

**MINUTES OF THE 1073rd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 APRIL 2025
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Harper (Chair), Mrs Berry, Dickenson and Wheale.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Hayes, Mrs France and Scambler.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of office.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 3 MARCH 2025

267/04/25 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Vice-Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

Councillor Dickenson gave a report from the Chorley Liaison Meeting and advised that the Chief Inspector had attended the meeting and advised that the Police would be working with the community so it might be possible that we have some attendance at meetings.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Berry reported that:

- Four of the five grids from Victoria Terrace to St Pauls Close along Victoria Street are blocked.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillor Hayes had reported that there was no update on the finger post refurbishment. It was reported that Horwich had refurbished their signs

through Horwich Heritage Centre.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk reported that two of the new trees from Chorley Council on the Recreation Ground had started to grow but one of them had disappeared.

c) War Memorial

Councillor Wheale reported that the electric meter had been replaced in the Clock Tower.

Councillor Dickenson advised that there were now 5 War Memorial Trustees. The Annual Return had been completed and Councillor Dickenson was currently getting the signatories updated to include the two new Trustees.

PLANNING MATTERS

268/04/25 The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

25/00059/FUL Laneside Farm Brown House Lane Higher Wheelton
Erection of a self-build dwelling.

Wheelton Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:

- Green Belt incursion
- Two houses already added, plus stable buildings so there is already added vehicular traffic.
- Noted that LCC have objected because the land is not vehicle access but a footpath and it is not known who owns the access.

25/00165/CLEUD Land at Lodge Bank, Brinscall
Application for a certificate of lawfulness for two existing buildings with their lawful use not being for agricultural or forestry.

Wheelton Parish Council make no objection to this application.

Amendment to 24/00247/FUL Land on the A674 Wheelton Blackburn new road
Wheelton
Erection of 9 no. dwellings with associated roads, car parking, landscaping and access.

Wheelton Parish Council objected to the amended application on the following grounds:

- Access to the site would be via Millbrook Close then Victoria Street which was already very congested due to parking on both sides of it, the bus

route and bus stop and access out of the village. Access to the first property is less than 5 metres from a busy junction (Millbrook Close and Victoria Street). This area has double yellow lines highlighting safety issues in the area.

- Drainage is via the existing Victorian sewage system which is also prone to flooding. Seven additional houses on current land that provides a soakaway will only exacerbate the problem.
- Loss of green space in the area. This is not an area for housing development in the local plan. The village would like to keep the village as a village and not merge into a suburb of Chorley.
- Local services including schools, primary and secondary and health care services are already above capacity, increasing the demand for these services will make access to them more difficult.

25/00199/FUL 2 Slate Delph Cottages, Briers Brow, Wheelton

Two storey side extension including balcony to front, single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory).

Wheelton Parish Council make no objections to this application.

25/00306/FULHH Stichstone, Brown House Lane, Higher Wheelton

First floor front extension, front porch and single storey rear extension.

Wheelton Parish Council make no objections to this application.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

269/04/25

All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary April – £512.00

Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions April - £128.00

Mrs A Wheale – War Memorial Clock repairs - £7.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support April – £30.36

ACCOUNTS

270/04/25

Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Income and Expenditure against budget reports to March 2025 as circulated.

271/04/25

Councillors REVOLVED to accept the Risk Assessment and Asset Register for the year end 2025.

272/04/25

Councillors RESOLVED to accept the CIL Reconciliation and War Memorial Balance reports to March 2025 as circulated.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Liaison meeting – 16 July 2025.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12 May 2025 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated