

Whittington Parish Council
Minutes for the Annual General Meeting
Monday 15th May 2017 at 7.00pm
In Whittington Village Hall

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Present at the meeting were 3 members of the public.

One parishioner made a request to record the meeting, objected to by Cllr Atkinson. Cllr Hall would clarify the legality of this request. The Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014 allows members of the press and public to use modern technology and communication methods eg: filming, audio-recording, blogging & tweeting, to report the proceedings of the meetings of their council and other local government bodies."

1310. Apologies for absence were received from City Cllr Peter Williamson.

1311. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 23rd May 2016 were , agreed by Cllrs and signed as a true record by Cllr Eric Pelter

1312. Matters arising – Cllr Hall noted that no paintings of railings had been carried out during the last financial year. It was agreed to contact Mr Harper and request he purchase paint, if required, and to continue to paint the various railings around the parish.

1313. PACT Annual report

No PACT Annual Police Report available and in the absence of the new Community Beat Manager P.C. Rob Barnsley statistics were collated from the local crime figures available at www.police.uk Lancashire Constabulary>Upper Lune Valley and your postcode; NO crime reports were filed for the whole of this past year.

1314. Chair's report

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

Police Report – No crimes reported in the crime figures during 2016/17 available at www.police.uk Lancashire Constabulary > Upper Lune Valley

Railings – We hope to resume with this next year and not much painting has been done this year.

Kirkby Lonsdale Road Sign – a road sign has been fitted by Councillor Hall and volunteers from the village on the B6254 at a cost of £88.48

Donations – made to Royal British Legion £40, Wagtail Toddlers Playgroup £100.00, North West Air Ambulance £150 and District Women's Institute £50

Precept – (Last year £3,630.00 was received, as requested, for this year's expenditure.) This year's request was £3,950 an increase of 10% not specifically to purchase a speed indicator device, the device was going to be purchased through the Parish Champion Grant but our application was refused so we will re-apply again next year.

Village Clean Up '17 – Several volunteers helped to collect 30 large bags of rubbish from around the parish. Thankyou and well done.

Dog Fouling – This continues to be a problem around the village. If anyone sees a dog fouling and the faeces are not removed by the owner, they should challenge them on the parishes behalf and then report the incident to the Parish Council.

Parish Council Meeting – If anyone wishes to raise an issue, the parish council meet 15 minutes prior to the start of a Parish Council meeting at 7.00pm, for people to attend to raise these issues, which will then be put forward at the next meeting.

This concludes my report for 2016/17 Chairman Councillor Pelter

1315. Clerk's report –

The closing balance in the Current account at the end of March 2017 is £2,132.73 The bank reconciliation shows this to be the true balance. The closing balance in the Bonus Saver account at the end of March 2017 is £143.38 Precept received from Lancaster City Council of £3,630.00 as requested, an increase of 10% as agreed by Cllrs. The accounts are being internally audited by Anne Pettifor in May 2017. The accounts are due to be audited externally by BDO LLP Southampton by 26th June 2017. 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 July for 14 days as required by regulations.

1316. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Cllr Eric Pelter agreed to remain as Chairperson, nominated by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Hall.

Cllr Hall agreed to remain as Vice-Chair, nominated by Cllr Pelter and seconded by Cllr Lawson.

1317. Finances:

Annual Grazing Rights - Cllrs agreed to continue at £50 p/a

Annual Shooting Rights – Cllrs agreed to continue at £200 p/a

Clerk's Salary (currently £1,000 nett) Cllrs agreed to increase by 10% The Clerk thanked Cllrs.

1318. No changes required for the Declarations of Acceptance of Office, Notification by Members of Parish Council of Other Interests or the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests forms.

1319. Risk Assessment of street furniture, assets and fidelity guarantee. The bench by South Lodge has been removed, designated beyond repair, the benches near the Church and Sellet Mill have been repaired.

1320. There was no business introduced by Councillors.