

Whittington Parish Council

15 minutes of hearing parishioner's concerns prior to the start of the AGM was attended by 4 members of the public.

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting **Monday 15th May 2017 7.00pm** in Whittington Village Hall

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1321. 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. 3 members of the public attended.

1322. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 29th March 2017 were read and signed as a true record by Cllr Eric Pelter.

1323. Clerk's report: Lancashire County Council Consumer Alerts posters displayed on the noticeboard. Street cleaning on Main Street reported on FixMyStreet ref: 354077 and it was reported that this had been undertaken. Dog fouling on Footpath 10 The Long Walk reported on FixMyStreet ref: 354083 continues to be a problem, see Minute 1327. Parish Online subscription cancellation notification. Signage to inform vehicular traffic that road passing near Wash Dub Wood and Keer Side is "Impassable for Heavy Goods Vehicles" following recent incident. Reported on FixMyStreet 3/4/17 Cumbria County Council ref: W171434041 not yet resolved.

1324. PACT No crimes reported during January, February or March 2017. 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.

1325. Finance: Internal Audit currently being undertaken by Anne Pettifor, The bank reconciliation and copy of accounts are available. External Audit date 26th June BDO LLP, Southampton. Annual Return to be agreed (following internal audit) and signed; Annual Governance Statement to be completed at a meeting on Wednesday 7th June at 7.00pm. Received from WA&GR Sedgley £50.00 for annual rights to grazing at Town Quarry. Confirmation of change of Email address for future reference. The following cheques were unable to be signed for, as the internal audit is currently being undertaken and will be on the agenda at the next meeting – CHEQUE 505 £363.34 Aon UK Ltd annual insurance subscription due 1st June Policy LC/M/001996; CHEQUE 506 £71.79 LALC annual subscription Invoice 2570; CHEQUE 507 £68.75 Post Office Ltd HMRC PAYE due 5th July

Current Account sheet 276 5th April £2,132.73 Bonus Saver Account sheet 52 4th Nov £143.38

1326. Planning

17/00352/FUL Demolition of outbuildings, conversion of barn to dwelling, erection of 3 dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and alterations to the existing access and erection of a first floor side extension for Mr Simon Nutter, Land to the rear of The Dragon's Head Hotel, Main Street, Whittington, LA6 2NY **Awaiting decision. Cllrs comments noted.** Cllr Hall or Cllr Atkinson will attend the Committee Meeting called by Lancaster City Council with a statement giving Parish Council support of the development.

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 **Further amendments (April) – Awaiting decision. Cllrs comments noted.**

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

1327. Correspondence received: LALC Planning workshop 11th May & Annual Conference 13th May. Proposal for village website received from KM, JW & PC agreed in principal by Cllrs, to confirm an editor and domain name. It was noted this website will run alongside the village blog and website organised by a parishioner. Aon UK Ltd annual insurance renewal documents circulated and viewed, Cllrs made no recommendations for change. Lancaster City

Council Pre-Application Planning Advice meeting 9th May. Dog fouling continues to be a problem in and around the village: on public pavements, footpaths, along roadside verges and in the churchyard reported to Lancaster City Council Departments ref: 354757 & 354089. Lancaster City Council can provide an extra bin at a cost of £360 + VAT, emptying will be free of charge. Cllrs agreed it would be unlikely that a purchase, at this cost, would be made and that the problem of dog fouling not being cleaned up may continue. Clerk to contact The Dog Warden for advice in order to seek a solution. War Memorials Trust Bulletin 73 May 2017 circulated and viewed. Clerk to cancel the copy being sent to the previous clerk. Correspondence received from JK re: complaint received at planning department with regard to a planning application within Arkholme with Cawood Parish dealt with by Lancaster City Council. Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter May Issue 111

1328. Proposals from Parish Assembly held on Monday 8th May, attended by 5 members of the public and 3 Parish Cllrs. SpID signage - obtain evidence for need of expensive equipment, Cost of maintenance and Insurance: Reduce present speed from 30mph to 20mph through village; Cllrs agreed that a SpID sign, nor an unenforceable, nor advocated by Lancashire County Council, 20mph zone, may not resolve the problem of speeding vehicles through the village. Land used by playground & tennis court remains in the ownership of RM & family and Cllrs would support any parishioner wishing to investigate this ownership. Clerk to contact the current owner of the derelict barn opposite the land used for a tennis court and adjacent to the public bridleway Burrow Mill Lane. One Cllr to also be a member of Village Hall Committee (1994 ruling) which was discussed at length. Cllrs agreed that the 2 Cllrs on the Parish Council that are also on the Village Hall Committee would leave the room should a village hall matter arise and if the Parish Council is then not quorate, the item would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. Cllrs agreed that electronic communication in the form of a Village website, would enrich the parishioners and interested parties with news, minutes of meetings and future events. Public bus service 81A available: Stagecoach through Whittington to Kirkby Lonsdale 08:30 and return from K/L 15:48; Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches (also Saturdays) through Whittington to Kirkby Lonsdale 08:30 and return from K/L 17:50

1329. Business introduced by Councillors: Cllr Atkinson introduced receipts for the strimmer fuel, paid for by The Village Hall. Cllr Lawson reported that the corner opposite Low Hall flooded again. Cllr Atkinson reported that the previous clerk receives a copy of Bulletin, the War Memorials magazine, unnecessarily. Cancelled by Email ref: 14987.

Dates of next two meetings:

Open public meeting to start at 6.45pm

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7th June 2017 7.00pm

in Whittington Village Hall

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Open public meeting to start at 6.45pm

Scheduled Parish Council Meeting Monday 17th July 2017 7.00pm

in Whittington Village Hall

