

**MINUTES OF THE 1049th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2023
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dickenson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 9 JANUARY 2023

72/02/23 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillors discussed the Brinscall Health Centre Contract situation and noted that the deadline for the signing of the contract had passed two weeks ago but it had still not been signed. Councillor Mrs France advised that there had been a protest outside the ICB headquarters, and a group of 20 people had been allowed inside to give their views on the lack of consultation with the users of the surgery and that no-one was aware that there was a tendering process taking place. Councillors noted that there had been a lot of press attention and that the matter was still being reviewed.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that there was no report from the Police this month.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Mrs Berry reported that the 30 mile an hour flashing sign on the A674 was not lighting up. The Clerk was requested to advise County Councillor Cullens so that he could raise the issue next time he was discussing traffic calming request with the County Council.

Councillors had noted that the speed camera van had been in Higher Wheelton in the last month.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillors noted that the repairs to the finger post at the Memorial Gardens were still ongoing.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk reported that the new equipment had been installed on the Meadow Street Play area and new bark installed on the same day that the fencing had been removed.

The Clerk advised that the grant application to the Play and Open Spaces Fund which was to be used towards the second part of the Play Equipment refurbishment had been awarded.

73/02/23

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should get a quotation for another bench, a table if there was space available and possibly a small piece of equipment.

c) War Memorial

Councillors were aware that the war memorial re-pointing would be done in the spring when the weather had improved.

Councillor Wheale advised that £312.90 had been collected for the War Memorial Trust at the Carols around the Tree event. Councillor Wheale had also undertaken some repairs to the lighting in the Clock Tower.

PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

23/00009/FUL Whins Green Kitchen Whins Lane Wheelton

Section 73 application to remove condition 2 (temporary time limit) and amend conditions 4 (hours of operation), 5 (playing of music) and 6 (outdoor use) attached to planning permission 21/01294/FUL (Section 73 application to vary condition no. 3 (hours of operation) attached to planning permission 20/01337/FUL (Conversion of subterranean void space beneath the existing building and associated construction works to provide cafe / day spa facilities (retrospective)) to allow longer opening hours on Fridays and Saturdays to between 09:00 and 23:00 hours.)

74/02/23 It was RESOLVED to object to the application due to the effect on the amenity of the immediate residents on the following grounds:

- Increased traffic
- Increased litter along Whins lane
- Increased noise particularly for outdoor events

23/00008/FUL Whins Green Kitchen Whins Lane Wheelton
Section 73 application to remove condition 2 (temporary time limit) and amend conditions 4 (hours of operation), 5 (playing of music) and 6 (outdoor use) attached to planning permission 21/00688/FUL (Section 73 application to vary condition no.4 (hours of operation) attached to planning permission 19/01030/FUL (Change of use from holistic spa to holistic spa and cafe) to allow longer opening hours on Fridays and Saturdays to between 09:00 and 23:00 hours)

75/02/23 It was RESOLVED to object to the application due to the effect on the amenity of the immediate residents on the following grounds:

- Increased traffic
- Increased litter along Whins lane
- Increased noise particularly for outdoor events

76/02/23 Councillors noted that there was a planning meeting at Chorley Council regarding the proposed plan for sites and RESOLVED that Councillor Dickenson should be approved to speak on the Parish Council's behalf. It was noted that there were two sites in Wheelton/Heapey which included no infrastructure improvements.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

77/02/23 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary February – £397.14
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions February - £99.40
Kompan – New Play Equipment - £33,488.94

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

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisor Group meeting – 8 March 2023 at 6.30pm at Chorley Town Hall.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6 March 2023 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated