

**MINUTES OF THE 1055th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2023
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors, Harper (Chair), Mrs Berry, Mrs France, Hayes and Scambler.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk). One member of the Public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Dickenson and Wheale.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Harper declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 23/00603/FUL as the applicant is a distant relative and took no part in the resolution.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 3 JULY 2023

115/09/23 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Berry clarified the requirement for bus stop markings on Bett Lane and County Councillor Cullen agreed to investigate the matter.

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from the County Council regarding the surplus land on the A674. Councillors confirmed the area on the map relating to the area previously used for the Village Fete.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that there was no report from the Police this month.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Hurcombe gave an overview of the issues that residents in Lawton Close were having due to inconsiderate parking on the road which was restricting the line of site when pulling out onto the A674. Mr Hurcombe reported that the bungalow on the corner has car parking at the front of it but workers at the Children's home were parking on the road/grass instead now that the telephone box has been removed. Councillors advised that they had been made aware of a number of near misses with cars pulling out of Lawton Close and the drivers being unable to

see if there were vehicles coming along the A674.

Councillor Mrs M France felt that a further traffic survey needed to be undertaken due to there being a large number of HGV's using the road.

County Councillor Cullens advised that he had questioned whether the Speed Camera on the A674 was working and the Police had refused to comment. Councillors were advised that the flashing speed signs that had not been working for a number of years were the Police's property. County Councillor Cullens advised that he was attending a meeting next week regarding the A674 and would discuss issues around traffic on the road and would investigate who the owners of the Children's Home were and write to them requesting that they park considerately.

Councillor Mrs Berry reported that the drain on Whins Lane, where they had been digging recently, was still not clear and water was running along the road. The Clerk was requested to report it to the County Council.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

- i) Councillors noted the circulated traffic order for Keynon Lane, Heapey which advised that the signs for the 30-mile an hour speed limit would not be replaced when required although the road would continue to be a 30-mile an hour limit due to the streetlights.
- ii) Councillors Harper and Haynes advised that work was ongoing to repair finger post at the War Memorial. A site visit would be undertaken the next week to start the process for the repair.
- iii) Councillors noted that there had been another accident on the A674 Bett Lane junction.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

- i) The Clerk advised that the order for the additional equipment on the Recreation Ground Play Area was being manufactured at the moment.
- ii) Councillors noted the previously circulated ROSPA report on the play equipment and discussed any areas highlighted for monitoring.

The Clerk advised that a quotation had been received for £119.18 plus VAT for a self-closing mechanism which could be fitted to the existing gate and the broken locking mechanism removed.

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should arrange for the self-closing mechanism to be fitted to the gate.

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c) War Memorial

Councillors noted that the pointing was still outstanding on the War Memorial.

PLANNING MATTERS

There were no new planning applications to consider.

Planning Committee decisions during the summer break:

23/00603/FUL, Chandlers Harbour Lane Wheelton
Erection of a detached agricultural building to accommodate livestock and Feed.
117/09/23 The Parish Council resolved to make no objection to this application.

23/00606/FUL, Wheelton Lodge Farm Harbour Lane Wheelton
Section 73 application to vary condition 6 (land restoration) of planning permission 19/01048/FUL (Section 73 application to vary condition 3 (approved plans) of planning permission 18/00947/FUL (Erection of 1no. detached dwellinghouse, following the demolition of existing buildings (A, B, F, G and H))
118/09/23 The Parish Council resolved to object to this application on the grounds of traffic impact. As previously mentioned, the road is unsuitable for the additional traffic that houses would mean.

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a group of residents regarding the planning application 22/01243/FULMAJ for 75b Industrial Units in Heapey opposite the Botany Bay development and circulated copies of a Newsletter that has been produced. The group were currently in the middle of a letter drop to residents to advise of the possible impact of this development and requested that Parish Council's help with some printing of the letters. County Councillor Cullens advised that an enforcement notice was being issued to stop the work that was currently taking place before the planning application was considered.

119/09/23 The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should offer to print up to 200 letters for the group.

FOOTPATH DIVERSION

Councillors noted the previously circulated consultation from Lancashire County Council regarding a proposed diversion of footpath FP0921004. Councillors felt that the diversion would not be an issue as the footpath was not heavily trafficked and this would avoid walking through part of one of the properties gardens.

120/09/23 The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to the diversion of footpath FP0921004.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

121/09/23 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Microsoft 365 incorrect amount July - £10.08
Mrs J Carr – Salary September – £400.00
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions September - £100.00
Play Safety Ltd – Play Inspection ROSPA report - £98.40.

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support July – £27.60
DD E-on – War Memorial Electricity - £120.73

GRANT REQUEST

Councillors noted the request for funding from Chorley Shopmobility towards replacing old equipment.

122/09/23 Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk should question the number of Wheelton Residents that have used the service in the last year.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Lancashire Parish and Town Council Conference – Saturday 4 November 2023 in The Exchange at County Hall, Preston at 9.30am.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2 October 2023 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated