

**MINUTES OF THE 1003rd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 5 MARCH 2018

449/04/18 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police. The Chairman reported that he had attended the Parish Liaison meeting where it had been verbally reported by the Police representative that the Police would support the local Parishes.

Councillor Harper joined the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Dickenson reported that the mobile Post Office was still expecting to open up in the Village Hall but had been delayed due to funding. Mrs Dickenson would be following up the matter in the new Financial Year.

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a resident of Kenyon Lane regarding traffic issues on the road. Councillors noted that the road was within the Heapey Parish and the Clerk confirmed that the email had been passed on to Heapey Parish Council. Councillors discussed traffic speed, enforcement and parking.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Speed limit on Whins Lane.

The Clerk advised that Lancashire County Council had still not replied to her question regarding the speed limit on Whins Lane. Borough Councillor Mrs France had received a response which had advised that the National Speed limit of 60mph was in force and as there were no reported collision incidents in the last 5 years the road would not qualify for any intervention at this time.

Councillor Berry joined the meeting.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

i) Meadow Street Fencing

Councillors noted that the fencing had been installed by the Borough Council under the Neighbourhood Priorities scheme. It was noted that the Parish Council had not been consulted on the design of the gateway as requested.

ii) New play equipment

Very positive feedback had been received regarding the new equipment from residents.

c) Defibrillator

The Chairman reported that no response had been received from the Golden Lion regarding the defibrillator. The Chairman had spoken to the running club who had won the defibrillator but was no further on with written confirmation regarding the box for the unit and the community use.

d) War Memorial Trees

Councillor Dickenson reported that there were 5 trees that would require felling due to health and safety issues in the Memorial Gardens. It had been agreed that the cost of the works would be split between Wheelton Parish Council, Heapey Parish Council and the War Memorial Trust. Quotations were being sought for removal. It was agreed that Councillor Fowler would remove the majority of the chippings and Councillor Scambler agreed that chippings could be put in his field.

PLANNING MATTERS

450/04/18 18/00601/OUT – Land between 386 and 392 Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comments on the application.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

451/04/18 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – April Salary - £326.60
Inland Revenue – April Deductions - £81.60
LALC – Annual Subscription - £257.08

E-on – War Memorial Electricity - £68.48
DD – Easy Websites – Website hosting and support April - £24.00

ACCOUNTS REPORTS

Councillors reviewed the following documents for the 2017/18 year;

- Bank Reconciliation
- Statement of accounts
- Receipts and Payments

The Clerk advised that the final bank statements had still to be received and should have additional interest on them.

451/04/18 Councillors NOTED the reports as circulated.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

The Clerk reported that requests for funding had been received from the North West Air Ambulance and the Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team as circulated.

Councillors noted the carried over balances and that there were still some play equipment items to purchase that had been approved and works to the trees in the memorial grounds.

452/04/18 Following discussion, Councillors APPROVED a grant of £50 to both the North West Air Ambulance and the Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team

ASSET REGISTER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

Councillors reviewed the following documents for the 2017/18 year;

- Asset Register
- Risk Assessment

453/04/18 Councillors **APPROVED** the reports as circulated.

WW1 CENTENARY COMMEMORATION

There was no further report from the WW1 Centenary Committee.

RBL SILENT SOLDIER 2018 APPEAL

454/04/18 Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the Silent Soldier appeal and requested that further information be sought.

DIGITAL PROVISION TRAINING

Councillor Dickenson reported that the liaison meeting had provided an offer for digital training in the village.

455/04/18 Councillors noted the information.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Grand Prix – 15 April 2018

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14 May 2018 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated