

**MINUTES OF THE 1082nd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2026
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Harper (Chair), Mrs Berry, Mrs France, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).
One Member of the Public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Member of Public in attendance advised that they were in attendance to inform the Council that they were not in favour of the County Council proposal to install additional double yellow lines at the top of Victoria Street and extend the Bus stop markings on the road because a lot of the residents of Albert Street and Victoria Terrace park on this area. The residents also felt that the bus stop should be moved below the entrance to Millbrook Close.

The Member of the Public was thanked for her information and left the meeting.

Councillor Mrs Berry reported that there were a lot of potholes alongside the path on Meadow Street causing vehicles to drive on the path which was now breaking up and sinking. Contractors had attended last month but drove up the street and did not do anything. It was agreed that an article should be put in the summer newsletter to encourage residents to report potholes on Love Clean Streets to ensure that the County Council take responsibility for the condition of the road.

Councillor Hayes reported that Contractors had attended Victoria Street regarding the water leak off Victoria Terrace, had dug a hole and then filled it in but this has still not repaired the leak.

Councillors reported that the brambles growing over the wall on Whins Lane had now been cleared.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hayes declared an interest in item 353/02/26 consultation on County Council traffic measures because he lives at the top of Victoria Street.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 5 JANUARY 2026

342/01/26 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillors were advised that the Friends of Wheelton Christmas Tree had passed on some of the funds raised to the War Memorial Trust.

343/02/26 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to thank them for the donation, confirm that the Parish Council was happy for them to continue to run the Carols around the Tree event and advise that guidelines for using Parish Council areas needed to be followed for future years.

Councillors discussed the ownership of the War Memorial and the Gardens and the Clerk was requested to investigate the deeds for the tower and gardens and clarify who was responsible for the whole garden and structures.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

i) **Repairs to the finger post.** Councillor Hayes reported that he had contacted the suggested Contractor regarding refurbishing the street sign but they could not do the work required and had suggested a fabricating company in Adlington. Unfortunately, they also could not help. Councillor Hayes reported that he would continue to try and identify a contractor who could move the project forward.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk reported that Chorley Borough Council had still not responded to her emails regarding the replacement of the bark on the Play Area.

c) War Memorial

The Clerk reported that the Tree Survey Surgeon had inspected the tree in the War Memorial Garden that had lost a limb and had advised that the tree was diseased and would require removing. The tree had therefore been removed.

Councillors reported that the Christmas tree was still in situ in the war memorial gardens. The Clerk agreed to chase up removal of the tree.

d) Benches

The Clerk reported that the water board had advised that they were unable to find a new bench but requested that the Parish Council supply a new bench on Buckholes Lane and United Utilities would reimburse the cost.

344/02/26 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should request quotations for a standards wooden bench and a reconstituted plastic bench and forward to United Utilities.

PLANNING MATTERS

345/02/26 The Parish Council RESOLVED to make the following comments on planning applications received:

26/00073/FUL Little Harbour Farm, Harbour Lane, Wheelton.
Section 73 application to vary condition 5 (self-build condition) of planning permission ref: 25/00593/FUL (Erection of 1 no. self-build dwelling (following demolition of existing buildings) and access alterations) in order to alter the individual named within the self-build condition.

Wheelton Parish Council made no objections to this application.

Q. What is Chorley allowing to be built on green belt?

A. If an application is within the same as the original footprint, it would be allowed but if new or over the original size it would not be allowed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

346/02/26 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary February – £537.42
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions February - £172.62

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support February – £30.36

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

347/02/26 Councillors RESOLVED to note the information circulated regarding the preferred options of the 12 District Councils, LCC, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool in regard to the Governments Local Government Review.

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL SERVICE

348/02/26 Councillors RESOLVED to note the invitation to the Blackburn Cathedral Service to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Gulf War's Liberation of Kuwait.

CHORLEY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE FOR UKRAINE

349/02/26 Councillors RESOLVED to note the invitation to the Chorley and District Remembrance Service for Ukraine. Councillor Mrs France advised that she would be attending.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

350/02/26 Councillors RESOLVED that the Chair should be the Parish Council's nomination for the draw for tickets for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2026.

351/02/26 CHORLEY COUNCIL TRAINING SESSION

The Parish Council RESOLVED to note Chorley Council's training session on Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs). Councillor Mrs France advised that she would be attending.

352/02/26 It being 9.30pm, The Parish Council RESOLVED to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting until 10.00pm.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

353/02/26 Governors noted the Traffic Regulation Orders received from Lancashire County Council and discussed the impact on residents, parking issues, problems with the buses not being able to access the village, sitings of bus stops and road safety.

LSG4/894.21630/AFR

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LSG4/894.21631/AFR

LSG4/894.21633/AFR

LSG4/894.21632/AFR

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to make no observations to these proposals.

LSG4/894.21635/AFR

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to make the following observations to this proposal:

- This will contribute to road safety for all.
- This will remove the issue of cars parking on the A674 end of Victoria Street and obscuring the sightline.
- This will solve the problem of bus access but will cause another problem with vehicles parking somewhere else with a loss of public amenity.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group – 4 March 2026.
- Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting – Wednesday 25 March 2026

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2 March 2026 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair
Dated