



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor J Brown
Councillor J Smith
Councillor E Ronnan
Councillor I Kent
Councillor S Earnshaw

Apologies: Councillor D Sleight
Councillor S Barker

Members of the public – 1

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

793/15 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

794/15 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 2015 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

795/15 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Deferred to item 804/15

796/15 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 15th January 2015 and the RV LALC meeting of the 30th September 2014 were presented to the meeting

797/15 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Earnshaw reported on the clean up day at the burial ground.

Cllr Kent informed the meeting that there may well be a governance problem as the Church Yard committee may not be quorate following the retirement of the vicar. A letter will be sent to the PCC requesting the appointment of member to the committee. Tree branches in the church yard have been cut in accordance with the Tree Check report and a quotation has been received for work on the walls. He also noted that the Adam Cottam Trust had not as yet met.

Cllr Smith reported that Whalley Sports Community are to apply for charity commission status; he is applying for funding from a number of organisations; presentations regarding the proposals will be made to Whalley Lions and the Chamber of Trade and a press release will be issued soon.

Cllr Brown asked that a letter be sent on behalf of the parish council to the vicar on her retirement. She has received representations from the community regarding the indiscriminate parking now common in the village. The next Grounds and Gardens meeting will now take place on Tuesday 24th March, 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

Cllr Highton has been alerted to problems of litter and broken glass, along with concerns on parking control, at Whalley Arms car park.

798/15 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for February 2015

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for February 2015

799/15 to receive an update on the Whalley Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Kent is researching contacts in order that by early summer a meeting can be held to invite participation for a committee and working groups. He is also is looking for funding sources.

800/15 to consider a bid for funding from the LCC Parish Champion Fund

It was resolved that a bid would be placed for funding of the proposed “green gym”.

801/15 to consider entering the Best Kept Village competition

It was resolved that the parish council would enter Whalley for the Best Kept Village competition.

802/15 to consider attendance at the Mayoral Reception and training on 5th March and the Parish Councils Conference on 25th March 2015

It was resolved that Cllr Highton and the clerk would attend the Mayoral Reception and Cllr Ronnan would consider attending the Parish Councils Conference.

803/15 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information:

Communication has been received from the following thanking the Parish Council for the S/137 donations:

Whalley Cricket Club; Whalley in Bloom and Whalley Tennis Club

Next PACT meeting will be at Whalley Library on 3rd March 2015 at 5.00pm

804/15 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

Cllr Holgate reported that RVBC was in discussion with the owners of the Whalley Arms regarding the building and car park; discussions are taking place regarding the possibility of the Tour of Britain being routed through the Ribble Valley and at the public footpath at the Eagle at Barrow is due to be opened.

805/15 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday March 19th 2015

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday March 19th 2015 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____