



## WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)  
Councillor M Reid  
Councillor L Rimmer  
Councillor Ball  
Councillor S Earnshaw  
Councillor J Brown  
Councillor M Fallon  
Councillor D Sleight  
Councillor S Barker  
Members of the public – 7

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

### **998/16 to receive declaration of interests**

No Declarations of interests were received.

### **999/16 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

### **1000/16 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)**

Mr Brown commented on the professionalism, expertise and endeavours of the community groups responding to the aftermath of the December floods.

Cllr Hill gave notice that a report is to be published shortly following the full mapping of the drainage system in Whalley

### **1001/16 to receive minutes of other Committees**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016; the Grounds and Gardens Committee meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and the Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were presented to the meeting.

### **1002/16 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)**

Cllr Reid attended the RVBC Liaison committee dealing with the possible closure of Whalley Library and that a report of the meeting will be available shortly. He emphasised that as many people as possible should respond to the consultation process otherwise LCC would take the view that the community was not interested.

Cllr Ball asked that LCC be informed that a lady has received sustained injury by falling on uneven ground at the entrance to Proctors Field. He reported that the Adam Cottam Almshouses Trust has sanctioned work to start on refurbishment of the vacant Almshouse. When work has been completed it is hoped to have a new resident by October. Cllr Ball will be shortly calling a Church Yard Committee meeting following the receipt of quotations for the gates and acceptance of the Tree Check report.

Cllr Brown at that the Grounds and Gardens committee received reports that the damaged bus stop pole had been replaced; LCC has forwarded monies specifically for vegetation clearance by the lengthsman on public footpaths and rights of way; a updated financial report was received; a compost heap for the lengthsman use is to be established; damaged fence at Proctors Field has been repaired by RVBC.

Cllr Earnshaw has been appointed Chair of the Joint Burial Committee. She reported on issues regarding safety of the headstones; liaison with gravedigger; green bin signs; vegetation issues etc. She attended the recent FLAG meeting at which developers were invited although in her view it was a PA exercise on behalf of the developers. The Lions will act as flood wardens should further floods occur.

1003/16 **to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for July 2016**  
(enclosed)

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for July 2016. It was noted that the internal transfer of monies was between Whalley Parish Council accounts.

1004/16 **to comment on the proposed Whalley Heritage Trail**

It was resolved to support the volunteers in carrying this project forward

1005/ 16 **to consider a response to the proposed closure of Whalley Library**

It was resolved to hold a special meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7.30 to formulate a response

1006/16 **to consider replacing the gates to QEII Playing Fields**

It was resolved to give permission for the gates to be replaced.

1007/16 **to receive the Clerks Report (information only)**

Additional information:

Paul White was thanked for his repair to the damaged notice board at the railway station

The July Newsletter has been printed and is available for distribution

Correspondence received:

Dr Jennison expressed concerns regarding the Whalley Arms car park regime. He suggests visitors will leave with a negative impression on Whalley .

1008/16 **to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

Councillor Hill will inform Craig Matthews of the proposals for a heritage trail.

With respect to planning issues he expressed concern on the lack of progress, by the developers, in meeting the conditions of their application, to construct the retention ponds that will hold surface water. He commented that the Accrington Road development application had been

forwarded by RVBC to Lancashire Flood Authority for their views. Mitton Road development has started and the Barrow development, in which 204 homes are in the Whalley Parish boundary are due to commence shortly.

The Combined Authority in shadow form is now running and the Boundary Commission is reviewing Ribble Valley ward boundaries.

He noted that LCC Policy 4 identified Whalley as a key service centre in the Ribble Valley. To consider removing the library provision is not logical.

**1009/16 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm

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