

Whittington Parish Council

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

Issues discussed included Financial Regulations (minute 1358); Numbering of cheques within minutes and notification of precept received (minute 1354); placement of dog bin (minute 131360); Lune Bus Action Group (minute 1360); speed enforcement through the village (minute 1360) and the use of a BT phone box to store a defibrillator (minute 1360).

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting Monday 20th November 2017 following the Guest Speaker at 7.00pm
in Whittington Village Hall

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David Read, Group Leader Kirkby Lonsdale First Responders, informed the meeting about defibrillators. He recommended the Parish Council applying for funding through British Heart Foundation and suggested a Zoll AED Plus Defib approx. cost £1,150 or a Cardiac Science Powerheart G5 Automatic approx. cost £1,250 and a lockable, heated cabinet approx. cost £450. Training free, provided by himself through Heart Start scheme and takes 3 or 4 evenings. If a parishioner is interested in becoming a First Responder or attending training in the use of defibrillators please contact a Councillor, the Clerk or David direct rread831@btinternet.com or on his mobile 07767265006

1354. Present Cllrs Eric Pelter, Colin Hall, Stuart Close, Barbara Atkinson and the Clerk Gillian Hodgson. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lawson and City Cllr Williamson. 1 member of the public attended.

1355. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 18th September 2017 were read and signed as a true record by Cllr Eric Pelter.

1356. Clerk's report: Results of Annual Gardening Competition:

Hanging Basket: 1st Manor Farm Ian Sutherland; 2nd Ingledene Stephen & Barbara; 3rd The School House Simon & Caroline. Front garden: 1st Croft House Colin & Lois; 2nd Ingledene Stephen & Barbara; 3rd The School House Simon & Caroline. Containers and tubs: 1st Ingledene Stephen & Barbara; 2nd Manor Farm Ian Sutherland; 3rd Malt Kiln The Maltings Simon & Joyce. Overall 1st Silver Rose Bowl Croft House Colin & Lois; 2nd Channel Cup Ingledene Stephen & Barbara; 3rd Consolation Cup – Manor Farm – Ian Sutherland. Congratulations to the prizewinners and to all who took part in the competition. Parishioners discussed the possibility of doubling the categories with only a 1st prizewinner in each category. Numbering of cheques agreed in previous minutes: Cheque numbers 510 to 518 in January minutes. Cheque numbers 505 to 507 in May minutes. Cheque numbers 519 & 520 in July minutes. Highlighted on appropriate minute pages and signed by Cllr Pelter at the meeting. Precept received on 11th April automated credit CR111872 omitted from July minutes. Potholes reported on Coneygarth Lane Ref 33899 and Church Street Ref 26730 and 33900 – works not yet undertaken.

1357. **PACT** 1 crime reported during August on or near Church Street – Theft – includes theft by an employee, blackmail and making off without payment; investigation complete – no suspect identified. No crimes reported during September. PACT attendance at coffee mornings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month only when officers are available and on duty. The link to local crime figures available at 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 Tel: 101 for non-emergencies.

1358. Finance: NALC Financial Regulations agreed and formally adopted, signed by Cllr Pelter at the meeting. Monthly Budget Forecast and bank reconciliation. LALC Finance Workshop 23rd November 7-9pm Howick House, Penwortham. Mileage allowance 10p/mile AA expenses calculated at £8.89 to be claimed when Clerk's expenses submitted, agreed by Cllrs.

CHEQUE 525 HM Revenue & Customs ONLY quarterly tax payment for December £68.75 agreed by Cllrs.

CHEQUE 526 Colin Hall to reimburse payment of dog bin from JRB Enterprise Ltd £193.80 agreed by Cllrs.

Cheques signed by Cllrs Pelter and Close. S/O October 6th £250.00 Clerk's quarterly wages.

1359. Planning

17/01166/FUL Change of use of land for the siting of 7 holiday lodges with associated access track for Mr Alan Addison, Land to the West of Sellet Hall, Biggins Lane, Whittington. **Cllrs comments noted. Awaiting decision.** Cllr Hall declared an interest as a neighbour and left the room during the discussion.

17/01319/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension for Mr Simon Morgan, Newton Green Barn, Newton Road, Newton, LA6 2PA **Cllrs comments noted. Awaiting decision.**

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

1360. Correspondence received: LALC future meeting to be held on 27th November at Tunstall Village Hall. Annual accounts available. Workshops for 2018. Lancaster City Council: Dog fouling reported on www.FixMyStreet.com with regard to The Lune Valley Ramble Ref:367434 Details of faeces positions required defer to next meeting and Cllr Lawson; The Long Walk PRoW FP 10 Ref:362534 Cllrs proposed purchasing of bin to place on The Long Walk with landowners agreement. A green Hercules dog bin was purchased by Cllr Hall, on behalf of the Parish Council, and agreed by Cllrs, from JRB Enterprise Ltd (Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter) for £193.80 in situ on The Long Walk footpath 10. Open Space Study completed at the meeting. Lancashire County Council: SpID trial installation over summer months, no reply regarding statistics from Alan Cox, Speed Management Team. Approximate cost quoted is £2,500.00 with the only suitable placement site the streetlight on the corner in the middle of the village. Other alternative speed reduction and traffic calming initiatives to be explored eg: chicanes, speed bumps, extend 30mph signage, etc. Clerk to contact Speed Management Department, LCC for their support. Information for display regarding Severe weather readiness. Village defibrillator – Email from Arkholme representative circulated, suggestion of possible funding being available from British Heart Foundation, which reiterated information given by Guest Speaker, David Read. Local Authorities Code of Conduct Order 2007 No. 1159 Lancaster City Council adopted by Cllrs on 4th September 2012 minute 1077 was discussed; Parishioners complaints, comments and/or questions can be made direct to Parish Councillors, the Clerk, City Councillor Peter Williamson, in writing to The Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ Tel: 01524 582000 or online <https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/information/complaints-comments-and-questions/complaining-about-a-councillor> Good Councillors Guide available at <http://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/801-good-councillors-guide/file> available as hard copies on request. Mike Harper contacted regarding painting of railings, he will continue to purchase appropriate paint and carry on painting the railings during the fine weather. Phone box removal has taken place. War Memorials Trust bulletin number 75 November 2017. Clerks and Councils Direct Issue 114 November 2017. LCR magazine NALC Autumn 2017. Lancashire Volunteer Partnership poster for display. South Lakeland District Council Publication Development Management Policies Development Plan Document www.southlakeland.gov.uk/dm-dpd consultation from 2nd November and 5pm on 14th December. Lune Bus Action Group “Meet the Press” evening cancelled due to “press” being unavailable. Rural Services Network newsletter 13th November.

1361. Business introduced by Councillors: Model Standing Orders for Local Councils Part Two revised first edition published 2010 document for approval at the next meeting. Cllrs reported that the roadside grids on Church Street are blocked, there are potholes at Keerside near the county border and that the previously reported overgrown bush at the corner of Loyne Park has not yet been trimmed. Cllr Hall proposed that the community could benefit from a Christmas Tree and festive lighting. Cllrs agreed and will explore options with minimal costs involved.

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Date of next meeting: **Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.00pm** in Whittington Village Hall

Preceded by an open meeting at 6.45pm