

**MINUTES OF THE 1071st WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2025
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).
County Councillor Cullens.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Wheale.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs Berry and Scambler declared an interest in 256/02/25 Grounds Maintenance Contract and took no part in the discussion.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 6 JANUARY 2025

254/02/25 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Hayes reported that the missing Millbrook Close sign had been replaced but not by the original one.

Councillor Hayes and County Councillor Cullens had met regarding the flooding across the A674. County Councillor Cullens reported that he had chased up the matter and the County Council would be actioning it within 10 days.

The Clerk reported that the automatic gate closure had been fitted on the play area gate.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that the November and December data had not been recorded yet.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the Public.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillor Hayes reported that he had made contact with the Contractor regarding the finger post fingers but that he may have to visit them to discuss the requirements further.

255/02/25

The Parish Council RESOLVED to reimburse the mileage cost of Councillor Hayes travel should this be required.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

Councillor Dickenson advised that he had seen some outdoor gym equipment installed in a park and that it would be something that the Council could install for residents' wellbeing although it was not known where this could be installed.

c) War Memorial

There was nothing new to report.

d) Grounds Maintenance Contract

Councillors Mrs Berry and Scambler, having declared an interest took no part in this item.

The Clerk reported that the Grounds Maintenance Contractor had agreed to accept a three-year extension to the contract but questioned whether the price could be increased because it was a number of years since he had increased his prices and his costs had risen exponentially over that period. Councillors discussed the matter.

256/02/25

Following a vote, the Parish Council RESOLVED to offer a three-year extension to the grounds maintenance contract at a cost of £4,500 per annum.

PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications received:

Councillor Mrs France advised that the planning application at Finnington Lane was likely to go to Committee in the Summer 2025. County Councillor Cullens reported that highways had not approved the application because there was no bicycle provision. Councillor Mrs France advised that the application was against the planning framework so will probably be refused and go to appeal.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

257/02/25 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary February – £595.96
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions February - £149.00
Mrs J Carr – Grounds Maintenance and Stationery - £231.33

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

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

258/02/25 Councillors RESOLVED to note the previously circulated E-mail from Withnell Fold Primary School looking for School Governors.

CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORTING SYSTEM

259/01/25 It was RESOLVED to note Chorley Council’s reporting system for recording areas of dog fouling.

PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL CHARTER 2024

260/02/25 Councillors RESOLVED to note the Lancashire County Council’s Parish and Town Council Charter 2024.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Be a Councillor Information Evening for prospective candidates – Wednesday 5 February 2025.
- Chorley Liaison meetings – 22 January 2025 and 19 March 2025.
- Rivington & Brinscall Local Advisory Group – 5 March 2025.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3 March 2025 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated