



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE GROUNDS & GARDENS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2018 AT 7.00pm at THE OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

1. To accept apologies: June Brown and John Threfall

Councillors in attendance:

M Highton D Sleight

M Fallon L Rimmer

In attendance: M Richardson, Clerk to Council

2. To accept as correct the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 16 January 2017

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3. Report Back from Councillors (Information Only)

Cllr Mike Fallon:

- a. Reported the pavement directly outside the DeLacy Arms that had been uneven and a trip hazard had been actioned.
- b. Parking on the pavement near the bridge which was forcing people to walk in the road and is particularly risky for women with pushchairs. The Police had now taken effective action and there had been a significant reduction in the number of vehicles parking on the pavement.
- c. Lights on the tree to the rear of Cheque mate are hanging down and within touching distance for some people – this could be a hazard.
- d. Cllr Lois Rimmer had reported flooding of the footpath in between Spar Car Park and Proctors edge. Lancashire County Council had appointed Monks Contractors who resurfaced the area but unfortunately it had not remedied the surface water drainage issue. This had been reported back to PROW team. Lois wondered whether the sump that does exist was sufficiently deep enough to take the excess water?
- e. Mandy to speak to Checkmate about the lights that are within arm's reach to see if they are live. This is a safety concern.
- f. Martin and Mandy reported that a mature tree on the QE2 had been blown over in the snow and high winds. This was just within the boundary of the QE2 Fields and had been removed by the Lengths.
- g. Martin Highton reported that Traders had reported poor trading figures following the roadworks in the Centre of Whalley. The

lack of parking compounded by the work had led some businesses to question whether Vale Gardens could be converted to a car park. The Parish Council would oppose such a request. Other alternative public parking spaces had been provisionally identified by Ribble Valley Council in the outline planning application for residential development re land off Accrington Road.

4. Lengths man Priorities

To be discussed at the June 2018 meeting.

5. Review and Re Tendering Lengthsman and Vale Garden Contract

Expiration of the above current contracts will place on 3 April 2018. The performance of the current contractor is good but in the interests of avoiding anti-competitive practice and future value for money the Committee recommend that these contracts will be retendered next year. Parish Councillors considered the existing specifications and made suggestions to improve the future service.

6. Notice Board Replacement

The new Noticeboard had been delivered. Installation will take place after the S278 roadworks are complete which will be end of April 2018. Martin requested that a quote for installation be obtained from the supplier. A decision would then be made as to whether the Lengthsman or supplier should install.

7. Request for of Vale Gardens

The Protocol for the future use of Vale Gardens should be uploaded to the website. A requested had been approved and granted for the Methodist Church to hold an outside service at Easter subject to the weather.

8. George Hardman Memorial Bench

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk and Lois Rimmer should visit Shackletons to see the range of hardwood benches. The group also looked at the price range and quality available online at the meeting.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at the earlier time of 7.00pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

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