

Whittington Parish Council

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2014 at 7.30pm In Whittington Village Hall

1064. Present: Cllrs Eric Pelter, Barbara Atkinson, Ted Lawson, Colin Hall, and the Clerk Gillian Hodgson. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Stuart Close and City Cllr Peter Williamson. 2 members of the public were present.

1065. Minutes of the last meeting 6th May 2014 were read and signed as a true record by Cllr Pelter.

1066. No matters arising from the last meeting.

1067. PACT Annual Police Report in the absence of the new Community Beat Manager PC Rob Barnsley: Owing to continuing difficulties with transport it has not been possible to attend the PACT coffee morning for some time. Please be assured that we will continue to try to be there. Please also do not hesitate to contact us using the details below: For the information of computer users you can register yourself to receive different categories of information from police (eg: neighbourhood Watch, Farmwatch, Rural watch, or whatever is relevant to you in your area) on the website www.registration.lancashire.police.uk/registration/ Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team may be contacted by telephone on 101 or E-mail carnforth.npt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

1068. Chair's Report

Once again I would like to thank the Councillors, for their support over the past year. I would also like to thank Gillian for keeping all in order.

Police Report Crime has risen over the last year. There has been reports of five sheds been broken into and Mr Reid, of Hostile Lane, had a large break-in.

Railings We have not done much painting during the last year, just one set at Sellet Mill corner. The Parish Council have now purchased the paint so we can start.

Resurfacing There are still a lot of pot holes around Hutton Roof and Docker still to repair.

Road signs at Biggins A sign was put up at Biggins again, restricting heavy goods vehicles using the road to Hutton Roof. Your Council objected to the sign and it has now been removed.

Donations The Parish Council has donated to The Wagtail Playgroup, Brownies, Air Ambulance, £40 to The Poppy Appeal and £180 for the Floral Competition, £500 towards the new windows for the village hall and £500 towards Whittington B4RN volunteers who are assisting the installation of a fibre optic for hyper fast broadband internet access, invoices to be received for this money to be realised.

Precept This was set to the same amount as last year.

Dog Fouling has improved over the last year as most people are picking up the dog faeces. Thankyou for that and keep it up!

Bus Service continuing but will be considered again next year.

If anyone has an issue they would like to be discussed by the Councillors over the next year then please put it forward and it will be reported in the next meeting.

I am resigning my position as Chairman and am sure some other Councillors will take up the position. I would like to thank all the Councillors who have helped over the past year while I have been in office..

This concludes my report for 2014/15.

1069. Clerk's Report

The closing balance in the current account at the end of March 2015 is £503.33 (sheet 255). The bank reconciliation shows a true balance of £265.18 The closing balance in the Bonus Saver Account at the end of March 2015 is £143.17 which includes an annual interest of £7.22 (sheet 45) Precept received from Lancaster City Council of £3,400.00 as requested. The accounts have been internally audited by Anne Pettifor on 26th May 2015. The accounts are due to be audited externally by BDO LLP by 30th June 2015.

The Annual Return, cash book, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to the accounts will be available for inspection and to make copies by request from the 1st July to the 1st July 2014 as required by regulations.

1070. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Cllr Pelter resigned as Chair, in the absence of Cllr Close the members proposed to delegate this vote to the next meeting on 20th July 2015.

1071. Finance: Cllrs agreed to annual Grazing Rights of £50.00 Cllrs agreed to annual Shooting Rights of £200.00 for a further 2 years. Cllrs agreed to Clerk's annual salary of £1,200

1072. Declarations of Acceptance of Office were completed by all Cllrs present. Register of Interests and Discosable Pecuniary Interests to be completed.

1073. Risk assessment: Valuation of assets, street furniture, trophies were agreed by Cllrs. Annual insurance and fidelity guarantee agreed by Cllrs.

1074. There were no other matters relating to AGM.