

**MINUTES OF THE 1062<sup>nd</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 8 APRIL 2024  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Berry (Vice-Chair), Dickenson, Mrs France, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).  
County Councillor Cullens.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Harper.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dickenson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 171/04/24 planning application 24/00247/FUL as he lives in the area which will be affected by the application.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 4 MARCH 2024**

**169/04/24** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

Governors highlighted that a just giving page was being set up for donations towards the legal costs for Withnell Health Centre.

**POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk advised that there was no report from the Police. Councillor Hayes reported that there had been a new PC appointed to the area and offered to obtain contact details.

Councillor Mrs France joined the meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no items reported from the Public.

**ENHANCING WHEELTON**

**a) Traffic Matters**

Councillors Harper and Hayes advised that work was due to start on the finger post this week. Councillor Hayes would be dismantling the metal part of the

signpost prior to repairs and refurbishment.

Councillors noted the issues with parking on the pavement outside Lawton Close and that enforcement was down to the police but that there were no laws that could be enforced.

Councillor Cullens agreed to chase up the repairs to the barrier on the A674.

**b) Recreation Area Enhancement**

The work to the trees was still outstanding.

**170/04/24**

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should order some more bark to top up the play area over the summer.

**c) War Memorial**

Councillor Wheale reported that the War Memorial Clock was due a service and would liaise with the contractor to open up the Tower.

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**171/04/24**

The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

24/00157/FUL – Bancroft Stables, Higher Simpson Fold, Higher Wheelton  
Erection of a detached bungalow following the demolition of a domestic outbuilding.

Wheelton Parish Council Object to this application on the grounds of:

- Creeping development on green belt/open spaces – knocking down a timber shed to build a house.
- There are already a number of properties on a single-track road, so access is not suitable for an additional residence and associated vehicle.
- The sight line of the track onto the road is very limited so not good access onto the A674 which is a very busy road.

24/00247/FUL – Land on the A674, Blackburn New Road, Wheelton  
Erection of 9 No. dwellings with associated roads, car parking, landscaping, and access.

Wheelton Parish Council Resolved to defer commenting on this application to the next meeting due to it only being received that morning.

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

**172/04/24**

All accounts were authorised for payment:

March 2024

Tree Check Ltd – Tree Survey - £660.00

Mrs J Carr – Postage - £16.00

April 2024

Mrs J Carr – Salary April – £400.00

Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions April - £100.00

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

## **ACCOUNTS**

**173/04/24** Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, CIL Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Income and Expenditure against budget reports to March 2024 as circulated.

**174/04/24** Councillors REVOLVED to accept the Risk Assessment and Asset Register for the year end 2024.

## **FLEXIBILITY TO COUNILLORS**

Governors noted the letter from Simon Hoare MP, Minister for Local Government, requesting that councils consider the provisions at Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 as a means of providing flexibility to those councillors who may need to care for their children, including those who are receiving neonatal care.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- Chorley Family Run – Sunday 5 May 2024

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 13 May 2024 at 7.45pm.

Monday 13 May 2024 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated .....