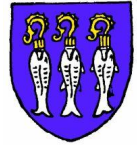




## WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 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 S Barker  
Apologies: Councillor D Sleight  
Councillor M Reid  
Councillor C Ball

Members of the public –

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

### 1020/16 **to receive declaration of interests**

No Declarations of interests were received.

### 1021/16 **to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

### 1022/16 **to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)**

Mr Brown condemned the vandalism on QEII Playing Fields but praised Harrisons Engineering for their public spirited response in providing gates to prevent any repetition. He commented that a Post Office van was now driving along the footpath on King St.

PCSOs Ferguson and Skoczen were in attendance and provided information on neighbourhood policing; the necessity for members of the public to inform LCC regarding parking obstruction; acknowledged concerns over late night/early morning noise and disturbance in the centre of Whalley – an immediate 101 call from the public was essential not a couple of days later.

Mr Ronnan provided information regarding “Spot – On” events in village halls and libraries in the Ribble Valley.

### 1023/16 **to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 were presented to the meeting.

### 1024/16 **to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)**

Cllr Brown informed the meeting that applications for the vacant Almshouse were being sought. She stated that the phone box by the newsagents is to be removed.

Cllr Rimmer reported that the Chair of the Joint Burial Committee had resigned and as yet no meeting had taken place. RVBC have carried out an inspection and she has catalogued the results.

Cllrs Highton and Brown attended the Parish Council Liaison Meeting which outlined the Boundary Commissions report and the impact on Ribble Valley. Cllr Ball was thanked for his successful discussions with the Abbey resulting in clearances at the disused allotment.

1025/16 **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

1026/16 **to approve the external audit and report for the year ending 31 March 2016**

It was resolved to approve the external audit and report from BDO LLP for the year ending 31 March 2016 and to act upon the issues raised by the auditor.

1027/16 **to consider issues following the notification of the closure of Whalley Library**

It was resolved that the Parish Council condemn the imminent closure of Whalley Library and would welcome expressions of interest in future use of this facility.

1028/16 **to receive the Clerks Report (information only)**

Additional information:

LCC – Lancashire Central Heating Fund

LCC – Bus Changes leaflet for October

LALC – Letter from DCLG

1029/16 **to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

Cllr Hill expressed confidence in the police commitment to Whalley; He confirmed that LCC Cabinet has now approved the closure of Whalley Library despite the opposition expressed by RVBC/the Parish Council and others; LCC Cabinet is to consider the the Whalley Traffic Plan on November 10; there will be a re-consultation by RVBC on the proposals for Clitheroe Market.

1030/16 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.21pm

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