

**MINUTES OF THE 1040th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4 APRIL 2022
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Berry, Dickenson, Mrs France, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Cullens.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor M Harper.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in items of the meeting.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 7 MARCH 2022

359/04/22 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

344/02/22 Temporary Weight restriction.

The Clerk reported that she had been copied into an email that Councillor Mrs M France had received stating that the diversion route would not use the AA674. Councillors noted the alternative route and felt that this was to far out of the way to be acceptable.

POLICE REPORT

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

360/04/22 Councillor Mrs Berry advised that there was a pothole on Harbour Lane/Briers Brow by the grating, outside the Red Lion and at the entrance to the Village Hall Car Park. The Clerk was requested to report both faults.

County Councillor Cullens reported that the County Council had just launched an app "Love Clean Street" which enabled people to use their mobile phones and GPS to report all things that can be seen on the street that may need repairs.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

The Clerk reported that she had received no information or update on the repair to the fingerpost.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council bid for funding from the Lancashire Environment Fund would be considered in July 2022.

Councillor Hayes reported that he had applied for a £5,000 Biodiversity grant towards the refurbishment of the play area.

c) War Memorial

361/04/22 The Clerk was requested to obtain a quotation for the War Memorial pointing from the Grounds Maintenance Contractor.

PLANNING MATTERS

362/04/22 The Parish Council considered the following planning applications and RESOLVED to make the following observations:

22/00241/FULHH Prospect House, Whins Lane, Wheelton
Retention of perimeter fence.

The Parish Council objected to the application on the following grounds:

- The height of the fence is too high and not in keeping with the residential area

It was noted that the applicant has a record of retrospective applications which are not enforced. The engineering report from the previous works to the grounds and the subsequent local flooding had still not been received by the Parish Council.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

363/04/22 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary April – £359.86
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions April - £89.90
LALC Annual Subscription - £296.40

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support April – £27.60

ACCOUNTS

364/04/22 Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Income and Expenditure reports to March 2022 as circulated.

PLATINUM JUBILEE COUNTY SERVICE

365/04/22 The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the information circulated regarding the invitation to the Platinum Jubilee County Service at Blackburn Cathedral.

COUNTY COUNCIL’S SPEED PACKS

366/04/22 The Parish Council noted the County Council Highways Department’s offer of a speed pack to help in the mission to reduce speeds on Lancashire Highways.

The Parish Council RESOLVED that Councillor Cullens should clarify what the packs could be used for and if suitable the Clerk should order a pack.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9 May 2022 at 8.00pm, providing there is not a contested election.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated