

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY 15 MAY 2023**

## **Minutes from the last meeting 13 May 2022.**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

## **Chair's Report**

With summer on its way, it is always great to see village life become more animated, and visitors to our village enjoy what we all know, and maybe sometimes take for granted.

It has been great to see the unveiling of the new play equipment at the village playground, and how well it has been received by the young people of the village. Councillors worked hard identifying and securing funding, which included a significant contribution from the Lancashire Environmental Fund, to replace old and rotting play equipment. Not to mention all the hours meeting with contractors and consulting over what equipment would best suit the needs of our young people. We are continuing to monitor and prioritise further investment in this play area and will look to make more improvements in the future, with funding already secured from Chorley Borough Council. As usual local developments have been a key focus for the council, and we have strived to ensure that Wheelton remains a village in the truest definition of the word but retain services that are essential to our residents. Councillors and residents have been instrumental in saving our local health centre from an unpopular private take over, and backed out familiar local doctor to continue to run the practice for the patients she knows so well.

Events such as carols round the tree being their usual success, and community driven events within the village such as the coronation lunch held at the village hall have highlighted what a difference a few individuals who get together to organise an event for the benefit of the community can make. There certainly seems to be an increased appetite for community events within the village, and the makeup of our village and enthusiasm and skill sets of our residents really make such events.

Parish council representatives have continued Identifying issues with highways, boundary walls, blocked gulleys and reporting these to the relevant agencies. The Chair would like to express his gratitude to all the fellow councillors for their time and hard work representing the community, and all the volunteers that make our village such a good place to live and visit.

## **Financial Report**

A copy of the statement of accounts for 2022/23 had been circulated. The members discussed and accepted the financial statement with the Chair thanking the Clerk for a concise and timely presentation of Parish accounts.

## **Village Priorities**

The members agreed the following priority for the following year:

- Any planning application is appropriate for the village and that the Parish Council will request that they be supported by infrastructure, or the developers be made to make appropriate improvements before any building work commences.
- Repairs to the Finger Post at the War Memorial crossroads.

***There was no other business and the Chair thanked everyone and declared the meeting closed.***

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

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