

## Whittington Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm In Whittington Village Hall

1086. Present: Cllrs Eric Pelter, Edward Lawson, Colin Hall, Stuart Close, 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.

1087. Minutes of the last meeting 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were read and signed as a true record by Cllr Pelter.

1088. No matters arising from the last meeting.

1089. No PACT Annual Police Report in the absence of the new Community Beat Manager P.C. Rob Barnsley. Local crime figures available at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) Lancashire Constabulary>Upper Lune Valley and your postcode; NO crime reports were filed for the whole of 2016. Register yourself to receive different categories of information from police (eg: Neighbourhood Watch, FarmWatch, RuralWatch) on the website [www.registration.lancashire.police.uk/registration/](http://www.registration.lancashire.police.uk/registration/) Your local neighbourhood policing team may be contacted by telephone 101 or Email [morecambe.npt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:morecambe.npt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk) for non-emergencies.

1090. 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 last year,

Railings – We have only managed to paint one set of railings at Hoilme House corner during the past year, 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 – 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 please contact the Parish Council and they will report it at the next meeting.

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 subsidised, 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.

1091. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. The accounts are due to be audited externally by BDO LLP Southampton by 30<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> July for 14 days as required by regulations.

1081. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

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1092. Finance: Cllrs agreed to annual grazing rights of £50.00 and shooting rights of £200 for a further 2 years. Cllrs agreed to Clerk's annual salary of £1,000 nett.

1093. No changes were declared with regard to Declarations of Office, Notification of Interests and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

1094. Risk Assessment: Valuation of assets, street furniture and the trophy were agreed by the Cllrs. Annual insurance and fidelity guarantee agreed by Cllrs. Cllrs agreed to the inspection of and any repair required, of the 3 wooden benches near the Church, Sellet corner and the bridge.

1095. There were no other matters relating to the AGM.