

**MINUTES OF THE 999th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2017
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

402/12/17 Councillors Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 408/12/17 Cheque 001120 as they were related to the company owner.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 6 NOVEMBER 2017

403/12/17 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman and Clerk reported that they had not heard back from Chorley Borough Council regarding the warranty of the Play Equipment. The Clerk was requested to chase the Officer for a reply.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had received a copy of the Village Hall accounts.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Clerk reported that Councillor Snowden had advised that he had been chasing up work on the drains on Bett Lane. Officers were working with a number of private landowners to re-establish historic drainage systems to provide a long-term improvement.

The Chairman reported that the Village Hall had agreed that a visiting "mobile" post office would open on Friday afternoon's in the Village Hall.

Councillor Berry reported a blocked drain on Meadow Street outside the entrance to the play area.

The Chairman reported that trees had been knocked down at Ryebank but that there were no trees covered by tree preservation orders in the area.

The Clerk reported that she had received an email regarding the lack of pavement sweeping and leaves on Victoria Street and Meadow Street. The resident had been advised that pavement clearing was the responsibility of Chorley Borough Council and the matter reported to the Borough Council. The Clerk was requested to forward the email to the Chairman.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

Councillor Dickenson reported that the Village Hall had had an intruder on the premises which the Nursery had reported to the Police. The Nursery had had no response from the Police. The Village Hall Committee had reminded all users to close and lock the Village Hall correctly at the end of their let.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

The Clerk advised that there had been no response regarding the additional out of hours enforcement. This would be followed up.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk advised that the Playdale Shimmy Plus had been ordered. An additional 5% discount had been secured. Installation should take place at the start of the New Year.

Councillors were advised that the diseased tree had been removed from the Recreation Ground.

PLANNING MATTERS

17/01093/FUL – Wheelton Lodge Farm, Harbour Lane, Wheelton

404/12/17 The Parish Council RESOLVED to make the observation that they were concerned that the current building was not suitable to convert to a dwelling.

17/01064/FUL –Logwood Mill Farm, Brinscall Mill Road, Wheelton.

405/12/17 The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

17/01084/FUL – South Barn, Brinscall Mill Road, Wheelton.

406/12/17 The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

17/01085/FUL – South Barn, Brinscall Mill Road, Wheelton.

407/12/17 The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

408/12/17 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – December Salary - £326.60
Inland Revenue – December Deductions - £81.60
Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath - £25.00
Mrs J Carr – Stationery, Newsletter & Postage - £150.14.
S. Berrys – Grounds Maintenance & repairs - £950.00.
Beardwood Tree services – Tree Removal - £810.00.
CPRE – Annual Subscription - £36.00

DD – Easy Websites – Website hosting and support December - £24.00

PRECEPT 2018/19

The Parish Council noted the draft Precept as circulated and discussions were had. The Clerk highlighted the possible charges for the 2018 elections - £345.74 uncontested or £2167.41 for an election and the possible bus service contribution of £252.09.

409/12/17 The Parish Council RESOLVED to set the 2018/19 precept at £12,400 which would be a 1.15% increase.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW MEETING

The Clerk confirmed that two places had been booked at the Local Government Boundary Review Meeting.

410/12/17 The Parish Council RESOLVED that Councillor T Dickenson would attend the meeting on the Parish Council's behalf.

CHORLEY AREA COMMITTEE RESPONSE

Councillors discussed the email from the Chorley Area Committee regarding the attendance at the meetings.

411/12/17 Councillors RESOLVED to make no comments on the email from the Chorley Area Committee and noted that the Chairman currently attended the meetings.

CHORLEY LIAISON MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

It was RESOLVED to make no suggestion for agenda items for the Chorley Area

412/12/17 Committee meeting. The Chairman would attend the meeting on the 17 January 2018.

COUNTY TRAINING PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Councillors noted the information relating to CTP training workshops.

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

The Chairman advised on arrangements for the Carols around the Tree event and agreed to speak to Mrs Wheale regarding the refreshments.

413/12/17 It was RESOLVED to note the arrangements for the Carols around the Tree on 24 December 2017.

1000TH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Councillors noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be the 1000th recorded meeting.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- Rivington and Brinscall LAG Monday 11 December 2017 at 6.30pm at Chorley Town Hall.
- Carols around the Tree will take place on Sunday 24 December 2017 at 5.30pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8 January 2018 at 8.00pm.

Councillors agreed the circulation of the Winter Newsletter and collected copies for distribution. Councillors also agreed the planting of bulbs from Chorley Borough Council which were also passed on for planting. The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated