



Local Government Act 1972
Whalley Parish Council

Members of the Council, you are summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on
Thursday 20th February 2025 in the Calder Room, Whalley Old Grammar School at 7.30pm

Signed: *EKHaworth*

Liz Haworth - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Minutes

Agenda items should be submitted to the Clerk seven clear days before the meeting.
The Clerk will forward Councillors, all relevant information and supporting documents, 3 clear days
before the meeting.

1.	Attendance & Apologies	
	Present: Cllr Ball, Cllr Highton (Chairman), Cllr Mirfin, Cllr Threlfall, Cllr Vickers. Apologies: Cllr Allen, Cllr Smith. In attendance: Liz Haworth (Clerk), 4 members of the public, Borough Councillor Mark Hindle.	2551/25
2.	Declaration of Interests	
	There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable and non registrable interests in items for discussion on the agenda.	2552/25
3.	To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting	
	It was resolved to approve and confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 16 th January 2025.	2553/25
4.	To Receive the Minutes of other Committees/Meetings	
	It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee Thursday 16 th January 2025.	2554/25
5.	Whalley Parish Council Casual Vacancy	
	The Council noted a couple of interested parties and await further information.	2555/25
6.	To Adjourn the Meeting for Public Discussion	
	The meeting was adjourned for members of the public wishing to speak at the meeting in respect of items on the agenda or to update on relevant village matters. (5 mins per person) Concerns were again raised about the drains on Wiswell Lane and flooding on Accrington Road. Concerns about potential new planning applications further affecting the volume of traffic on Wiswell Lane.	2556/25

