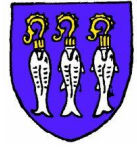




WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th August 2016 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor L Rimmer
Councillor Ball
Councillor S Earnshaw
Councillor J Brown
Councillor M Fallon
Councillor S Barker

Apologies: Councillor D Sleight
Councillor M Reid

Members of the public – 3

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

1010/16 to receive declaration of interests

No Declarations of interests were received.

1011/16 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st July 2016

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st July 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

1012/16 to approve submission of the Parish Council Response to the LCC Property Strategy Consultation 2016 following the Special Parish Council Meeting on 4th August 2016

It was resolved to approve the submission on behalf of the Parish Council to the LCC Property Strategy Consultation

1013/16 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Brown reflected on the lack of police presence especially in the early hours of the morning in and around Accrington Road. He considered that on the rare occasions Whalley received a visit from the police it was ineffective.

1014/16 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 21st July 2016 and the Church Yard Committee meeting of 18th April 2016 were presented to the meeting.

1015/16 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Ball reported that refurbishment of the vacant Almshouse was near completion and that advertisements would be placed to fill the vacancy. With respect to the Church Yard Committee he reported that the Tree Check Survey works had been completed although there is an ongoing submission to RVBC for a TPO on a sycamore. The West Gate has been repaired, quotations for the other gates has been received. It was resolved to accept the quotation for the North Gate and ask for a quotation for repairs to the adjacent wall. Brent Stevenson advises that the MoJ recommends a 5 year period between memorial inspections. Cllr Ball was dismissive of the repairs to the groundwork at the entrance to Proctors Field.

Cllr Fallon has noted that the overhanging foliage near the Calder Bridge has grown and is again a danger as pedestrians have to walk on the road.

Cllr Brown asked that representation be made to RVBC considering the numbers and disregard to traffic regulations by taxis in the village.

Cllr Earnshaw reported that the Burial Committee has reappointed a grave digger following a resignation and that warning tape is to be placed around a number of potentially unsafe headstones. Families will be alerted to this action.

Cllr Highton noted the dereliction of the allotments in the village and representation will be made to the administrators.

1016/16 **to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for August 2016**
(enclosed)

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for August 2016. It was noted that following the arrival of the confirmation of the Annual Audit from BDO a spreadsheet would be provided of the income/expenditure of the Parish Council QEII Development Account.

1017/16 **to receive the Clerks Report (information only)**

Additional information:

On receipt of a letter from a resident requesting a litter bin and sign on the QEII football field representation will be made to officials of the club.

1018/16 **to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hill

1019/16 **to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Thursday 15th September 2016**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 15th September 2016 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School.

The meeting closed at 9.11pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____