



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th September 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

Apologies: Councillor L Rimmer

Members of the public – 10

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to the Parish Council

879/15 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

880/15 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th August 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th August 2015 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

881/15 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mrs Lohue commended the Lions volunteers responsible for erecting the barriers to protect the war memorial during the bike race on September 7 and the council for clearing the overgrown footpath at The Crescent.

Janet Sharpe commented on the height and safety of the trees at Vale Gardens.

Angela Talbot expressed concern regarding safety issues on Hayhurst Road. This road is now single lane due to the increase in long term parking and recent construction roadworks.

882/15 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee of the 20th August and the Church Yard Committee of the 8th June 2015 were received.

883/15 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllrs Reid and Barker informed the meeting that the 20th Anniversary of the Village Hall is to take place on October 24th.

Cllr Barker indicated that the United Utilities roadworks on Hayhurst Road are due to end next week. He is aware that the refuse lorries have been unable to access Hayhurst Road and is in communication with RVBC over this matter.

Cllr Brown thanked all concerned with the success of the Bike Race through Whalley. The Grounds and Gardens committee is due to meet on 6 October at 7.30pm.

Cllr Sleight reported that the Diocese had allowed the Joint Burial Committee to alter the path which will allow the placement of tablets. He indicated that the MUGA at QEII is near completion.

Cllr Ball reported that the Adam Cottam Trust met to change the Mandate forms and until they have been returned by the banks and building societies this means that the Trust does not have full control over its funds. An Architect has been selected to advise on the restoration and refurbishment of the empty dwelling. The Quinquennial Inspection has been brought forward from 2016 and this has now been undertaken by the Architect. His report will highlight work necessary to maintain the 2 occupied dwellings; once costed the Trust will then be able to address funding for the restoration project. The new Vicar will be invited to be an ex-officio member of the Trust.

Cllr Kent thanked Cllr Ball for his efforts in bringing order to the Adam Cottam Trust. He reported from the Church Yard committee that Lambert Walker had completed work on the walls; due to the generosity of parishioners replacement trees are to be planted; planning permission is being sought following the Tree Check inspection and a tree surgeon is to complete the works; the committee is seeking a precept of £7500. Cllr Kent also reported that the Neighbourhood Plan committee met and will review progress to date.

Cllr Fallon has received a number of concerns from residents concerning the actions of the company responsible for the Whalley Arms car park and the deplorable state of the once impeccable allotments.

Cllr Highton reported that the area Police Inspector has been informed of concerns regarding traffic congestion and illegal parking in the village and asked that if a PCSO can be empowered to enforce traffic regulations. LCC Parkwise have been informed of the traffic concerns. He also outlined the positive aspects of the Tour of Britain cycle race for the village.

884/15 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for August 2015

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

885/15 to consider a strategy to address the problems of traffic congestion and illegal parking in Whalley

It was resolved to:

- a. Contact the MP regarding LCC Highways named officer
- b. following a. above Contact the LCC named official and invite her/him to Whalley and see the problems
- c. To encourage members of the public to use the LCC system for reporting traffic infringements

d. That parish councillors will lead in reporting infringements to LCC and the police

886/15 to consider an application to the Ribble Vally Parishes Grant Fund

It was resolved that councillors would consult with residents and provide feedback for an informed application for funding.

887/15 to acknowledge the results of the Best Kept Village Competition

It was resolved to:

a. contact the successful representatives from the competition thanking them for their sustained efforts

b. Ask Gillian Darbyshire to attend the Best Kept Village presentation on behalf of the village

Competition Results

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| Large Village | Runner Up | Whalley |
| Sheltered Accommodation | Highly Commended | Vale House |
| Shop | Highly Commended | Cosgroves |
| Public Toilets | Winner | Whalley |
| Public Gardens | Highly Commended | Vale Gardens/Bus Station |

888/15 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information:

Circulation Folder – RV Railnews 110

The clerk requested any items for the next newsletter

889/15 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

RVBC Councillor Holgate has met with residents regarding parking issues on Hayhurst Road/Church Lane/GPs Surgery. She has also had meetings with the dog warden.

890/15 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday 15th October 2015

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will take place on Thursday 15th October at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____