

# WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)  
Councillor L Rimmer  
Councillor J Brown  
Councillor M Fallon  
Councillor C Ball  
Councillor D Sleight  
Councillor S Barker  
Councillor M Reid

Members of the public – 5

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

## 1093/17 to receive declaration of interests

No Declarations of interests were received.

## 1094/17 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

## 1095/17 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Brown alerted the meeting his concerns regarding contractors parking the pavement on Station Road consequently forcing pedestrians into the road with thereby considerable road safety implications.

Cllr Hill advised the meeting that a parish council could if they so wished, enter a contract with Parkwise for traffic warden attendance in Whalley. He noted that no response had been received from Parkwise but LCC officers should be copied into the correspondence.

## 1096/17 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017; the Grounds and Gardens Committee meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were presented to the meeting.

## 1097/17 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Ball reported that scaffolding had been removed from the church; the north wall refurbishment had been completed and the gate returned. Future works would be repairs to the flagstones and work on the East Gate with the possibility of hand rails.

Cllr Fallon reported that residents are expressing concern over exhaust fumes from vehicles especially along King St.

Cllr Brown stated that the Grounds and Gardens committee recently met to review the Lengthsman/Abbey Gardening Services a. request for additional material b. Clarify time

allocation; accept the quotation for the refurbishment of the village signs; contact LCC again regarding the broken bus shelter glass; contact Pickwick Committee regarding Xmas lights and ensure both PC notice boards are fit for purpose.

Cllr Barker reported that the Village Hall Committee had agreed funding with the OGS Trustees for toilet facilities for the pre-school and that they are promoting initiatives for greater integration between the various organisations in Whalley.

Cllr Rimmer commented on the impact of lorries especially on the Abbey Fields/Station Road sector. Residents have complained about the noise but also apparent damage to the fabric of the buildings. (Cllr Barker was not present during this particular report)

Cllr Sleight reported that the land transfer of the Cemetery to Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow is now complete. Repairs to the memorials have been completed. RVBC will be approached to complete a full inspection and then a 5 year cycle will be introduced. A contract for beam installation has been awarded and research is taking place into long term solution to the disposal of spoil from the grave digging.

Cllr Highton reported that Veterans in the Community gave a presentation at the Parish Councils Liaison Meeting. He and Cllr Brown represented the Council at the Mayors Reception.

**1098/17 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for April 2017**(enclosed)

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts for April 2017. It was noted that the Parish Council Accounts ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 had been forwarded to the Internal Auditor for processing.

**1099/17 to review the Clerks hours of work and consider an annual increment to NJC salary point 26 at £12.161p per hour**

It was resolved to award the Clerk an annual increment to NJC salary point at £12.161 per hour and retain as at present the annual hours at 676.

**1100/17 to review the presentation from Easy Web Sites and consider future recommendations**

It was resolved to enter communication with Easy Web Sites Ltd with the Clerk to provide a progress update at the next meeting

**1101/17 to consider the draft recommendations for the Electoral Review of the Ribble Valley** (by e-mail)

It was noted that Councillors were satisfied that the draft recommendations with a direct impact on Whalley delivers Electoral equality; Community identity; and Effective, convenient local government.

**1102/17 to respond to the request from RVBC for pre-consultation comments and feedback on the proposed Public Space Protection Orders** (by e-mail)

It was resolved to delegate the Clerk to complete the Pre-Consultation Questionnaire and forward to RVBC.

**1103/17 to receive the Clerks Report** (information only)

Additions to the Circulation Folder:

The Financial information and PC Books ending 31 March 2017 have been forwarded to the internal auditor.

RVBC – Committee Meeting Minutes

All Councillors will receive by hand the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The agenda was printed before the communication from Inspector Goodall informing councillors he was unable to attend following the announcement of the General Election.

1104/17 **to receive Borough Councillors Report** (information only)

Cllr Hill advised the meeting that the LCC process in closing the library was under review and the sale of the property is in abeyance. He offered to contact Chris Richardson on behalf of the Lancaster Foundation who are proposing to bid for the property and donate to the community who, with volunteers would run the centre. If possible Mr Richardson may be available to provide additional information at the Annual Parish Meeting.

1105/17 **to consider and approve the date of the Annual Parish Meeting as Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

It was resolved that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting as Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School

1106/17 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School

1107/17 **to consider and approve the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

It was resolved that the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Old Grammar School. It was noted that the Planning Committee meeting would immediately follow the conclusion of this meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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