

WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 July 2020 at 7.30pm held remotely by zoom platform

Present: Councillor M Highton(Chairman)
Councillor J Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor C Ball
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor J Threlfall

Apologies: Councillor Patrick Brown

In Attendance: M Richardson – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council
No Members of the public had requested to join the meeting remotely following the posting of the Notice of Meeting on 10 July 2020.

1612//20 to receive declaration of interests

None.

1613/20 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Meeting held on 18 June 2020

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 June 2020 be approved as a correct record following inclusion of website development cost regarding accessibility standard.

1614/20 to receive minutes of other Committees

Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Committee held on the 18 June 2020 were received.

1615/20 to adjourn Meeting for a Period of Public Discussion

No members of the public present.

1616/20 Reports from Councillors (Information Only)

Councillor Cliff Ball reported that a blocked drain has been cleared. He had also written to Whalley Borough Councillors seeking advice on possibility of Borough funding for the new roof. No reply had been received. The Churchyard Committee had not met and there was nothing to report.

Cliff had met the Whalley in Bloom (WIB) volunteers that expressed an interest in maintaining the area of land on Mitton Road/Station Road. Problems include proximity to road traffic and need to lop trees. Network Rail had agreed to carry out pruning of the foliage and Cliff suggested the Lengthsman could tidy up the area. The Council will seek further clarification as to whether the WIB wish to maintain the future.

Councillor Dave Sleight reported as Chair of the Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Churchyard Committee that The Registrar has contacted Lancashire County Council regarding the drains at the Cemetery, which overflow in heavy rain, and they have supplied contact details for three firms which deal with this type of work. The Committee are asking them for quotes.

Councillor June Brown reported that the PCSO had returned from maternity leave. Persisting problems in the area remain to be speeding agricultural vehicles, speeding cars, bicycles on footpaths. The bench at the Sands still required removal as this was attracting antisocial behaviour that had increased as we enter Summer. A request was made for Mr Iddon from Lancashire County Council to attend a future Parish Council meeting. The cobbled pavement in between John Atherton's Estate Agents and The Dog Inn had caused two accidents. One required hospitalisation. The land is not owned by the Parish Council nor the Church but the responsibility of the two businesses. There are two displaced cobbled stones that need repairing urgently.

Councillor John Threlfall reported that as representative of the Village Hall Committee a meeting was held remotely and it was agreed to purchase a Defibrillator for the building. The last food parcel delivery would take place on Sunday 19 July 2020 and it had cost over £10,000 during the COVID 19 lockdown. A total of £4,000 had been contributed in donations. The Village Hall was looking to reopen but following strict guidance. User Groups would be asked to follow their own Governing Bodies Guidance on safe meetings.

Councillor Martin Highton reported that the burnt-out bin on King Street was finally removed following an email from Councillor June Brown direct to John Heap at Ribble Valley Borough Council. He reported that remedial resurfacing works had taken place on King Street. The footpath No 27 from Accrington Road to the River Calder had been strimmed but not by the Lengthsman.

Martin had received reports of Giant Hogweed on the QE2 Playing Fields and it had been treated. Network Rail will lop the trees obscuring the site lines on the land owned by Jim King.

Bench repair quotes had been sought to carry out at the following locations: Vale Gardens, Clerk Hill, Read Bridge. The 'Jimmy Fell' bench on King Street near the Post Office will be removed and repaired by the contractor and the bench at the Sands must be removed as a priority. Bids will be submitted to Small Grants Fund of the Pendle Partnership for the Clerk Hill and Read Bridge benches.

Martin had been approached by the Whalley and Billington Flood Action Group who had requested some financial assistance to replace the walk talkies for the flood wardens. He suggested that this is included as formal item for decision at next month's meeting.

He reported that the Defibrillator at Billington had been stolen and asked the Clerk to clarify with BHIB that the Whalley Parish Council defibrillator on the Bus Station is covered under the insurance policy.

1617/20 Approval to put in place a regular inspection regime for the public toilets on Whalley Bus Station

Following the redecoration of Whalley Bus Station Toilets and replacement of the urinals in the by Ribble Valley Borough Council it was discussed and agreed that Whalley Parish Council should put in place an inspection regime to ensure the toilets are being maintained. It was agreed that John Threlfall would put together a draft Inspection Regime and that all Parish Councillors would seek on a Rota basis to carry out the monthly inspections.

1618/20 **Anti-Social Behaviour**

The Council discussed how ASB continued to blight Whalley. The Police were aware of low-level drug dealing taking place with people coming into the area to supply young people. A watching brief would be kept but again reporting to the Police was key.

1619/20 **Anti Speeding Initiatives**

John Threlfall reported that Lancashire County Council had replaced the SPID near Pendle Drive and it would be maintained by them. The SPID opposite Moor Lane was working but a watching brief was being kept on it. June Brown reported that enforcement of parking restrictions had recently taken place. Martin Highton reminded the Council that budget allocation for SPID had been made in the Precept for 2020/21 and a formal decision about whether the Council will seek to purchase would need considering soon.

1620/20 **To approve a bid to the Small Grants Pendle Partnership Fund for refurbishment of two benches**

The Council agreed to submit a bid to refurbish the Jessica Lofthouse benches at Clerk Hill and Sabden Brook.

1621/20 **Authorisation of Accounts. Payments and Receipts and Balances for July 2020**

July 2020

Receipts - None

Payments

Salary	(697.21)
Home office	(43.33)
Internet	(10.00)
mileage28 x0.45	(12.60)
Mobile rental	(5.00)
Registered Post ExtAudit	(4.46)
1st Quarter 2020-21 -	(221.27)
Tax/NIC	
2Self watering	(1,083.24)
planters/logo	
Vale Gds June20-2919	(273.00)
Churchyard June20-2920	(291.00)
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Balances: Nat West Current: £66135.93 QE2 Nat West £0 Skipton £21869.12

1621/20 Clerks Report for July 2020

Circulated prior to the meeting Whalley Parish Council approved the Clerks Report July 2020. The Clerk reported that communication had been received from NALC asking Parish Councils to respond to the Consultation on the Councillors Draft Code of Conduct. The deadline for comments is 17 August 2020. It was agreed should Councillors feedback directly to the Clerk with observations/comments.

1622/20 The Council Approved the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 20 August 2020**. It was be held at Whalley Old Grammar School, Station Road. Whalley.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____