

## Whittington Parish Council

*15 minutes of hearing parishioner's concerns prior to the start of the meeting was attended by 3 members of the public.*

**Minutes** for the Parish Council meeting **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 7.00pm** in Whittington Village Hall

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1346. Present Cllrs Eric Pelter, Colin Hall, Edward Lawson, Stuart Close, Barbara Atkinson and the Clerk Gillian Hodgson. No apologies for absence were received. No members of the public attended.

1347. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were read and signed as a true record by Cllr Eric Pelter.

1348. Clerk's report: Results of Annual Gardening Competition unavailable until after the Harvest Supper.

1349. **PACT** 1 crime reported during May – Drugs, including offences related to possession, supply and production; Under investigation on or near Docker Lane. No crimes reported during June or July. 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.

1350. Finance: CHEQUE 521 £68.75 Post Office Ltd HMRC PAYE tax payable Nov 5<sup>th</sup> agreed by Cllrs. CHEQUE 522 £27.49 G.A.Hodgson Clerk's expenses ink and stationery agreed by Cllrs. CHEQUE 523 £10.00 Anne Pettifor internal auditing completed in June agreed by Cllrs. Financial transactions not previously minuted – 26<sup>th</sup> June credit from Lancashire County Council £450.00 Parish Champion Grant; 6<sup>th</sup> July Standing Order £275.00 to G.A.Hodgson Clerk's quarterly wages. External audit completed by LLP Southampton in August, no matters were brought to their attention. Notice of Completion and Sections 1,2 & 3 for publication as required. Notification that LLP Southampton will not continue to audit smaller Parish Council accounts from next year. Cheques signed by Cllrs Close and Hall.

Current Account sheet 278 5th June £5,918.88 Bonus Saver Account sheet 53 5th May £143.39

1351. Planning

**17/00740/FUL** Erection of a slurry store for Mr Stephen Metcalfe, Holme House farm, Robraine, Whittington, LA6 2DG **Cllrs comments noted. Permission granted.**

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

1352. Correspondence received: LALC meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July at Victoria Institute, Caton. Next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November at Tunstall Village Hall. Lancaster City Council A Local Plan for Lancaster District Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2015: Report. 2 areas assessed as undeliverable Area 636 (Whittington Farm) and Area 718 (Dragon's Head Hotel). Minutes available at <https://committeeadmin.lancaster.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sched=doc&cat=13179&path=13175,13177>

Lancashire County Council SpID trial installation over summer months, no details of data available at this time. Consumer Alerts for August. Village defibrillator discussed, Cllr Atkinson to contact Kirkby Lonsdale First responders for their considered opinions. Dog fouling reported [www.FixMyStreet.com](http://www.FixMyStreet.com), cost of additional waste disposal bin from LCC at £360 +VAT; privately from approx. £170 +VAT; Cllr Hall to contact a firm advertised in Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter, Cllrs agreed to purchase a bin on receipt of invoice. Cllrs discussed siting of one bin, initially, centrally on The Long Walk, a Public Right of Way FP 10, with agreement of the landowner, a parishioner offered to empty bin weekly, posters to be sited to remind dog walkers to pick up after their dog and used the bin. £80 fixed penalty charges may be imposed by Lancaster City Council [dogwardens@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:dogwardens@lancaster.gov.uk) who will investigate and take appropriate action. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services Review Consultation available at [www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/sites/lanacs/Pages/ContentDocuments/ECR-2017-Draft.pdf](http://www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/sites/lanacs/Pages/ContentDocuments/ECR-2017-Draft.pdf). Rural Service Network weekly newsletter August 2017 to circulate electronically. AON Insurance services will not be offering renewal terms June 2018. They have made arrangements for renewal invitation from BHIB Ltd. Lancashire Adult Learning Volunteer

Training available. Lune Valley Community Society – Save Hornby Pool newsletter. Clerks & Councils Direct September Issue 113. Points raised by parishioners since the last meeting: Publication of agendas and minutes and Transparency Code – currently in/on noticeboard, Wagtail, village website and Lancashire City Council website (not agendas at their instigation). SpID information available alongside these minutes. Code of Conduct adopted at meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012 Minute 1077.

1553. Business introduced by Councillors

Cllrs Atkinson and Lawson reported potholes on Church Street and Coneygarth Lane, reported on [www.FixMyStreet.com](http://www.FixMyStreet.com) Ref: 33899 – to be repaired within 20 working days of Email dated 18/10/17. Cllr Pelter reported overhanging tree on exiting Loyne Park resulting in obscured view of traffic to the west, reported on [www.FixMyStreet.com](http://www.FixMyStreet.com) Ref: 33900. Dog fouling on Lune Valley Ramble reported on [www.FixMyStreet.com](http://www.FixMyStreet.com) Ref: 367434 and to Kirkby Lonsdale Tourist Information Centre who advertise the walk.

Lancaster Bus Users Group and Lune Bus Action Group information and proposals discussed. LBAG concentrating on obtaining evening and weekend service improvements through Whittington, Arkholme and Gressingham using existing (empty) buses or re-directing from south of the River Lune. Proposal for businesses, especially public houses and restaurant facilities in Kirkby Lonsdale, to become a Partner or Stakeholder – for further information and to join the group contact Duncan 07733 397518 or John 015242 73052.

Cumbria County Council adoption of Cumbria Minerals & Waste Local Plan (2015-2030)

Receipt produced for fuel purchased for strimmer. CHEQUE 524 £9.00 Whittington Village Hall agreed by Cllrs Close, Hall and Lawson.

Parish Council reiterate full support of planning applications 16/00238/FUL and 17/00352/FUL Demolition of outbuildings, conversion of barn to dwelling, erection of 3 dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and alteration to the existing access, and latterly, erection of a first floor side extension over existing pub for Mr Simon Nutter, Dragons Head Hotel, Main Street, Whittington, LA6 2NY and Lancaster City Council's refusal of the proposed development was discussed. No information available on the recent meeting between Mr Nutter and 2 independent City Councillors. No further information posted on LCC planning portal.

Whittington website requires village information, relevant internet links, news and notification of events, etc. It is updated by volunteers (not Councillors) and runs alongside the Whittington Village website and blog. Please contact Jim Williams, Kate Manders, Pat Close or <http://whittington.org.uk/notices/>

Date of next meeting: **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm** in Whittington Village Hall

**Preceded by an open meeting at 6.45pm**