

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY 11 MAY 2015

Minutes from the last meeting 2 June 2014.

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman advised that throughout the year the Parish Council has been working as hard as always to address a number of key issues on your behalf.

As in 2013/14, the thorny question of safety within the parish, especially inconsiderate car parking, unsafe double parking, damage to grass verges and use of footpaths and pavements had been a priority. We have been working closely with our local Police and Chorley Borough Council to try to resolve these issues - sometimes with success, other times not so! However, resident safety is the top priority for this Council. Wheelie bins have been left out in parts of the Parish not just on collection days but in one case for 3 weeks forcing anyone in a wheelchair or parent with buggy to having to walk into the main road particularly near busy junctions. We would hope that this practice ceases within the near future. The Parish Council now has a speed indicator trailer and this should be up and running soon.

This past year again has seen many changes nationally to local planning policies and these had an impact on the area including new infill housing, 'green' spaces and local developments. We as a council are monitoring these developments carefully.

We are trying to secure funding to reset the cobbles/sets on the walkway from Victoria Street up to Westview from the Eastern Parishes Group. When we have further news we will be able to let residents know more details of what will be taking place.

The Parish Council is pursuing the 'Post Office' to maintain a service in the Parish, having been advised that there is nowhere suitable in Wheelton, the net has been enlarged to include Higher Wheelton. A meeting has taken place with Royal Mail/Post Office Counters and when we know their full decision we will advise residents.

The Chairman thanked all the people who spent their time volunteering in our community - they are the people that help make Wheelton a more pleasant place

to live. Once again very many thanks for all the work they do, especially the Village Hall Committee.

We are still looking for available land in Higher Wheelton to build a Playground in that part of the Village and if successful the Borough Council would look carefully at helping to secure funds.

I thank all my councillor colleagues for all the time they put into our community on your behalf and thank also our Clerk Joanne Carr for her invaluable service to the Council.

Financial Report

A copy of the statement of accounts for 2014/15 had been circulated. The members discussed and accepted the financial statement with the Chairman thanking the Clerk for a concise presentation of Parish accounts.

Village Priorities

The members agreed that Residents safety should continue to be considered a primary objective to be targeted during the next year, including Car parking and Traffic.

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