

**MINUTES OF THE 1038th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2022
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Harper, Mrs Berry, Dickenson, Mrs France, Scambler and Wheale.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Cummins and Two members of the Holcombe Hunt.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

Holcombe Hunt were thanked for their attendance and were welcomed to the meeting. Short introductions were had.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs Berry declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 342/02/22 as she is a neighbour of the property in application 22/00072/FUL.

HOLCOMBE HUNT

Councillor Dickenson explained to the Hunt members the difficulties during the New Year's Day Hunt with illegal/inconsiderate parking not being moved on and the meeting in the village blocking the road to traffic.

Ms Simmons advised that they were aware that some people attending do not follow a rural hunt and gave an overview of the Hunts history over the last 100 years. The Hunt has close links to the local police and follow a legal method of riding with hounds with the support of local landowners. The hunt provides a riding club for both young and old.

This year's meet numbers had been cut to 35 due to Covid but due to the popularity of the hunt some riders had just turned up on the day. The bus timetable had been checked to ensure that they were not meeting outside the Red Lion when a bus was due to be there but again could not control the people turning up to watch the hunt set off.

The hunt had used traffic management previously, but the company was not

available this time. Councillors suggested that the hunt should have traffic marshals in the area that weren't involved in the hunting so that they could stay until after the hunt had set off.

Following discussions, it was agreed that:

- better communication between the hunt and the Parish Council would be preferable.
- Councillor Dickenson would share the map showing the Road Race Marshal positions and parking areas.
- Something could be put in the Parish Council newsletter advising residents that the hunt would be in the area and requesting that parking be legal and considerate.

Councillor Mrs France joined the meeting.

The Holcombe Hunt was thanked for attending the meeting and their willingness to work with the local community and left the meeting.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 10 JANUARY 2022

340/02/22 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

335/01/22. Councillor Mrs France reported that she had met with Southlands High School regarding the proposed reduction in PAN. The County Council had spoken against the reduction. The school had reported that they did not want to keep the current PAN because they had spaces at the school and ended up having to accept children excluded from other schools or ones with SEN but no additional funding. Councillor Mrs France had discussed the lack of places for the children from the area.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that PCSO Clarke had not sent in a report this month.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the Public.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillor Harper advised that there was no update on the repair to the fingerpost and was still to pass on the details of the contractor to the Clerk.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk advised that funding was still being sought for the replacement play equipment.

c) War Memorial

Councillor Wheale reported that there were some areas that needed repointing around the base of the clock tower and a couple of the copings at the wall.

341/02/22 The Parish Council RESOLVED that Councillor Wheale should investigate whether the Grounds Maintenance Contractor would be able to action the work.

The Clock had been serviced but needed to be monitored to check if it had been set correctly because it had been losing 5 minutes every month.

PLANNING MATTERS

342/02/22 The Parish Council considered the following planning applications and RESOLVED to make the following observations:

22/00032/FULHH Whins Farm, Whins Lane, Wheelton
Erection of a single storey rear extension and ramp to the side elevation to facilitate disabled access.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

22/00072/FUL Shani 18 Bett Lane Higher Wheelton
Demolition and replacement of existing bungalow with 1no. 2 storey dwelling

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

21/01166/FUL The Croft Lower Simpson Fold Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton
Demolition of an existing dwelling with detached garage, and construction of 1 No. self-build eco-home with attached garage.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to **OBJECT** to the amended plans for planning application **21/01166/FUL** on the following grounds:

- The ownership of the lane is not confirmed as stated in the application. Highways have stated they want changes to the access which the landowner would need to do.
- There are a number of trees on the property that are significant and should be protected
- Protected Wildlife – there is a bat roost in the roof of the existing buildings
- The balcony overlooks neighbouring properties and is intrusive.

- The size of the building is excessive for the plot and is a substantial volume increase
- Size, scale and design are not in keeping with the surrounding area

The removal of the basement does not address any of the concerns previously identified.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

343/02/22 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary February – £359.66
 Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions February - £90.00
 Mrs J Carr – Postage - £7.92

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support February – £27.60

TEMPORARY WEIGHT RESTRICTION SUSPENSION ON THE A674

344/02/22 Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the temporary weight restriction suspension on the A674 in conjunction with the road closure on the M65 between junction 2 and 3.

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the County Council requesting that as part of the traffic management scheme, traffic lights should be placed at the top of Victoria Street and other well used junctions on the A674.

RESIDENTS LETTER REGARDING MILLBROOK CLOSE GREEN

Councillors noted the email received from a resident advising that the Green on Millbrook Close is increasingly being used to exercise dogs and that the owners of the dogs are abusive when challenged.

345/02/22 The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should request that Chorley Borough Council put a “no dogs” sign up. It was further RESOLVED that something should be included in the summer newsletter.

346/02/22 It being 9.30pm the Parish Council RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders for a maximum of 30 minutes.

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBLIEE

The Parish Council discussed ways to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

347/02/22 The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should investigate a plaque to put on a tree in the Memorial Gardens or Recreation Ground.

PLANNING IN PRACTICE

The Parish Council noted the information on the Planning in Practice training session on Wednesday 2 March 2022 at 5.45pm until approx. 7.45pm in The Lancastrian, Chorley Town Hall

348/02/22 The Parish Council RESOLVED not to attend the Planning in Practice Training.

PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL CONFERENCE

The Parish Council noted the information The Parish and Town Council Conference (the 'Highways Special') which would take place on Saturday 19 March 2022 in The Exchange at County Hall, Preston

349/02/22 The Parish Council RESOLVED not to attend the Parish and Town Council Conference

LALC NEWSLETTER AND TRAINING

350/02/22 The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the LALC newsletter previously circulated and training for the coming year.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Councilors were reminded that there would be elections this year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 March 2022 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated