

**MINUTES OF THE 981st WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4 APRIL 2016
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Harper, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.
Borough Councillor Mrs M France.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

The Clerk advised that due to illness the presentation from Easy Websites was not available. It was agreed to re-invite Easy Websites to a future meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor C France.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 214/03/16.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 2016

217/04/16 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

The Chairman reported that he had raised the matter relating to the Post Office replacement at the Borough Liaison meeting as advised that the Borough Council were investigating the possibility a mobile Post Office and whether it could be linked to the mobile library.

POLICE REPORT

There were no reports from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Berry reported that there was a street light out outside 9 Meadow Street and the Clerk was requested to report the matter.

Borough Councillor France reported the following:

- a request had been received to make Jenny Lane, Higher Wheelton a one way street, the matter was open for discussion with residents
- A request had been received for a skip as part of clean up day. The request had

come from the Village Hall and the Chairman was requested to speak to the Village Hall Committee to clarify what they were hoping to use the skip for and whether it was part of a whole village tidy up or because they needed to clear part of the hall.

- The bus stop opposite Albert Street had been closed during the removal of lead piping. The stop had now been reinstated.
- A report had been received that the footpath from Victoria Street to Winns lane had been flooded. Councillor Hayes reported that he regularly used the path and it had not been impassable at anytime this year, although wellington boots might be required.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

The Clerk and the Chairman had both requested that Borough Councillor Whittaker include Wheelton in the parking enforcement funding but had received no reply.

The Clerk advised that Highways had emailed to advise that two visits had been undertaken during February, both on a Monday, although they not specify the time of the visit, when there had been no obstructive parking on Kenyon Lane or Victoria Street and that there had been no reported incidents in the past 5 years which supported the view that there were no significant issues requiring further action at the present time.

218/04/16

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should reply to the County Council that there was not a significant problem during the week and during daytime and that the majority of the obstructive parking was at the bottom of Meadow Street and Blackburn Road.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

No further information had been received from Chorley Borough Council regarding the Borough Council Audit of open spaces. Borough Councillor France agreed to request the Borough Council Officer updates the Parish Council on progress.

Further complaints had been received regarding dogs being exercised on the recreation ground. The clerk requested that Councillors, being advised of the problem, try to establish whether there was a regular time or a pattern for the activity to enable the Dog Warden to attend at an appropriate time.

The Clerk reported that the rope on the old play equipment had frayed and had therefore been dangerous. The rope had therefore been removed which had left a hole at the bottom of the ramp. Following discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Wheale would inspect the equipment to repair the ramp or block off the hole and report back to the Clerk.

PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk advised that there were no planning applications to consider.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

219/04/16 All accounts were authorised for payment:

E-On – War Memorial Electricity - £59.27
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary April - £320.00
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.00
LPFA – Annual Subscription - £13.00
LALC – Annual Subscription - £281.42

ASSET REGISTER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

Councillors reviewed the following documents for the 2015/16 year;

- Asset Register - noted that the Centenary Banner had been hung in the main hall in the Village Hall. The Clerk was requested to write to Chorley History Society to investigate whether they could advise the Council on the value of the banner and the best way to preserve it.
 - Risk Assessment – the Clerk was requested to investigate an additional data storage system.
- 220/04/16

Councillors **APPROVED** the reports as circulated.

24A BUS SERVICE

Councillors noted that Chorley Council had stepped in to part fund the 24A service which operates between Chorley and Blackburn via Wheelton. This has meant that the route will continue to run initially for six months.

221/04/16 It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write to the Borough Council and County Council to thank them for enabling the 24A Service to continue to run.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- Iron Man UK – Sunday 17 July 2016.
- The Borough Council would be meeting with the Village Hall to discuss the recent licensing application and the way forward.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9 May 2016 at 8.00pm. The Annual Parish Meeting would be on Monday 9 May 2016 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated