 2014 were presented to the meeting.

745/14 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Kent noted that the Church Yard committee was to be arranged for September 22nd. On that evening he would be representing the parish council at Barrow and Wiswell parish council regarding consultation on the possibility of a neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Ronnan requested support for the resurrection of the Whalley Lions Club.

Cllr Brown stated that dog fouling was on the increase and she was in communication with RVBC dog wardens. The Grounds and Gardens Committee is to meet on 25th September.

Cllr Sleight informed the meeting that a green waste bin sign has been erected at the Joint Burial Ground in order to encourage users to separate the waste.

Cllr Smith stated that QEII trustees and the sports clubs were meeting monthly. He indicated that the MUGA needs to be constructed earlier rather than lately.

Cllr Highton attended the Parish Council Liaison Committee at which the LCC Parish Champion was in attendance.

746/14 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for July 2014

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for August 2014. It was noted that the parish council has been awarded a grant of £2,248.00 from the RVBC Concurrent Functions Grant.

747/14 to consider offers of help from Whalley in Bloom volunteers

It was resolved to fully support the proposal of Whalley in Bloom volunteers to co-ordinate and work in maintaining the Old Grammar School grounds.

748/14 to consider the implications for the parish council of a Christmas Tree for Vale Gardens

It was resolved that Cllrs Brown and Ronnan would liaise with the Pickwick Committee on this matter.

749/14 **to consider a request for a memorial bench**

It was resolved to accept the offer of a memorial bench and to determine a suitable location with the donor.

750/14 **to receive the Clerks Report (information only)**

Additional information:

RVBC – Planning and Development Committee minutes; information regarding a meeting on Faster Broadband

LALC – September Newsletter; LCR Autumn Newsletter

751/14 **to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

Ribble Borough Councillor Holgate that work was progressing with RVBC officers on the QEII application; the Post Office in King St was to be refurbished which would entail a two week closure; RVBC officers are to investigate issues related to Whalley Arms listed building status.

752/14 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday 16th October 2014**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 16th October 2014 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____