

**MINUTES OF THE 966th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 2014
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT:

Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.

Borough Councillor Mr C France.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor M France and County Councillor Snape.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Berry and Scambler declared an interest in item 81/12/14 as they are related to the owner of S. Berry Grounds Maintenance.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 3 NOVEMBER 2014

- 75/12/14 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. The following items were noted:
The street lights on Meadow Street had been repaired
No reply had been received regarding the end date of the parking enforcement contract from John Phillis
Councillor Dickenson advised that the company that owns the van, which is parking inconsiderately on road markings or on the grass had been advised but that no improvement had been seen.
Superfast Broadband – The Chairman gave an overview of the planning applications for poles in Millbrook Close which will have wires between the poles and houses and advised that there will be a charge for installation of superfast broadband to houses. Councillors noted that work had been undertaken rewiring the Brinscall exchange which may have made some improvement in Broadband speed.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk advised that there had been no report from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following matters were reported:

- Councillor Berry advised that there was a street light not working on the A674 by Bett Lane.
- Councillor's advised that the dog bin on the canal bank off Whins Lane had been removed and the Clerk was requested to report this and request a replacement. It was further reported that the new litter bin on Whins Lane was too far into the pavement, necessitating prams and wheelchairs to use the road to pass the bin, in particularly when a vehicle was parked alongside the site. The Clerk was requested to report the matter.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

1) PARKING

Councillor Dickenson reported that parking on the pavement had improved a little although, the village seems more congested during the weekends. John Phillis, LCC, and Clive Grimshaw, Crime Commissioner, would be reminded of the problem.

Councillor Hayes suggested that there were two areas of land that could be developed for car parking to enable double yellow lines to be installed in the village. Discussions were had regarding the sites and it was felt that one of them was too far away from the areas with parking problems, that residents would not park on them and then walk to their houses and the second site would not be viable as there were a number of issues affecting it relating to streams and water and the cost. Councillors agreed that should Councillor Hayes find some more suitable areas for a car park then the Council would support his efforts.

2) SPID TRAILER

The Clerk advised that the batteries supplied with the SPID trailer were beyond repair and that a quotation for two new batteries had been received at a cost of £52.00 each.

76/12/14

It was RESOLVED that two batteries should be purchased and the condition of the trailer investigated further.

3) PLAY AREA

Councillors noted the Tree Risk Assessment as circulated and reviewed the recommendations.

77/12/14

It was RESOLVED that quotations should be sought to undertake the work.

Councillor Dickenson advised that the Village Hall Committee had

requested that they be allowed to include the grassed area outside the Village Hall in the Village Hall premises licence. This was on the advice of the Chief Licensing Officer and would enable village fetes and events to use both the village hall and the grassed area. Councillors discussed the matter and what the implications of this would be.

78/12/14 It was RESOLVED that the Village Hall Committee should be allowed to include the grass area in the Village Hall premises license.

4) VILLAGE THANKS

Councillor Dickenson reported that Councillor Berry had been invited to the Westminster Abbey Recognition and Thanksgiving Service where members of both Scouting and Guiding were publicly thanked for their self-sacrifice in giving their time up for others. The Parish Council were very proud of Mrs Berry, who continued to give up her free time to help the village and local area.

PLANNING MATTERS

14/01093/FUL –The Lodge, Lodge Bank, Brinscall.

79/12/14 It was RESOLVED that no objections should be raised to this application but to request that the development be in keeping with the local area.

14/00601/FUL – Land between 386 and 392 Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton

80/12/14 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council's previous objections be reiterated regarding site development, access and reduction of the lay-by.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

81/12/14 All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary December - £332.68
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £83.20
Chorley Borough Council – Election charges - £249.12
Wheelton Village Hall – Meeting room - £374.00
Treescape North West Ltd – Tree Survey - £288.00
Village Hall – Donation - £700.00
War Memorial Trust – Donation - £200.00

COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

Councillors noted the resignation from Councillor Stewart due to personal circumstances and the Chairman advised that he would speak to Councillor Stewart regarding the matter.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN

82/12/14 It was RESOLVED to make no comment on Lancashire County Council's consultation on the minerals and waste local plan.

SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON THE CUERDEN STRATEGIC SITE MASTERPLAN

83/12/14 It was RESOLVED to make no comment on South Ribble Borough Council consultation on the Cuerden strategic site master plan but to note that regarding the development of land to the North East of the M61, Botany Bay, any encroachment towards the village of Wheelton changes the area from being a village to a suburb of Chorley.

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL CENTRAL LANCASHIRE JOINT BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE CONSERVATION CONSULTATION

84/12/14 It was RESOLVED to make no comment on Chorley Borough Council's Central Lancashire Joint Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Consultation.

PRECEPT 2015/16

85/12/14 It was RESOLVED to set the Parish Council precept at £12,384 as circulated.

CLERKS PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

86/12/14 Councillors undertook the Clerk's Performance Review and agreed that all was satisfactory. The matter of salary was discussed under the precept discussions and it was confirmed that the Clerk was being paid at the correct scale point on the current pay scale.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- There were no items for information to note.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 January 2015 at 8.00pm
The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated

