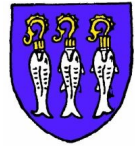


WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 November 2021 at 7.30pm

Whalley Old Grammar School



Present: Councillor M Highton (Chairman)
Councillor J Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor G Smith
Councillor J Threlfall
Councillor T Whistlecraft
Councillor C Allen

Apologies: Apologies C Ball

10 Member of the public including P White, T Brown, S Paramore, Jonathan Smith, Borough Councillors G Mirfin, D Berryman and M Hindle

1799/21 to receive declaration of interests

None.

1800/21 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 October 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 October 2021 approved as a correct record.

1801/21 to receive the minutes of Whalley Parish Council Planning Committee held on the 21 October 2021

1802/21 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

Sue Paramore stated she represented the Whalley Neighbourhood Action Group, and they attended the Ribble Valley Borough Council Licensing Committee. The residents felt that they should retain the Cumulative Impact Assessment as part of the Licensing considerations for future applications of variations. Discussions led to a suggestion that Sue Paramore should seek a meeting with Jan Alcock.

Two further meetings had been highlighted by Ged Mirfin in a joint effort to address the two stands of ASB in Whalley.

- 2pm at Whalley Abbey on Saturday 20 November with Nigel Evans MP, Borough and Parish Councillors and residents.
- 5.00pm on 26 November 2021 at Whalley Abbey with Police Commissioner Andrew Snowden.

Ged Mirfin stated that working with the Police; he would be seeking to encourage:

- Police to go into schools on a regular basis
- Police should have a harder line on drug dealing
- Policing of Licensed premises in Whalley at key times during weekend hours after the late licensed premises close.
- An understanding that although the S34 Order had a huge positive impact and that this is an expensive and unsustainable model of policing.

It was noted that £8.1 m had been committed from the Government and Environment Agency to invest in flood defenses in Whalley.

1802/21 Reports from Councillors (information only)

Caroline Allen had attended the Ribble Valley Borough Council Meeting on Friday 3 November 2021. She stated it was interesting looking at the perspectives of the agencies. She had received positive feedback from residents in response to the Whalley Parish Council newsletter. She was saddened by the vandalism to the toilets at Vale Gardens and stated that this pattern of behaviour was out of control and of detriment to everyone.

Gill Smith stated she had received positive feedback about the newsletter stating it was informative, interesting, and short. She liked that the newsletter included no advertising. She noted that Network Rail had undertaken vegetation clearing under the viaduct. Consequently, this had a positive effect increasing the light for some residents.

John Threlfall stated that he had reported problems with street lighting. He had been involved in discussions with Ribble Valley Council in terms of the recent vandalism at Vale Garden Toilets. He also stated he had attended the multi-agency meeting on 3 December at Ribble Valley Council regarding ASB in Whalley.

Tracey Whistlecraft congratulated Whalley in Bloom on the recent success. She encouraged people to fill in the personal survey safety being carried online. It is being carried out by UCLAN will hopefully result in changes to make women feel safe.

June Brown had attended the Ribble Valley Licensing Committee to listen to the debate on the review of the Whalley Cumulative Impact consideration as part of licensing applications. She said residents spoke eloquently and did everything they could to make it very clear to Borough Councillors and Council Officers the weekend misery they live through due to late night licensing.

She also attended the ASB meeting on the 5 November 2021. The Parish Council Liaison Committee had also held a meeting. She had attended two Remembrance Services: 6 November 2021 at St Marks on the Merserycare site. She also asked the Clerk to write and thank John Rowbotham for co-ordinating and hosting the event. She attended the Remembrance Service at Whalley Parish Church and accompanied Martin Highton in laying the wreath at the memorial.

Martin Highton reported his attendance at the Remembrance Sunday Service at Whalley and laying the wreath at the memorial at 11am. He said they managed to stop the traffic, but it was difficult. He stated A Ronan was going to ask the MP to put a Private Members Bill to stop traffic around Remembrance events. He stated significant time had been taken up with the Burial Committee. He attended the PCLC, and the Haweswater Aqueduct is still pending. He welcomed the decision by Ribble Valley Borough Council Housing and Health Committee to invest in 800 new public litter bins for the Borough.