	A discussion took place about the Red Row development and why a playground and bus shelters hadn't been provided as per the planning application. WPC to make enquiries.	2557/25																																																																																																																																																								
	Railway Station – all is running as normal. Still no power to the sign on the bridge. Work is still being undertaken to the viaduct. Dales Rail is well utilised.	2558/25																																																																																																																																																								
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	<p>It was resolved to Authorise Accounts, Payments, Receipts & Balances for February 2025.</p> <p>Whalley Parish Council Approved Minutes Ref No:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Cash Book</th> <th colspan="4">FEBRUARY 2025</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Chq No.</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Inv no.</th> <th>Payee / Payer</th> <th>Description</th> <th>NW Curr £</th> <th>NW QE2 £</th> <th>Skipton £</th> <th>Total £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>03/02/2025</td> <td></td> <td>Easy Web</td> <td>Website/Email Services</td> <td>(86.75)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(86.75)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BLCHQ</td> <td>17/02/2025</td> <td></td> <td>Gorner</td> <td>Memorial Bench Application Fee</td> <td>950.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>950.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>24/02/2025</td> <td></td> <td>E Haworth</td> <td>Salary/Office/Travel</td> <td>(1,223.15)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(1,223.15)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>24/02/2025</td> <td></td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>ITE297.20 NIE35.06 ENIE100.50</td> <td>(432.76)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(432.76)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>24/02/2025</td> <td>703</td> <td>Abbey Gardening Services Ltd</td> <td>Vale Gardens (January)</td> <td>(327.60)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(327.60)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>24/02/2025</td> <td>699</td> <td>Abbey Gardening Services Ltd</td> <td>Parish Churchyard (January)</td> <td>(418.80)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(418.80)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>24/02/2025</td> <td></td> <td>Little Green Bus</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>(300.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(300.00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>24/02/2025</td> <td></td> <td>Whalley In Bloom</td> <td>Grant</td> <td>(1,500.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(1,500.00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>24/02/2025</td> <td></td> <td>WEF</td> <td>Grant</td> <td>(2,625.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(2,625.00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>24/02/2025</td> <td></td> <td>Whalley Table Tennis Club</td> <td>Grant</td> <td>(500.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(500.00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>24/02/2025</td> <td>JM2885</td> <td>WEF</td> <td>Room Hire</td> <td>(28.00)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(28.00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bankline</td> <td>24/02/2025</td> <td>SPID49</td> <td>Altham Parish Council</td> <td>63 Mitton Road LC26</td> <td>(164.70)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(164.70)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Movement in Month</td> <td>(6,656.76)</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>(6,656.76)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Cash Book Balance at START of Month</td> <td>20,315.06</td> <td>1,095.00</td> <td>81,705.68</td> <td>103,115.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Cash Book Balance at END of Month</td> <td>13,658.30</td> <td>1,095.00</td> <td>81,705.68</td> <td>96,458.98</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cash Book				FEBRUARY 2025				Chq No.	Date	Inv no.	Payee / Payer	Description	NW Curr £	NW QE2 £	Skipton £	Total £	DD	03/02/2025		Easy Web	Website/Email Services	(86.75)			(86.75)	BLCHQ	17/02/2025		Gorner	Memorial Bench Application Fee	950.00			950.00	Bankline	24/02/2025		E Haworth	Salary/Office/Travel	(1,223.15)			(1,223.15)	Bankline	24/02/2025		HMRC	ITE297.20 NIE35.06 ENIE100.50	(432.76)			(432.76)	Bankline	24/02/2025	703	Abbey Gardening Services Ltd	Vale Gardens (January)	(327.60)			(327.60)	Bankline	24/02/2025	699	Abbey Gardening Services Ltd	Parish Churchyard (January)	(418.80)			(418.80)	Bankline	24/02/2025		Little Green Bus	Donation	(300.00)			(300.00)	Bankline	24/02/2025		Whalley In Bloom	Grant	(1,500.00)			(1,500.00)	Bankline	24/02/2025		WEF	Grant	(2,625.00)			(2,625.00)	Bankline	24/02/2025		Whalley Table Tennis Club	Grant	(500.00)			(500.00)	Bankline	24/02/2025	JM2885	WEF	Room Hire	(28.00)			(28.00)	Bankline	24/02/2025	SPID49	Altham Parish Council	63 Mitton Road LC26	(164.70)			(164.70)	Movement in Month					(6,656.76)	0.00	0.00	(6,656.76)	Cash Book Balance at START of Month					20,315.06	1,095.00	81,705.68	103,115.74	Cash Book Balance at END of Month					13,658.30	1,095.00	81,705.68	96,458.98	2559/25
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	<p>Two further grants were considered and approved for payment.</p> <p>¹Ribble Valley Rail -Planting at Whalley Railway Station £300</p> <p>²Whalley & District Lions-Afternoon activity for the less young £500</p>	2561/25																																																																																																																																																								
10.	Speeding Awareness/Joint Working Group/Traffic Matters																																																																																																																																																									
	<p>The Council reviewed the SpID Report statistics for 63 Mitton Road, LC26 (outbound).</p> <p>12,614 vehicles were identified as exceeding the 30mph speed limit being 25% of vehicles recorded.</p> <p>Where vehicles exceeded the speed limit the average speed was 33 mph which was consistent across the days of the week.</p>	2562/25																																																																																																																																																								

¹ Granted under the Power of LGA 1972 S.144

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	<p>The highest speed in the survey was 50mph. Twelve vehicles were recorded as travelling at 50mph</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">2024-2025 Speed Surveys</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Location:</th> <td>63 Mitton Road, LC 26 direction of Mitton</td> </tr> <tr> <th>From</th> <th>To</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>19 January 2025</td> <td>6 February 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No. of Vehicles</td> <td>49,596</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ave Daily Vehicles</td> <td>2,610</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Max Speed</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>85th Percentile Speed</td> <td>32.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50th Percentile Speed</td> <td>27.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average Speed</td> <td>19.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vehicles over speed limit</td> <td>650</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Next SpID deployment will be 3rd March 2025 at LC33 opposite 112 Mitton Road (outbound)</p> <p>WPC are to consider new SpID locations for the forthcoming financial year and Clitheroe Road, Springwood Drive locations are to be investigated.</p>	2024-2025 Speed Surveys		Location:	63 Mitton Road, LC 26 direction of Mitton	From	To	19 January 2025	6 February 2025	No. of Vehicles	49,596	Ave Daily Vehicles	2,610	Max Speed	50	85th Percentile Speed	32.4	50th Percentile Speed	27.3	Average Speed	19.22	Vehicles over speed limit	650	2563/25
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11. Flooding																								
	Flooding is an ongoing matter. WPC to see if a meeting with both UU and LCC together to have a partnership approach to the issues encountered throughout different areas of the village.	2564/25																						
12. Planning Permission Whalley Sports Park																								
	12.1 The pre-app planning application for the Sports Park is with the Planning Department awaiting comments. We are expecting an update in the next 14 days.	2565/25																						
	12.2 WPC resolved that they would support the provision of an all-weather pitch on the QEII land in principle. Discussions of requirements to apply for funding was held including a feasibility study.	2566/25																						
13. Parish Online Mapping																								
	An update was provided on the mapping tool.	2567/25																						
14. Licensing Act 2003: Consultation - Ribble Valley Borough Council Draft Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) 2025-2028																								
	The Council are to write in full support of the continuation of the CIA.	2568/25																						
15. VE Day 80th Anniversary - 8th May 2025																								
	It was resolved to order 5 x multipack VE80 lamppost banners costing £99.95 to be erected in the centre of the village to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Cllr Ball spoke to the Church about a service to celebrate peace.	2569/25																						
16. Partnership Meetings																								
	To receive reports from Borough/County Councillors and partnership meetings Councillors have attended which impact on the Parish e.g., LCC, RVBC, Parish Liaison, Police Partnership meeting updates.																							

	<p>Cllr Hindle updated about the first stage proposals of the devolution process being submitted in the 3rd week of March which suggest a 3 unitary authority to include Ribble Valley, Lancaster and Preston.</p> <p>The New Capital Programme has reduced to 2 years instead of 5 years.</p> <p>There is a £3m investment by RV to Clitheroe Swimming Pool, £1m to Clitheroe Castle Keep, £500k to Clitheroe Market, 500k to affordable housing and £1.5m to 3G pitch at Longridge.</p>	2570/25
	<p>Cllr Highton & Cllr Threlfall attended the Liasion Committee which included items on Devolution and Community events.</p>	2571/25
	<p>Cllrs Highton, Threlfall, Ball, Mirfin & Vickers attended the Calderstones day events which were reported to be well attended.</p>	2572/25
17.	Reports by Cllrs & Clerk as INFORMATION only – Not for debate	
	<p>Items arisen, correspondence received since the last meeting for information only, that may result in future agenda item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Bulletins • Whalley Queen St RAG Reports • RVBC Updates • Neighbourhood/Stay In The Know/Crime Figures January • Invitation - Development of the 10-year vision and Masterplan for the newly named Clay Fields site at Whalley - elected members and invited guests only Wednesday 29 January 2025 • Waste Bins - King Street Whalley - verbal update • NALC Executive Bulletins and newsletters • Pub in the Hub / First Aid Training • United Utilities - Notification of Planned Wastewater Treatment Works Refurbishment – Kingsmill Avenue, Whalley • Folk Festival 26th and 27th April 2025 • Cybercrime • Government's Consultation on Strengthening the Standards Regime • Bench on The Sands • 85573 RE: Correspondence from Mitton Road Action Group, Whalley & Action Points 	
	<p>Cllr Ged Mirfin as LCC and Cllr Ball held a meeting at the Library for Mitton Road residents to discuss issues with vibration of traffic, from HGV's and tractors on Mitton Road perceived to be causing damage to properties. Cllr Mirfin posed their concerns to LCC who offered a reply.</p>	2573/25
	<p>Cllr Ball is to organise a Churchyard Committee. Cllr Ball has received complaints of an untidy village especially with both resident and commercial bins being left out on pavements throughout the week. WPC to write to businesses reminding them to remove their bins from the highway after collection. RV asked to contact residents to remove their bins after collection.</p>	2574/25

18 .	Next Meeting Date	
	It was resolved to approve the next meeting date of Thursday 20 th March 2025 at 7.30pm to be held at Whalley Old Grammar School.	2575/25

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

Councillor Martin Highton