

**MINUTES OF THE 970th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 13 APRIL 2015
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Harper, Scambler and Wheale.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

Councillor Harper made his declaration of acceptance of office.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N Hayes and Borough Councillor Mrs M France.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Dickenson declared a non pecuniary interest as a “friend on social media” of Borough Councillor France.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 2 MARCH 2015

115/04/15 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk advised that there had been no report from the Police and circulated copies of this months PACT report.

Councillor Dickenson advised that PCSO Michelle Appleton had returned from maternity leave and that although PS Pauline Appleton had returned to work, she would not be returning to front line duties due to illness.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following pot holes had been reported and the Clerk was requested to advise the County Council:

- Harbour Lane
- Victoria Street, in with the walkthrough to West View
- Briers Brow/Harbour Lane corner

Councillor Berry advised that the street light on Bett Lane that had been repaired was now permanently lit. The Clerk agreed to report this matter.

The Clerk advised that she had been copied into an email regarding a complaint

made to the Borough Council regarding loud music being played at the Red Lion in contravention of their music licence. The Regulatory Services Team were investigating.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

1) SPEEDING

116/04/15

Councillors noted the email from Mr Smith concerning the speeding traffic through Higher Wheelton. Following discussion it was RESOLVED that Councillor Dickenson would contact Mr Smith to advise that the Council were conscious of the problem and had discussed it with the police although they were aware that although traffic was a standing item for the PACT meetings and the Police were going to try to have some monitoring done, they were facing cutbacks which meant that resources were stretched.

2) SPID TRAILER

The Clerk advised that there was no further report on the trailer.

3) PLAY AREA – SEATING

The Clerk advised that no further information had been received from Chorley Borough Council regarding the project but that Mrs Holt had emailed other members of the Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Group requesting that they agree to support the implementation of the project.

117/04/15

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should advise Mrs Holt that:

- The project was an old project that had been agreed through Councillor Hansford and therefore did not need additional agreement
- The new project of the resetting of the cobbles and possible lighting had been agreed at the previous meeting of the Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Group.

4) PLAY AREA TREES

The Clerk advised that two quotations had been received at a cost of £1780 and £1360 for the required work to the trees.

118/04/15

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact Beardsworth Tree Services on Bury Lane to obtain a further quotation.

5) PLAY EQUIPMENT - TOWER

Councillors noted a copy of an email from Ms Edwards regarding the play equipment tower and requesting an update. The Clerk advised that the play equipment manufactures advised that it would be possible to install additional panels on the tower but that they would have to undertake a site visit to establish how many panels would be needed. The cost to install the panels would be at day rates and therefore would be a minimum of £450. The Clerk advised that planning permission would have to be sought to raise the height of the tower and Councillors noted that complaints had been received about the height of the tower from Ms Edwards.

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council had confirmed that they had received a number of similar complaints regarding play areas and that whilst they had worked with the residents to find a solution no additional work had been undertaken in those cases.

119/04/15

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should:

- Request a site visit and quotation from the play equipment suppliers for additional panels
- Email Ms Edwards to advise that Mr Dickenson would visit as soon as the quotation had been received.

6) DOG BINS

The Clerk advised that Chorley Borough Council were setting up a new team aimed at dog fouling and dog bin emptying. The Parish Liaison meeting had advised that Chorley Borough Council bins would be emptied at the cost of the Borough Council and the Clerk therefore advised that there should only be one bin that the Parish Council was responsible for.

PLANNING MATTERS

15/00161/REM Miry Fold Farm, Briers Brow, Wheelton.

Application for Reserved Matters re outline permission granted under 14/00578/OUT for the erection of a detached dwelling.

120/04/15

It was RESOLVED to make no objection to the application.

15/00067/FUL 1 Victoria Terrace, Victoria Street, Wheelton, Chorley.

Erection of detached summer house in front garden.

121/04/15

It was RESOLVED to make no objection to the application but request that local residents are consulted about the application.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

122/04/15

All accounts were authorised for payment:

2014/15 Payments

E-on – Memorial Elections - £54.54 DD

2015/16 Payments

Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary April - £320.18

Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.00

LPFA – 2014 Subscription - £13.00

LALC – 2014/15 Subscription - £286.36

Mrs J Carr – Website - £87.58

ACCOUNTS FOR 2014/15

Councillors reviewed the following documents for the 2014/15 year;

- Bank Reconciliation

- Statement of Account
- Receipts and Payments

123/04/15 Councillors APPROVED the reports as circulated and It was RESOLVED that the 2014/15 Accounts should be approved.

FUNDING REQUEST

Councillors noted the request for funding from the Parish Church of St Barnabas Heapey for a donation towards the cost of the graveyard extension. Councillors were reminded that the Parish Council had not got a budget for donations for the year 2015/16.

124/04/15 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should not make a donation towards the Parish Church of St Barnabas Heapey towards the cost of the graveyard extension.

PLANNING IN PRACTICE WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

Councillor Dickenson gave an overview of the Planning in Practice workshop that he had attended including information on Green Belt/Greenfield/Brownfield land and changes to planning requirements. Councillors were requested to read the information provided and discussions were had regarding Urban sprawl, development opportunities and site specifics.

The Clerk reported that the Campaign to Protect Rural England had written and requested that Councils advise them if they became aware of any inappropriate proposals for large housing or other schemes in the countryside.

ASSET REGISTER/RISK ASSESSMENT

Councillors reviewed the following documents for the 2014/15 year;

- Asset Register – the Clerk was requested to investigate what the Village Hall Committee were intending to do with the Centenary Banner.
- Risk Assessment – The Clerk was requested to include the following in the Election Costs section. “Incremental annual accrual made to cover costs”.

125/04/15 It was RESOLVED to approve the Asset register and Risk Assessment reports.

SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL’S CONSULTATION – ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NEW PARK

126/04/15 It was RESOLVED to make no comment on South Ribble Borough Council’s consultation regarding plans for a major new park as part of the 40th anniversary celebration.

LCC PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2015-2025

127/04/15 it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would make no comment on Lancashire County Council’s Public Rights of Way Improvement plan 2015 - 2025.

3 TIER LIAISON MEETINGS

Councillor Dickenson reported that he had responded on behalf of the Parish Council to advise that the new way of the 3 Tier Liaison working with one Parish Councillor from each of the 22 Parish/Town councils was working very well.

128/04/15 It was RESOLVED to make no further comment.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- The Red Rose – 100 Mile Challenge Walk Event. 22-25 May 2015.
- The Ironman 2015 – 19 July 2015.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11 May 2015 at 8.00pm
The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman
Dated