He noted the Vera Whitehead Memorial Bench had been installed. Ribble Valley Borough Council had pledged £500 to Platinum Jubilee Events for Whalley.

1803/21 To receive and approve a Tree Report for Whalley Parish Church to fell a Sycamore and note the Permission Granted from Ribble Valley Borough Council to undertake the report

Martin Highton stated that Churchyard Committee had not been able to meet but that this had to be dealt with. The Parish Council agreed that the works for the removal of the sycamore and replacement arrangements at laid out in the Tree Works Consent Notice. This is part of the ongoing trend for very old and large trees on perimeter wall bordering the public footpath. Roy Cattermole had carried out the last works and he had quoted a price of £850 plus VAT to carry out this work.

1804//21 To consider an application for Co-option onto the vacant post at Whalley Parish Council

The Councillors had received details of the applicant Jonathan Smith beforehand. The applicant introduced himself to the Parish Council and outlined his passion for Whalley and skills that he could bring. A resident and business owner of Whalley he had experience through sport of becoming involved in QE2 Trustee group that delivered a drainage improvement scheme, youth shelter and green gym. The Trust was successful in obtaining public funding under the LEADER Scheme. He felt one of his priorities was to address the problems that are blighting Whalley due to the extension of licensing hours. He also said further work could be done finally finish off the work that has been planned for a Whalley Sports park at the QE2 Playing Fields site. The Parish Council co-opted Jonathan Smith onto Whalley Parish Council.

1805/21 To receive an update on seeking a Licensing Review Hearing regarding Benny’s Bar on Accrington Road.

Martin Highton stated that Application for a Review of a Premises Licence for Benny’s Bar was currently on hold, but he had agreed to meet Mr. Ireland the Solicitor acting for Benny Bar. It is hoped that during in December the Clerk and Caroline would seek to resubmit. Some members of the public reported that additional evidence was available, and the Clerk asked them to report this outside the meeting.

1806/21 To receive an update on the outcome of the ASB Meeting hosted by Ribble Valley Borough Council 4 November 2021

June Brown, Caroline Allen, and John Threlfall attended the meeting. The next meeting had been 26 November and rescheduled to 3 December 2021. A representative is needed to attend.

1807/21 To receive an update on the Parish Clerk Vacancy Recruitment Timetable and Selection Process

It was agreed that the interview panel would be made up of Martin Highton, June Brown, and Gill Smith. The closing date for applications is the 3 December 2021. Martin had already received one applicant and expected more.

1808/20 Authorisation of Accounts. Payments and Receipts and Balances for November 2021

	NW Curr
	£
Webmaintenance	(27.60)
Salary	(737.90)
Home office	(43.33)
Internet	(10.00)
30 miles @0.45	(13.50)
Mobile rental	(5.00)
Newsletter Delivery	(130.00)
Churchyards Tree Report	(336.00)
QR Code PLP Benches	(63.73)
Room Hire October	(30.00)

Quarter 8 Income Tx£30.60 & EmplpyNiCS £34.95	(75.55)
Electricity Vale Gardens	(8.98)
Popply Appeal 2021	(100.00)
0668-3repairs2xBenchends	(1,116.00)
Invoice 0879 Xmas lights installation	(2,088.00)
	(4,785.59)

Receipts/ Income: 0

Balances: Nat West Current: £ 76,241.73
QE2 Nat West £0 Skipton £24006.74

1807/21 Clerks Report for November 2021

Circulated prior to the meeting Whalley Parish Council received the Clerks Report for November 2021 for information.

1808/21 Whalley Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee

The Council noted that the Committee status is still the same. Martin Highton will continue to work the Chairman of Barrow Parish Council (Jean Brown) and Alan Scholfield Wiswell Parish Council. Martin will convene a meeting with them following the return to the area of Alan Scholfield. Advice was being sought from Ribble Valley Brough Council on the Human Resource and associated issues. A key advisor had been on holiday causing an unavoidable delay in response.

1809 /21 The Council approved a Schedule of Meetings for 2022 and approved the date of the next meeting as Thursday 20 January 2022 at 7.30pm Whalley Old Grammar School

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____