

**MINUTES OF THE 1051st WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3 APRIL 2023
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors, Mrs Berry (Chair), Dickenson, Scambler and Wheale.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk) and one resident.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence. Mr Cook was welcomed to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 6 MARCH 2023

87/04/23 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Berry reported that a highway maintenance lorry drove up Meadow Street where the pothole has been reported and straight back down again but did not stop to look at the pothole.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that there was no report from the Police this month.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Berry reported that there would a private company doing the drains from Buckholes land to the A674. It was hoped that the road would be all clear when it rained once done.

The Clerk advised that she had been contacted by a local historian to see whether anyone on the Parish Council knew why Johnson's Hillock had been named and whether it was after someone. Unfortunately, no-one was aware of the reasoning behind the naming but agreed to investigate further if they knew anyone who might know.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillors noted that the repairs to the finger post at the Memorial Gardens were still ongoing.

88/04/23 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact Lancashire County to request a second banner due to the current banner becoming a little tatty.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

89/04/23 Councillors noted the circulated quotations for additional playground equipment. Following discussion and reviewing different items of equipment, it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should request a further quotation with a spinner bowl to replace one of the spring units.

Councillor Dickenson reported that the grass on the recreation ground was a little long and that residents had been trying to play cricket on the grass but were struggling. Councillor Mrs Berry agreed to request that the Contractor cut the grass as soon as the weather was a little drier.

c) War Memorial

Councillors were aware that the war memorial re-pointing would be done in the spring when the weather had improved.

PLANNING MATTERS

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

Councillors noted that there was a speculative application at Withnell Fold but noted that it was in the greenbelt and within a conservation area.

Councillor Mrs France reported that there were concerns about the developments at Botany Bay which were being raised with Chorley Borough Council. The original plans had been for shops, a restaurant, leisure and waterfront area. This had now been changed because there was no longer the call for this type of development. There had been four hundred houses approved for on the field that leads to Heapey and no doctors, dentists, schools or hospital. There were also no road improvements and no water/draining scheme.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

90/04/23 All accounts were authorised for payment:

March 2023

Wheelton Village Hall – Room rent - £374.00

April 2023

Mrs J Carr – Salary April – £400.00

Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions April - £100.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support April – £27.60

ACCOUNTS

91/04/23 Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Income and Expenditure reports to March 2023 as circulated.

KINGS CORONATION

The Parish Council discussed the information regarding an event being held on the Recreation Green by Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee but noted that permission had not been sought to use the area. It was noted that the committee had held an event similar to this and had cleared up after it completely.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Councillors considered suitable articles for the summer newsletter.

92/04/23 It was RESOLVED that the following articles should be included in the newsletter:

- Withnell Health Centre – Councillor Mrs France.
- War Memorial – Possible anniversary article if someone could produce something.
- New Playground Equipment and thank you for funding – Clerk.
- Update on the Boundary Commission – Councillor Mrs France.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- There were no items for information.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3 April 2023 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated