



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 June 2024 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.

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| 1. | Attendance & Apologies | |
| | Present: Cllr Allen, Cllr Ball, Cllr Carlton, Cllr Highton (Chairman), Cllr Mirfin, Cllr Threlfall, Cllr Smith, Cllr Vickers. Apologies: Cllr Brown In Attendance: Liz Haworth Parish Clerk, Borough Cllr Mark Hindle, 3 members of the public. | 2527/24 |
| 2. | Declaration of Interests | |
| | There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable and non registrable interests in items for discussion on the agenda. | 2528/24 |
| 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 May 2024. | 2529/24 |
| 4. | To Receive the Minutes of other Committees/Meetings | |
| | It was resolved to receive the minutes of 4.1 Planning Committee Thursday 16 th May 2024. 4.2 Churchyard Committee Monday 25 th March 2024. | 2530/24 |
| 5. | 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) A resident close to the bus station commented on agenda item 9 and was concerned and would strongly object to the consideration of a taxi stand on the bus station. It was thought that the bus station was a poor location for the night-time economy, as it moved people to an unnecessary different location. It was considered that the Co-op carpark would be a more suitable location and the owners should be contacted to open communication. | 2531/24 |

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| | The Train Station was reported to be running as normal. Whalley in Bloom has planted on the platform. Some train cancellations have been reported as late-night engineering works but maybe also a shortage of train drivers. | 2532/24 |
| 6. | Partnership Meetings | |
| | <p>Reports were received 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> <p>Cllr Mirfin confirmed the roadwork traffic lights at Springwood had ended. LCC are to issue a letter of explanation as to what works have been carried out. LCC have been dealing with drainage issue on Broad Lane in conjunction with DW Holmes.</p> <p>Cllr Mirfin attended a Lancashire Community Partnership Meeting at Hyndburn to discuss local policing and anti-social behaviour amongst other things.</p> <p>Cllrs Highton & Threlfall attended the Whalley Police Partnership Stakeholder meeting on 23rd May 2024. There was discussion around some danger that had occurred at the Abbey and the prolific use of illegal drugs in the area.</p> | <p>2533/24</p> <p>2534/24</p> |
| 7. | Speeding Awareness Initiative/Joint Working Group | |
| | <p>To receive an update on speed awareness/prevention measures.</p> <p>The Speed Awareness Group postponed their planned meeting, as they are awaiting information from Eddie Mills at LCC.</p> <p>7.1 SpID report analysis and data reports from Accrington Road 12-23 May 2024. The data from the SpID report analysis was discussed. Reports available on WPC website. Next SpID is to be installed on Mitton Road from 24th June 2024.</p> <p>7.2 LCC update on Whalley Gateway, 30mph sign, and light on Wiswell Lane. WPC wrote requesting an update on previous correspondence regarding the installation of 'Welcome to Whalley' sign being installed on Wiswell Lane. LCC advise us that their officers are concentrating on safety critical remedial works to our highway network especially following the damage caused to it over the last few months and say may be able to further consider the parishes request later this summer. WPC will contact LCC in early August to see if they can take this matter forward for us.</p> <p>The Council talked about the poor condition of the roads in the area. LCC are addressing potholes with a strategy to improve the condition of highways.</p> <p>The road on the new estate was discussed which will open from the A671 to Clitheroe Road once the last house on the development has been built, sold and occupied, which should alleviate some of the traffic on Wiswell Lane.</p> <p>It is highly recommended that members of the public report dangerous driving on Wiswell Lane.</p> | <p>2535/24</p> <p>2536/24</p> <p>2537/24</p> <p>2538/24</p> <p>2539/24</p> <p>2540/24</p> |

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| | WPC are to contact the Police Inspector James Hesketh and request a police camera car on Wiswell Lane. | 2541/24 |
| 8. | Planning Permission Whalley Sports Park | |
| | Cllr Smith updated the members of the Council on communication with Nicola Hopkins at RVBC and is to arrange a meeting with Nicola and arrange for the planning application costs to be invoiced to WPC. | 2542/24 |
| 9. | Taxi Stands | |
| | <p>Ribble Valley BC (“the Council”) are considering the possibility of introduction of additional Hackney Carriage stands in the loading bay outside Alta on Accrington Road, outside 41-43 King Street (near the Forum), and on the bus station on the land adjacent to Vale gardens which is marked as a bus stand Hackney Carriages are allowed to ply for hire, unbooked, either by being flagged down or by waiting on approved stands or ranks. By contrast, private hire journeys have to be pre-booked.</p> <p>The stands would be on a part time basis, avoiding loading hours, parking restricted hours and core bus times (between 6am and midnight) in the respective locations.</p> <p>WPC discussed and commented the loading bay outside Alta can only accommodate 2-3 vehicles, which is insufficient to meet demand. The same applies to the suggested location on King Street and would still result in double parking and vehicles u-turning on the main street. The bus station is also deemed unsuitable as it moves people further through the village unnecessarily and is opposed by residents of nearby properties.</p> <p>A more suitable and central location would be the car park by the Co-op. Enquiries regarding ownership would be necessary; to negotiate the use of the car park but this area is more appropriate in terms of size and centrality for the night-time economy.</p> <p>It was suggested that this could be developed into a marshalled taxi rank to facilitate the movement of people out of the village and into taxis. This initiative may require partial funding from the Borough Council and/or other sources, with detailed costings and management considerations to be addressed.</p> <p>Cllrs reported that there are companies providing these types of services in other towns, and marshalling could help mitigate the current issues of anti-social behaviour in the village following late-night drinking.</p> <p>We hope the RVBC takes this into careful consideration during the consultation process.</p> | 2543/24 |

| 15. | Reports by Cllrs & Clerk as INFORMATION only – Not for debate | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items arisen, correspondence received since the last meeting for information only, that may result in future agenda item. • Rural Bulletins • RAG Updates • Trading Standards/Consumer Alerts • RVBC Updates • Neighbourhood/Stay In The Know updates/Crime Figures May • PNFS • RVR News • Nab Lab, 35b King Street- Notice of Determination • Co-op frontage – works approved • COUNTY SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY • OGS Grass Cutting Contract • TTRO Sabden Road, Whalley • TTRO Elker Lane, Pashmire Brow, Billington and Old Langho Road, Langho • TTRO to facilitate the Royal Lancashire Show 18.07.24 to 22.07.24 • TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FOOTPATHS FP0306043 BILLINGTON AND LANGHO & FP0345024 WHALLEY, RIBBLE VALLEY • Lancashire Community Orchard Grant • Parish Liaison cancelled next meeting 12/9/2024 • Licensing meeting 11/6/2024– Expiry of Whalley Cumulative Impact Assessment agenda item 5 • Crowdfund Lancashire Summer Round 2024 opens on 12th June • Clitheroe Road Replacement sign – info update <p>Cllr Mirfin commented on how LCC was being very active dealing with reports of concern such as pot holes, and members of the public must keep reporting on clean streets app https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/</p> <p>Cllr Threlfall has reported numerous concerns such as overgrown hedges on pavement on Station Road, long grass on A671, overgrown hedges on Accrington Road, Oakhill School Lights not working correctly and the missing height restriction on the bridge on Station Road.</p> <p>Proctors Field needs some dog signs – RVBC to be contacted</p> <p>Cllr Vickers updated that the fence at Lamb Roe has been completed.</p> <p>Whalley in bloom have contacted the parish council asking to put up a further two award signs at Vale Gardens. It was agreed in principle and Cllr Vickers has asked them to advise proposed location and fitting details.</p> <p>Cllr Highton commented on the recent press about Whalley’s night-time economy and that wheelie bins are being left out in abundance outside 2 King Street. RVBC to be contacted.</p> | <p>2550/24</p> <p>2551/24</p> <p>2552/24</p> <p>2553/24</p> <p>2554/24</p> <p>2555/24</p> |

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| 16. | Next Meeting Date | |
| | It was resolved to approve the next meeting date of Thursday 18 th July 2024 at 7.30pm to be held at Whalley Old Grammar School. | 2556/24 |

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

Draft Minutes Subject to Confirmation

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

Councillor Martin Highton