



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE GROUNDS & GARDENS COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 January 2019 AT 7.00pm at
THE OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

1. To accept apologies: Martin Highton, John Threlfall

Councillors in attendance:

J Brown D Sleight J Threlfall
M Fallon L Rimmer M Highton

In attendance: M Richardson, Clerk to Council

2. To accept as correct the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 2 October 2018.

It was resolved to accept as correct the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 2 October 2018.

3. Report Back from Councillors (Information Only)

Cllr June Brown:

- a. Reported that Ribble Valley Council had undertaken works to improve the condition of Toilets on Whalley Bus Station. She asked that the Clerk request whether budget allocation could be made to repaint the toilets in the next financial year.
- b. Mike Fallon asked if some trees could be replaced on Abbey Fields – the Clerk stated that Rowan Trees may still exist following the S278 works on King Street. Mike said he would ask residents and report back.
- c. The Bench Audit has yet to be undertaken when the weather is more favourable.
- d. The continuing theft of York Stone at Vale Gardens led to the Lengthsman suggesting selling off the highly valuable stone and replacing it with cheaper Indian Stone. It was agreed the he progresses this work.
- e. All Councillor acknowledged that as the area grows the volume of public rubbish increases. The current litter bins are not enough and it was ongoing problem – many bins overflowing because they are not large enough or need emptying more often by RVBC to avoid overflow.

4. Retendering of 3 Contracts for Grounds Maintenance

The Clerk advised that 3 contracts are due for retendering as follows: Whalley Parish Church Yard Grounds, Vale Gardens and

the Lengthsman. The new contracts would commence in April 2019 for an initial period of 12 months with an option to extend for a further two years. The tendering process had to be followed and the work would be advertised in the Notice Board and on the Whalley Parish Council website. Tender bids would be brought back to the next meeting on Tuesday 12 March 2019 to determine the successful applicants. The Clerk to make enquiries with Ribble Valley Council if other free advertising was available.

5. Lengthsman Priorities

The priorities were agreed as follows:

- Cleaning of signs and repainting of benches
- Bulb Planting on Accrington Road as the Gateway to the village
- Replacement of York Stone at Vale Gardens

6. Financial Update

A financial update was not presented at the meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on **12 March 2019 at 7.00pm** at the Old Grammar School. The meeting ended at 8.00pm.

Signed.....Date.....