

**MINUTES OF THE 976th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2015
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Harper,

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in 1/12/15 and Councillor Wheale in 12/15

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 2 NOVEMBER 2015

184/12/15 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

The following matters were reported from the minutes:

Comments from the public – Gullies. The Chairman advised that during recent rain he had monitored the drains on Victoria Street and they were not all clear. County Councillor Snape reported that the County Council had advised that they had emptied all the gullies except for one which was covered by a vehicle. Water was still washing down Briers Brow and across the bypass meaning that there could be an issue with standing water and aquaplaning. County Councillor agreed to contact Highways and request a site visit to discuss the issues.

The Parish Council was advised that Councillor Harper had reviewed the access code for the Website and had reported that the website was not suitable for improvements and changes. The Clerk was therefore requested to include a new website in the submission for transparency code funding.

POLICE REPORT

There were no reports from the Police. The Chairman advised that he had reported the damage to the barrier on Winns Lane as a vehicle had been involved and there was concern regarding the speed that it must have been travelling. No response had been received.

Councillor Scambler joined the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

Councillor Hayes questioned where the nearest defibrillator was sited and was advised that there was one in the old telephone box on Town Lane in Whittle. Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Hayes should investigate the cost and requirements relating to defibrillators for the next meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

15/01100/FUL Laneside Farm, Brown House Lane, Higher Wheelton.

185/12/15 It was RESOLVED that the Borough Council should be advised that the Parish Council were not able to consider the application as the site plan was incorrect. As this was a contentious application locally, the Borough Council would also be requested to send this application for a committee decision.

15/00678/FUL Briers House, Briers Brow, Wheelton

The Clerk advised that an appeal had been lodged regarding this application to the Planning Inspectorate.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

186/12/15 All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary December - £320.18
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.00
Berry's Grounds Maintenance – Garden area maintenance - £910.00
Mrs J Carr – Stationery and Postage - £120.38
Mrs Wheale – Carol Concert

PRECEPT 2015/16

Councillors received copies of the draft precept for 2015/16 and the Clerk gave an overview. Suggestions were made for budget changes. The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the Borough Council had confirmed that the top up grant of approximately £400 would be received for 2016/17 but that they could not guarantee that it would be available for 2017/18.

187/12/15 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should make the suggested changes and the Precept would be agreed at the next meeting.

GOVERNMENT CUTS RESPONSE

Councillors received a template on possible effects of central government cuts on local

residents and discussed areas of concern including; NHS – Was the NHS better run financially?, Policing – There seems to be no universal standard of provision, Chorley Council fund local PCSO's who are involved in intervention work, and Infrastructure – frequency of buses and the removal of bus subsidises.

188/12/15 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should produce updated copies of the template showing areas discussed at the December meeting and areas for discussion at the January meeting.

COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON THE PARISH BASED PUBLIC TRANSPORT SCHEME.

189/12/15 The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the County Council and advise that the scheme was of limited appeal to the Parish Council due to the large amount of work that it could create. Whilst the Parish Council felt that the scheme was in theory a good idea in practise it was unworkable for such a small Parish Council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE.

190/12/15 It was RESOLVED that this item should be deferred until the January Parish Council meeting.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- Chorley Mayor's Black and White Charity Ball at Shaw Hill Golf Resort and Spa Hotel on Friday 5 February 2016
- Carols around the tree – 24 December 2015 at 5.30pm
- Lancashire Civic County Carol Service – 31 January 2016 at 6.30pm at Blackburn Cathedral
- Plan for parking being put in place by The Holcombe Hunt – 1 January 2016. The Clerk was requested to email Councillors with the details.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 January 2016 at 8.00pm
The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman
Dated