

**MINUTES OF THE 988th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2016
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hayes declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 283/12/16 as the applicant was known to him.

All Councillors declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 284/12/16 as the applicant was known to them all.

Councillor Berry, Scambler and Wheale declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 285/12/16 - payments to relatives.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 7 NOVEMBER 2016

280/12/16 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Councillor Dickenson informed Councillors that the remaining bulbs were available tonight for them to take and plant on the verges as previously agreed, areas for planting were confirmed.

The Clerk advised Councillors that the newsletters were available for distribution and rounds were agreed.

POLICE REPORT

Councillors noted copies of the November "In Touch" magazine.

The Clerk advised that there had been a number of reports of suspicious vehicles being seen in the area which were believed to have been linked to thefts of Quad Bikes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Clerk was advised that the walkway between Whins Lane and Blackburn Road

was very slippery and was requested to report the matter to the District and County Council.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

There were no issues to report.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

Victoria Street Access from the Play Area

Councillor Wheale advised that he had received a quotation for the extension of the railings on the Victoria Street side of the Recreation Ground at a cost of £380 to £400. The extension would prevent children from climbing through a gap in the fence to exit the play area where they had been jumping down into the road.

281/12/16 Councillors RESOLVED that the quotation for an extension to the railings at a cost of £380/£400 should be accepted.

PLANNING MATTERS

16/00364/FUL Hillview Stables, Buckholes Lane, Wheelton.

282/12/16 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council make the same objections to the amendments as to the original application: that the access to the development was a concern and that the application was over development and not for personal use.

16/010933/FULHH 3 Victoria Terrance, Victoria Street, Wheelton.

283/12/16 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council make no objection to the application and requested that it be in keeping with the area.

16/01103/FUL Holly Bank, 378 Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton.

284/12/16 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should raise concerns about the access and the size of the dwelling.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

285/12/16 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary December - £323.37

Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.80

S. Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £950.00

J Carr – Newsletter - £130.62

CPRE – Annual Membership - £36.00
Mrs Wheale – Refreshments for Carols around the Tree - £53.73

2017/18 PRECEPT.

The Parish Council noted the draft Precept as circulated and discussions were had.

286/12/16 The Parish Council RESOLVED to set the 2017/18 precept at £12,262 which would be a 2% increase.

The Chairman advised that he had attended a meeting at Chorley Borough Council which had discussed future funding issues and could affect Wheelton Parish Council. The following matters were highlighted:

- Grant funding would be stopped by 2020 to the County Council which will then roll on to the Borough Council and the Parish Council.
- The County Council had a funding gap of £250 million.
- Chorley Borough Council budgets £2,000,000 per year to continue funding the bus services and library where the County Council had removed funding.
- The 24A Bus Service was funded with subsidies. This service terminates at Astley Village and does not go to Blackburn Hospital which could be one of the reasons that Wheelton Residents could need to use the service.
- The Libraries in question were being staffed by volunteers but the County Council was dragging their feet over giving the premises over.
- Bus Services relating to college attendance, visits to Church Services and Blackburn Hospital appointments.
- Parish Councils could be requested to assist with subsidising funding.

This issue would be discussed further at future Parish Council meetings.

LALC LIAISON MEETING

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had attended the LALC AGM to propose that LALC support the suggestion that LCC Officers were allowed to meet with Parish and Town Councils for the exchange of local knowledge. Although it was noted that the County Councillor had left the meeting 10 minutes before it started, LALC had approved to support the proposal and would write to the County Council.

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUNDING EVENING

The Parish Council noted the information received about a Community Funding evening at the Town Hall on Wednesday 7 December 2016.

PARISH TRANSPORT WORKSHOP.

The Parish Council noted the information received about a Parish Transport Workshop on Saturday 10 December 2016.

NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA MEETING

Following discussion, the Parish Council RESOLVED that there were no further items for inclusion in the Area Neighbourhood Area Meeting priorities apart from the Railings on the Meadow Street side of the Recreation Ground that had already been proposed.

WEST PENNINE MOORS SITE OF SPECIFIC INTEREST

287/12/16

The Parish Council noted the information received regarding the enlargement of the West Pennine Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest and RESOLVED to make no comment.

PENWORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

288/12/16

The Parish Council noted the information received regarding Penwortham Town's Council Neighbourhood Development Plan referendum and RESOLVED to make no comment.

CLERKS APPRAISAL/PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Clerk left the room for this item, on her return she was advised that the Parish Council was delighted with her performance and that she had completed another successful year in post.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- Carols around the tree 24 December 2016
- CRPE Annual Branch development meeting Saturday 21 January 2017.
- Recovery and resilience Conference Saturday 28 January 2017.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9 January at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated