

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY 9 MAY 2016**

## **Minutes from the last meeting 11 May 2015.**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **Chairman's Report**

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

The Parish Council had tried to resolve the issue of parking on yellow lines in the Parish, which was both illegal and inconsiderate to other residents. Lancashire County Council had sent out Parkwise during the day, which had resulted in the County Council feeling that there wasn't a problem in the Village. Unfortunately, they came at the wrong time of the day and during normal working hours. Chorley Council has now allocated some money to bring Parkwise to all villages including Wheelton in the evening and at weekends. This is an important step forward. Similarly, obstruction of the pavements by parked vehicles will receive extra scrutiny from the Police.

This past year again had seen many changes none more so than the influx of Openreach vehicles to the area. Unfortunately, this hasn't necessarily resulted in Superfast Broadband being available to everyone. BT are waiting for a "new box" to help meet capacity. Watch this space!

The Chairman congratulated Chorley and Lancashire councillors for pushing for funding to reset the cobbles/sets on the walkway from Victoria Street up to Westview. This project has now been completed, so the next stage is to place low level lighting on one side of the walkway. Chorley Council project manager, Steve Hart has been on site to look at the feasibility of this being completed this year.

The Parish Council is still pursuing the 'Post Office' to maintain a service in the Parish. A meeting had taken place with Royal Mail/Post Office Counters and when we know their full decision we will advise residents.

The Parish Council is deeply concerned that LCC are refusing to undertake a site visit with us on the cleaning of gullies, surface water drains etc. We have had the situation again, of flooding on the Bypass and in both parts of the village, and so we see local knowledge being reliable and useful to them. We will continue to

seek to have this meeting as we perceive prevention is better than cure.

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank all the people who spend their time volunteering in our community as 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.

The Parish Council is 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.

The Chairman thanked all his 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 2015/16 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.***