

**MINUTES OF THE 959<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 7 APRIL 2014  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors Dickenson, Berry, Fowler, Hayes, Scambler, Stewart and Wheale.  
County Councillor Snape.

**Clerk:** Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

The Clerk advised that due to ill health the representative from Raebet Developments was unable to attend. The Clerk was requested to invite Raebet Development to attend the May Parish Council meeting.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Hansford.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dickenson declared an interest in Raebet Developments as a member of the Chorley Athletic Club and planning application 14/00211/FUL as the applicant is known to him and Councillor Berry declared an interest in planning application 14/00294/FUL as she is a neighbour of the applicant. Neither of the Councillors took any part in these items.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 3 MARCH 2014.**

967/04/14 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record subject to the following amendment:  
963/03/14 Councillors Berry and Scambler had declared an interest in 963/03/14 payment to S. Berry.

The Clerk reported that the County Council had advised that the drains in Bett lane have all been cleared and the culvert on Briers Brow would be cleared. The residents who own the tree blocking the street light in Millbrook close have been written to requesting that they cut back the tree.

## **POLICE REPORT**

No report had been received from the Police.

The Chairman advised that he had attended the recent PACT meeting but that the police had not been in attendance.

A letter had been received from the Chorley Borough Inspector regarding attendance at events across the borough. The Police will not attend as marshals for events and organisers will need to organise their own road closures except for Remembrance Sunday. The police will work with organisers to arrange a solution for events.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The following matters were reported:

- A resident has advised that the number of the bus route through the village has changed and since the change the cost of a ticket has been increased.
  - There is a blocked drain on the A674 passed the Golden Lion
  - The small wall on the A674 where the retaining wall has collapsed.
  - The drains are full of grit on the A674 near Chapel Lane.
- The clerk was requested to advise the County Council of the above issues.

968/04/14

## **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

### **1) PARKING ISSUES**

The Chairman advised that the speed indicator trailer was being delivered but may require new batteries and a tarpaulin. Local Councils had indicated that they were interested in borrowing the trailer and would be prepared to cover costs.

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It was RESOLVED that any costs incurred by Councillors in the towing of the trailer should be reimbursed.

The Clerk advised that Parkwise had replied to the request for a visit but had not mentioned any visit in their reply. They had advised that their contractor had not undertaken an evening enforcement visit to this location although they should be making visit in the near future.

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The Parking issues on Bett Lane/Blackburn Road have not improved and are now blocking the pavement on occasions and It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the County Council to advise them of the recurring parking problems in this area.

## 2) PLAY AREA PATHWAY

971/04/14 The Clerk tabled copies of the suggested plan received from the Borough Council and the Parish Council considered the drawing. It was RESOLVED that Natalie Holt should be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the drawings.

972/04/14 The Clerk also advised that the Borough Council had advised that there are some trees at the top of Meadow Street that require work. The Clerk was requested to get quotations for the work.

## PLANNING MATTERS

14/00188/FUL – Holt Cottage, 3 Briers Brow, Wheelton.

973/04/14 It was RESOLVED that no objection should be raised to this application but that the extension be in keeping with the area.

14/00203/FUL & 14/00204/LBC – The Cottages, Miry Fold Farm, Briers Brow, Wheelton.

974/04/14 It was RESOLVED that no objection should be raised to this application but request that the hedge that has been removed along the site line be reinstated.

14/00211/FUL – The Dressers Arms, Briers Brow, Wheelton.

975/04/14 It was RESOLVED that no objection should be raised to this application but that some of the Council were concerned with the size of the extension, the proximity to the road and pavement and request that the extension be in keeping with the area.

14/00294/FUL – Highfield House Farm, Buckholes Lane, Wheelton.

976/04/14 It was RESOLVED that the following questions be raised:

- Is the development on Greenbelt land? - If it is the case the Parish Council would expect that additional conditions be applied to the application.
- There have already been two houses built on this land - is this not becoming an overdevelopment?
- What provision is being made for the storage of the items stored in the golf course storage building being demolished?

## FINANCIAL REPORT

977/04/14 All accounts were authorised for payment:  
March Accounts  
Playdale Playgrounds – Repairs - £541.75  
E-On – War Memorial Electricity - £58.04

April Accounts  
978/04/14 Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary - £313.36  
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £78.20  
LPFA – Annual Subscription - £13.00  
LALC – Annual Subscription - £248.97  
Chorley Council – Dog Waste Bin Emptying - £258.44  
Simon Cheetham – Website - £87.58

### **ACCOUNTS FOR 2013/14**

Councillors reviewed the following documents for the 2013/14 year;

- Asset Register
- Bank Reconciliation
- Statement of Account
- Receipts and Payments

979/04/14 Councillors APPROVED the reports as circulated and It was RESOLVED that the 2013/14 Audit Statement should be signed.

980/04/14 Councillors further RESOLVED that the appointment of Mrs Joanne Ainsworth as Internal Auditor should be approved.

### **ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE COMMISSIONING PLAN**

Councillors noted the Environment Directorate Chorley 2014-15 Commissioning Plan and noted that improvements to the footpaths on the A674 through Higher Wheelton were planned in the Autumn/Winter 2014.

### **NALC CONSULTATION OF A DRAFT TRANSPARENCY CODE**

Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the Draft Transparency Code for Parish Councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000.

981/04/14 It was RESOLVED to agree to the changes but to make no comment.

### **THREE TIER FORUMS**

Councillors noted the information received from County Councillor Mike Miller regarding the proposed changes to the parish representation at the Three Tier Forum.

982/04/14 It was RESOLVED to support the proposed changes to parish representation at the Three Tier Forum which should give parity for parishes with the Borough Council and the County Council. The Clerk was requested to write to Councillor Miller, the Borough Council and the County Council in support of these changes.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- Temporary Road Closure on Briers Brow, Wheelton 6 May 2014 – 12 May 2014.
- Chorley Borough Council information regarding the Dirty Dog Campaign.
- Chorley Borough Council meeting on 23 April at 5.30pm regarding becoming a fair-trade town.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12 May 2014 at 8.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated .....