



## WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)  
Councillor J Brown  
Councillor S Barker  
Councillor J Smith  
Councillor I Kent  
Councillor S Earnshaw  
Councillor E Ronnan  
Apologies: Councillor D Sleight  
Councillor N Ford  
Members of the public – 4

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

### 683/14 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

### 684/14 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 are approved as a correct record of the meeting.

### 685/14 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mrs Hanson highlighted that indecision by the developers at the Lawsonstead site and has had a negative impact on local householders.

### 686/14 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of The Whalley and Wiswell Joint Burial Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014; the Grounds and Gardens Committee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> January and the Planning Committee of the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were presented to the meeting.

**687/14 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)**

Cllr Ronnan reported that the Grounds and Gardens committee confirmed the acceptance by Abbey Gardening Services for the annual lengthsmans contract and the bi-annual Vale Gardens contract. A monitoring of the water feature in Vale Gardens will take place and the stone seats on the bus station have been completed.

Cllr Barker has received representations from the community for mirrors to be erected in the vicinity of a. Broad Lane and b. the rear of Limefield to aid safe access for motorists onto Station Road.

Cllr Brown noted that the Almshouses meeting will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

Cllr Earnshaw reported that a clear up day will take place at the Joint Burial Ground on 29<sup>th</sup> April; new trees have been planted in the woodland; stain on the fence has been finished and a dog bin adjacent to the cemetery boundary is requested.

Cllr Kent reported that the Church Yard committee has received a letter from the Dog Inn alleging branches had fallen from the trees in the Church Yard onto the smoking shelter; the insurers have been notified. A number of trees that have previously been vandalised have now been illegally cut down in the Church Yard by persons unknown. The police are currently investigating this matter.

Cllr Highton attended the Parish Council Liaison Meeting at which superfast broadband implementation in the Ribble Valley was discussed.

**688/14 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for March 2014**

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for March 2014.

**689/14 to review the Clerks hours of work and consider an annual increment to NJC salary point 23 at £10.603p per hour**

It was resolved that the clerks hours should remain at 678 per year and an annual increment to NJC salary point 23 at £10.603 per hour be authorised.

**690/14 to receive an update from Cllr Kent regarding a Whalley Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Kent reported that he and Cllr Highton met representatives from RVBC who discussed the role of WPC, neighbouring PCs, local individuals and community

groups in shaping broad objectives. RVBC will provide advice on boundaries whilst WPC will consider how best to proceed and make recommendations.

Cllr Kent was thanked for his work and a further presentation will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**691/14 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)**

Additional Information received for circulation folder:

LCC e-mail – Parish Champion Dereli newsletter

Letter from Mrs G Robbins regarding the accident blackspot on the A671 at Spring Wood

Whalley and Wiswell Joint Burial Committee minutes

**692/14 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

Borough Councillor Holgate reported of the disquiet by residents opposite the Lawsonstead site entry regarding construction traffic; she confirmed that the major cost regarding dog bins is not the provision but the need for them to be emptied; the painting of the exterior of the Dog Inn is on hold as to complete the work the road will have to be closed.

**693/14 to consider and approve the date of the Annual Parish Meeting at Whalley Primary School on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014**

It was resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place at Whalley Primary School on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm

**694/14 to consider and approve the date of the Annual Meeting as Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2014**

It was resolved that the Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.00pm at the Old Grammar School Community Centre

**695/14 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2014**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm

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