



Parish Council Meeting – DRAFT MINUTES

Date:	17 March 2025		
Place:	Whalley Old Grammar School, Whalley, Clitheroe.		
Present:	Councillors: L Street (Chair), L Crook, K Heyworth, D Chiappi, E Kinder		
In attendance:	Clerk to the Council S Dent and 4 members of the public.		
Meeting started:	18.30	Meeting closed:	20:00

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2025

The above minutes were approved as correct and signed by the Chair.

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS.

None declared.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public raised an issue with speeding on Hawthorne Road and the lack of speed signs. LCC now has responsibility for the road so issues can be raised with them direct, possibly they could also be raised by the resident as a civil matter through the covenant with Taylor Wimpy.

5. FINANCE REPORT

- Accounts to date.
- Schedule of Payments as set out in the Report.
- Reconciliation of Receipts and Payments as shown in the Report.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- Approved the accounts, payments and reconciliation.

6. PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Clerk was provided to consider planning matters since previous meeting, including the proposed hotel development at The Eagle. Cllr Street abstained from discussion on this application due to conflict with his Borough Council role on the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- a. Review the planning application (excluding Cllr Street) for The Eagle and feedback comments to the Clerk who will pass to Cllr Crook to formulate a response to RVBC.

7. UPDATE ON VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENT (22, 23-25 OLD ROW)

Cllr Street gave a verbal update on progress with the Village Hall development. All UKSPF grant will be spent by the end of March. Further funding has been applied for and the Council will know the outcome early April. LNT are due to complete their roadworks – awaiting dates for this – and LCC will carry out planned works on the main road for traffic calming and safe crossing, awaiting dates to be confirmed.

8. UPDATE ON VILLAGE HALL OPERATIONAL PLANNING

The Clerk provided a brief report on progress with operational planning and potential governance structures. Expert advice and support with setting up a governance structure has been offered by an organisation called Community Futures who work in the Ribble Valley on behalf of ACRE, supporting village halls.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- a) Set up a discussion group to progress operational planning consisting of the Clerk and any Councillors willing to help with this aspect of developing the village hall.
- b) Hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss and decide on which governance structure the Parish Council wishes to adopt.

9. VE DAY 80 – 8TH MAY 2025

Cllr Heyworth requested a budget for flags/bunting to commemorate VE Day.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

Allocate a £50 budget for flags/bunting. Councillors will organise and install these. Photographs should be taken of the display for the website. Parish Councillors have been invited to attend the service at Blackburn Cathedral on 11th May, Cllr Street will attend.

10. OLD BENCHES, VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

Cllr Heyworth gave a verbal report on the poor condition of the benches and suggested these need to be removed so the grassy area can be cleared up.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

Cllr Heyworth to speak with Borough Cllr Birtwhistle to ask him to remove the benches. If not removed within two weeks of the request, the PC will organise their removal and destruction.

11. STONE 'BARROW' VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGN

Cllr Street gave a verbal report following an email from a resident about algae growth on the stone. Cllr Chiappi had cleaned the stone but there was still algae on the back. Councillors discussed the second stone, which has not yet been placed in a permanent location, to agree a site for this stone.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- a) Cllrs Chiappi, Kinder and Heyworth will organise for the second stone to be placed in a suitable spot on Trafford Gardens
- b) Both stones to be treated with algae protection products.
- c) A £50 budget be allocated for flowers/shrubs to sit around the stone on Trafford Gardens

12. UPDATE ON WOODLAND PATH

No further progress, awaiting update from solicitors.

13. CCTV

Cllr Street gave a verbal report. The CCTV on the playing field is not working properly and the footage is of poor quality and largely unusable. The PC pays the CCTV contractor ITSUI for a SIM card for this camera.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

Decommission the CCTV covering the playing field and consider alternatives when planning CCTV for the village hall once it is completed.

14. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Street reported that he is dealing with an issue with Redrow bush instead of path. There has been anti-social behaviour and littering around Eurogarages and LCC will be writing to them.

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Future Council Meetings:

2025: 2 June (AGM).
