

Whittington Parish Council
Minutes for the Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 21st May 2018 at 7.00pm
In Whittington Village Hall

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Present at the meeting were 3 members of the public.

1378. Apologies for absence were received from City Cllr Peter Williamson.

1379. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Cllr Pelter agreed to resign as Chairperson. Cllr Hall was nominated as Chairperson by Cllr Close and seconded by Cllr Pelter. Cllr Hall agreed to be elected as the Chairperson for the coming year.

Cllr Hall resigned as Vice-Chairperson and nominated Cllr Stuart Close, seconded by Cllr Atkinson. Cllr Close agreed to be elected as the Vice-Chairperson for the coming year.

1380. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 15th May 2017 were , agreed by Cllrs and signed as a true record by Cllr Colin Hall.

1381. No matters arose from the previous minutes.

1382. PACT Annual report – All crimes reported and recorded at www/police.uk Lancashire Constabulary Upper Lune Valley and then your postcode. Crimes are recorded as on or near the postcode required.

May – Docker Lane – Drugs Relates to a package of controlled substance intercepted and seized at a UK airport, the consignee was resident in the Upper Lune Valley area.

June – none

July – none

August – Church Street – Theft of 56 sheep from a farm.

September – none

October – The Maltings – Theft of quad bike from a farm.

November – none

December – Church Street – Malicious communication.

January - 1. Manor Farm – Violence under investigation. 2. Main Street - One report was of domestic related harassment, one of historic sexual assault.

February – 2 on or near Docker Lane - Violence - one under investigation and one awaiting court outcome. 3 on or near Main Street - One of domestic related damage to a vehicle and 2 of domestic related assault. Quad bike stolen from a farm on Main Street

March – none

*Gillian Hodgson, Clerk to the Parish Council **April 2018***

Discussion took place with regard to the increased reports of crime over the year and how they are recorded on the Lancashire Constabulary website. It was proposed to minute relevant crime reported once details have been received from PC Massingham's user-friendly monthly Lune Valley Round-up.

1383. Chair's report – not available at time of publication.

1384. Clerk's report - The closing balance in the Current Account at the end of March 2018 is 3374.66 The reconciliation shows the true balance to be £3334.66 with un-presented cheque 528 £40.00 Royal British Legion. The closing balance in the Bonus Saver account at the end of March 2017 is £143.42 Precept received from Lancaster City Council of £3995.00 as requested. The accounts have been internally audited by Anne Pettifor 19th May 2018. The accounts are due to be audited externally by PK Littlejohn. 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 1st August for 30 days as required by regulations.

1385. 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 £1,100 nett) Cllrs agreed to increase by 10% alongside attending a LALC training workshop. The Clerk thanked Cllrs.

1386. No changes required by current Cllrs of Notification by Members of Parish Council of Other Interests or the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests forms.

1387. Risk Assessment of street furniture, assets and fidelity guarantee.

1388. Proposed dates for the following year were agreed – September 17th, November 19th, January 21st, March 18th, May 20th (APCM & PCM) July 15th, September 16th, November 18th. The date of the Parish Assembly to be agreed during 2019.

1389. Business introduced by Councillors. Discussion took place regarding the profile of the Parish Council. It was agreed to encourage younger parishioners to take part.