

**MINUTES OF THE 1008<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 2018  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Harper, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale  
Mr N Howson (Chorley Borough Council). Three members of the Public.

**Clerk:** Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**65/12/18** Councillor Dickenson reported that he supports and works with Change.org and 38 Degrees. Councillors Dickenson, Wheale, Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in items covered by 73/12/18

**CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL ENFORCEMENT**

Mr Hodgeson gave an overview of the problems that residents were experiencing relating to the Red Lion and advised that the incidents had impacted unfavourably on the residents. Mr Hodgeson felt that some of the licence approvals had been detrimental to a densely populated residential area. Questions were raised regarding why the temporary licence in October was approved when the last temporary licence has resulted in so many complaints to the County Council and the Police. Mr Howson explained the 2003 Licencing act and what that had meant to licence applications, advising that temporary licences remove any conditions set by the original licence and can only be refused if the Police or the Environmental Health raise complaints. Councillor Dickenson advised that the residents had submitted specific details of various issues but that they had been told by the Borough Council that they did not think that there was anything that could be done.

Mr Howson explained what an Enforcement Officer can enforce which included the prevention of public nuisance and would include outside drinking and the volume of noise outside.

Mr Howson was informed that the residents had a difficulty in reporting matters because different people dealt with different areas of nuisance and did not seem to talk to each other about a specific site. Mr Howson

felt that communication between departments, in the past, had not been good but teams had now been set up and it was hoped that this would improve the communication between different departments.

Mr Howson advised that the new licencing act had allowed residents or the Parish Council to request that the licence be investigated but in reply, Mr Hodgeson stated that this would require the resident to advise the landlord and all relevant parties; police, fire, councils etc. Mr Howson advised that applications for a licence change would require the Borough Council to ensure that the application for change was not vexatious, was valid, not frivolous and not repetitious. Councillor Dickenson questioned whether there had been enough comments to raise some concerns and in response Mr Howson explained what enforcement and planning warnings had already been completed.

Mr Howson advised that residents should continue to keep a log and report complaints regarding noise to Environmental Health and anti-social behaviour to the Police and or the Borough Council.

Mr Hodgeson reported that residents in the village had a great deal of concern about the changes in the village since the licence holder changed. The ambiance of the village had changed it was felt due to the licence as it stands and had turned the village centre into a nightclub at times. Councillor Scambler highlighted that residents were aware that due to the reduction in the local police reports of these issues do not always get recorded.

Residents from Heapey were advised that Wheelton Parish Council could not respond to their specific problems but should report the issues to the Heapey Parish Council Clerk.

Mr Howson was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting. The members of the public also left the meeting.

#### **MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 5 NOVEMBER 2018**

**66/12/18**

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

#### **POLICE REPORT**

There was no report from the Police.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Councillor Berry reported that the Gully Emptier had cleaned the drain outside 24 Bett Lane last week but there was already a flood this morning which had dispersed by the afternoon. This indicated that there was an

underlying issue as water was not draining away with sufficient speed.

The Parish Council were advised that there had been an abandoned vehicle in Higher Wheelton that had been blocking the pavement, but this had been removed after 5 weeks.

## **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

### **a) Traffic Matters**

The Clerk advised that the Landrover that had been parked on Double Yellow Lines on Kenyon Lane had now been removed.

### **b) Recreation Area Enhancement**

The Clerk advised that the hand grips had still not been installed and that no response had been received from Chorley Borough Council. Councillor Dickenson agreed to follow this matter up.

### **c) Defibrillator**

The Clerk reported that the paperwork for the Defibrillator had been sent to North West Ambulance but that no response had been received yet.

Councillor's reported that the Golden Lion had put their Defibrillator in the window of the Public House, so it was on show but would only be accessible during their opening hours.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

18/00947/FUL Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling house, following the demolition of existing buildings.  
Wheelton Lodge Farm, Harbour Lane, Wheelton.

**67/12/18** The Parish Council RESOVLED to make no objection to this application.

18/01017/FUL Erection of single storey side extension to existing holistic spa. Whins Farm Barn, Whins Lane, Wheelton.

**68/12/18** The Parish Council RESOVLED to make no objection to this application.

18/01018/FUL Proposed demolition of existing bungalow, replaced with 1 No. two storey dwelling.  
16 Springbank, Bett Lane, Higher Wheelton.

**69/12/18** The Parish Council RESOVLED to make no objection to this application.

18/01039/FUL Two storey front extension (following demolition of existing porch)  
Briers House, Briers Brow, Wheelton.

**70/12/18** The Parish Council RESOVLED to make no objection to this application.

18/01057/OUT Outline application for the erection of a detached bungalow following demolition of stables (with all matters reserved).  
Blue Dye House, Brinscall Mill Road, Wheelton.

**71/12/18** The Parish Council RESOVLED to make no objection to this application.

18/01059/FUL Extension of an existing building and change of use of rear building and yard area for stabling of horses (Retrospective).  
Laneshide Farm, Brown House Lane, Higher Wheelton.

**72/12/18** The Parish Council RESOVLED to make no objection to this application but are concerned that this application would lead to an application for a residence.

### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

**73/12/18** All accounts were authorised for payment:  
Mrs J Carr – December Salary - £332.97  
Inland Revenue – December Deductions - £83.40  
Mrs J Carr – Laptop Repair/Inspection - £39.00  
Poppy Signs – Recreation Grounds Signs - £428.32  
Lakeside Films Ltd – Replacement walkway lights - £93.60  
Royal British Legion Poppy Wreath £25.00  
Cornthwaite Tree Care – Memorial Garden Tree Removal - £900.00  
Mrs P Dickenson – Remembrance Service Refreshments - £12.77  
Big Unit Studios – Remembrance Service PA - £160.00  
Playdale Playgrounds – VAT on invoice - £61.41  
Mrs J Carr – Newsletter/Stationery - £173.84  
S. Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £920.00  
Mrs Wheale – Carols around the Tree Refreshments - £21.17

DD – Easy Websites – Website hosting and support November - £27.60

**74/12/18** It being 9.30 the Parish Council RESOLVED to suspend standing orders for half an hour.

### **PRECEPT**

The Parish Council noted the draft Precept as circulated and discussions were had. The Clerk highlighted the possible expenditure regarding computer equipment.

**75/12/18** Following discussion, the Parish Council RESOLVED to set the 2019/20 precept at £12,772 which would be a 3% increase on last year.

#### **BOTANY BAY TRAFFIC SURVEY**

**76/12/18** The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the previously circulated reports from the County Council and highlighted that the traffic survey had not been undertaken over a long period of time.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL LAPTOP**

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council Laptop had stopped working. An IT consultant had confirmed that the machine was not repairable and had removed the hard drive. Quotations for replacements were discussed.

**77/12/18** The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should purchase a replacement laptop.

#### **CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN MEMBER LEARNING HOUR**

Councillors discussed the Central Lancashire Local Plan meeting and felt that this was a very important meeting that a Councillor should attend. Unfortunately, there was no-one available to attend the meeting. Borough Councillor Mrs France advised that she was attending the meeting and would report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSALS REGARDING THE CHILDREN & FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE.**

**78/12/18** Councillors RESOLVED to note the information circulated regarding Lancashire county Council's proposals that specifically affect the Children & Family Wellbeing Service.

#### **DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CHORLEY**

Councillors were pleased to see that the Parish Council had been included within a rural area in the draft electoral review.

**78/12/18** Councillors RESOLVED to note the draft Electoral Review of Chorley as circulated.

#### **CLERK'S APPRAISAL/PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

The Clerk left the room for this item, on her return she was advised that the Parish Council advised that she had completed another successful

year in post.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group meeting Monday 10 December 2018 at 6.30pm.
- Carols around the tree – 24 December 2018 at 5.30pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 7 January 2019 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 to Councillors for planting.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated .....