

## Whittington Parish Council

*15 minutes of hearing parishioner's concerns prior to the start of the Parish Council meeting attended by 2 members of the public.*

**Minutes** for the Parish Council meeting **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 7.00pm** in Whittington Village Hall

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1303. Present Cllrs Eric Pelter, Colin Hall, Edward Lawson, Stuart Close, Barbara Atkinson and the Clerk Gillian Hodgson. Apologies for absence were received from City Cllr Peter Williamson. No members of the public attended.

1304. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 6th March 2017 were read, minutes of the public vote were amended from 39 to 37 parishioners voted in favour of supporting the Parish Council, and signed as a true record by Cllr Eric Pelter.

1305. Clerk's report (matter's arising): Re-evaluation of Speed Indicator Device due to concerns of residents. Statistics requested from Lancashire County Council from recent traffic volume and/or speed strips (under the Freedom of Information Act). Parish Champion Grant application refused, to re-apply in April 2017. Minute 1286 November 2016 regarding [whittingtonvillage.org.uk](http://whittingtonvillage.org.uk) Whittington Village website registrant Whittington Parish Council, 5 Loyne Park, Whittington data validated December 2012 Confirmation this site is NOT associated with the Parish Council or its members. Confirmation that [Whittingtonvillage.org.uk](http://Whittingtonvillage.org.uk) is now registered to Whittington Community by a UK individual who has opted to have their address omitted from the WHOIS service. Parishioner's to discuss establishing an Official Parish Council website and proposes to include news and information from the Parish Council, the Village Hall, the Church, Wagtail Parish magazine and general village news. Costings and funding to be proposed and discussed when confirmed figures have been put to the Parish Council. Closure on 31<sup>st</sup> March of Hornby Community Swimming Pool, which will remain "moth-balled" for 6 months with a view to a local group taking ownership and running the venture. Lancashire County Council Consumer Alert March 2017. Confirmation that 2 of the 5 registered Parish Cllrs signatories are required to sign cheques. Cllrs contact details for publication. Times of meetings discussed and set to start at 7.00pm EVERY meeting, to avoid confusion. An open Public Meeting would start at 6.45pm. Correspondence received from resident regarding clarity of Parish Council minutes. Clerk agreed to attend further training, Cllrs agreed to fund her attendance. Bus service 81A still undecided by Stagecoach, Kikrby Lonsdale Coaches to propose a further public service, details to be confirmed. Parishioner reported aspects of street cleaning, drains and weeds require attention, reported on FixMyStreet for Main Street. Flooding through British Telecom manhole on Church Street reported to Highways Department, Lancashire County Council Ref: PEM 1644144 and 1644275. Flytipping of a mattress at Orber corner reported on FixMyStreet Ref: 352978 & removed. Whittington Clean 17 resulted in more than 30 volunteers collecting 30 large bags of rubbish. Quarry gate and posts repaired and/or replaced.

1306. PACT No crimes reported during December 2016 or January 2017. PACT attendance at coffee mornings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month only when officers are available and on duty. The link to local crime figures available at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) Lancashire Constabulary>Upper Lune Valley and then your postcode. Contact PC 3573 Rob Barnsley Community Beat Manager or PCSO 7109 Sarah Shepherd [morecambept@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:morecambept@lancashire.pnn.police.uk) Tel: 101 for non-emergencies.

1307. Finance: S137 request from Wagtail Parish Magazine, Cllrs agreed to donate £50.00 Cheque 504. Standing Order £250.00 6<sup>th</sup> January wages to G.A.Hodgson received quarterly. Cllrs agreed to cheque 501 for £96.45 G.A.Hodgson expenses – photocopying £88.35, stationery £8.10. Cllrs agreed to cheque 502 for £62.40 Post Office Ltd HMRC PAYE for 5<sup>th</sup> April. Cllrs agreed to reduce annual rent for Whittington Village Hall to £100.00 cheque 503 in line with many other Parishes. Cllrs Pelter and Atkinson declared their interest as committee members and did not take part in the discussion.

Current Account sheet 275 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar £2,332.73    Bonus Saver Account sheet 52 4<sup>th</sup> Nov £143.38

## 1307. Planning

16/01373/FUL Demolition of outbuildings, conversion of barn to dwelling, erection of 3 dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and alterations to the existing access point for Mr Simon Nutter, Land to the rear of The Dragon's Head Hotel, Main Street, Whittington, LA6 2NY **Application refused**

16/01450/CU Change of use of office/workshop into 2 dwellings incorporating the demolition of the single storey rear extension, construction of two rear canopies and extension of one detached dwelling (C3) and 16/01451/LB Listed building application for the demolition of the single storey rear extension, construction of two canopies to the rear and works to facilitate the conversion of the office/workshop into 2 dwellings (C3) for Mr Nick Hall, Old School, Main Street, Whittington, LA6 2NY **Amendments – Awaiting decision.**

Planning applications available for public viewing at <http://planapps.lancaster.gov.uk/publicaccess/>

1308. Correspondence received: LALC March newsletter. Clerks & Councils Direct March issue 110. Lancashire County Council Consumer Alerts March issue. Lancashire Best Kept Village entry £15 Cllrs agreed to refrain from entering the competition this year.

1309. Business introduced by Councillors: Discussion took place regarding extreme amount of dog fouling reported on Church Street and Footpath 10 The Long Walk from South Lodge to the Church. Public waste bins are already provided at Crosslands and opposite the Village Hall. Dog fouling reported on FixMyStreet Ref: 354083. Cllrs propose to enquire as to the possibility of up to two more public waste bins Ref: 354089 & 354757. **Dog walkers are reminded to pick up after their dog fous, seal the foul in a small plastic bag and place in a public waste bin or their own grey bin.** A pothole near Coneygarth Lane, previously reported at the beginning of March, caused an RTC incident on the morning of Monday 27/4/17, Clerk report on FixMyStreet. Cllr Close noted that an HGV had tried to use the Keer Side road and had become lodged on the narrow bridge near Keer Falls. Clerk report on FixMyStreet that "Not suitable for HGV's" signage near Crag House and Docker Hall were inadequate and suggested "Impassable for HGV's" would be more appropriate. Cumbria County Council RefNo W171434041 3/4/17. Parishioner complained about state of Hosticle Lane – overgrown hedges, verges and mud on the road – reported on Fix My Street Ref: 1254, 1255 & 1258. Cllr Hall reported that the Sellet Mill bench had been repaired and was ready to be put back in situ. Cllrs propose to repair the bench near South Lodge in due course.

Dates of next two meetings:

## **Annual Parish Meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 7.00pm**

in Whittington Village Hall

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Open public meeting to start at 6.45pm

## **Annual General Meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 7.00pm**

followed by a Parish Council meeting 7.30pm

in Whittington Village Hall

