

Whittington Parish Council

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on

Monday 23rd May 2016 at 7.30pm

In Whittington Village Hall

1075. Present: Cllrs Eric Pelter, Ted Lawson, Colin Hall, Stuart Hall, City Cllr Peter Williamson and the Clerk Gillian Hodgson. 4 members of the public were present. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Barbara Atkinson.

1076. Minutes of the last meeting 26th May 2015 were read and signed as a true record by Cllr Pelter.

1077. No matters arising from the last meeting.

1078. No 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

1079. Chair's Report - Once again I would like to thank the Councillors for their support over the past year. Thanks to Gillian for keeping everything in order.

Police Report – There has been no change in crime over the past year.

Railings – We have only managed to paint one set of railings at Holme House corner during the past year. Hopefully, more will be painted this year.

Donations – We have donated to the Wagtail Playgroup, Air Ambulance, Brownies, and the Poppy Appeal and £180 towards the Floral Competition.

Car Park – The car park at the rear of the village hall has been resurfaced as B4RN had to lay a cable underneath. This has been half paid for by The Village Hall and the other half met by the Parish Council.

Hutton Roof Quarry – The shooting rights have been let once again to Whittington Hall and the grazing rights to Mr Sedgley.

Precept – was set in February 2015 at £3,300.00, a small increase from last year.

Dog Fouling – This has been on the increase again this year. If anyone sees a dog fouling could you please report the owner to a Councillor.

Bus Service – The Parish Council is trying very hard to get the buses back. Stagecoach will not run the service between Kirkby Lonsdale and Lancaster until the route is subsidized, as they tell us no one hardly uses the buses and it does not pay. I am sure the Councillors will continue to try and get the service reinstated.

If anyone has any issues they would like the Parish Council to discuss over the next year, please contact the Parish Council and they will report it at the next meeting.

1080. Clerk's Report

The closing balance in the current account at the end of March 2016 is £854.50 the bank reconciliation shows this to be the true balance. The closing balance in the Bonus Saver Account at the end of March 2016 is £143.32 Precept received from Lancaster City Council of £3,300.00 as requested. The accounts have been internally audited by Anne Pettifor on 23rd May 2016. The accounts are due to be audited externally by BDO LLP, Southampton by 30th June 2016.

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 20th July to the 29th July 2016 as required by regulations.

1081. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Cllr Eric Pelter agreed to remain as Chairperson and was nominated by Cllr Lawson and seconded by Cllr Hall.

Cllr Colin Hall agreed to remain as Vice Chairperson and was nominated by Cllr Pelter and seconded by Cllr Close.

1082. 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

1083. No changes were declared with regard to Declarations of Acceptance of Office, Notification of Interests and Pecuniary Interests.

1084. Risk assessment: Valuation of assets, street furniture, trophies were agreed by Cllrs. Annual insurance and fidelity guarantee agreed by Cllrs. Cllrs agreed to the inspection and repair required of the 3 wooden benches near the Church, Sellet corner and the bridge.

1085. There were no other matters relating to AGM.