

**MINUTES OF THE 957th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2014
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT:

Councillors Dickenson, Berry, Fowler, Hayes and Scambler.
County Councillor Snape and PC Harrison.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stewart and Wheale, Borough Councillor Hansford and France.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 6 JANUARY 2014.

945/02/14 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

POLICE REPORT

PC Harrison advised that there have been a number of offences in the local area including:

- 5 dwelling burglaries
- 1 attempted dwelling burglary
- 4 reports of criminal damage
- 6 reports of vehicle crime 10 incidents of anti-social behaviour

It was noted that none of these crimes had been in the Parish and the Chairman felt that these figures confirmed his observation that with the withdrawal of Police support for community events residents would not be receiving value for money. PC Harrison was advised of the letter sent on behalf of the Parish Council regarding Speed Restrictions Trailer. A reply has yet to be received.

PC Harrison reported that PS Pauline Appleton begins her maternity leave next week, PS Davis will be covering her duties until July but it is not know what will happen after that. PCSO

Michelle Appleton is also on maternity leave but other PCSOs will be patrolling the area.

Councillor Dickenson reported that the current police accommodation was currently poor PC Harrison advised that although the accommodation was not very comfortable – there was no heating, it was central and convenient for the areas that he covered.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following matters were also reported:

- Blocked drains on Whins Lane, Buckholes Lane and Jenny Lane.
- A large amount of Dog Waste is being left on Victoria Street and Meadow Street. Out of hours Dog Warden visits were requested and the installation of CCTV was questioned.
- The Gullies have still not been cleared of grass on Briers Brow which is making water drain onto the road. The Clerk was requested to write to Andrew Burrows at LCC (copy to Kim Snape) to advise of the problems this undergrowth was causing.

946/02/14

ENHANCING WHEELTON

1) PARKING ISSUES

The Clerk advised that Parkwise had not replied to the request for a site visit and Councillor Hayes reported that the area that he had questioned as being suitable for a car park is now being developed.

A letter had been sent to Mr McLaughlin, Lancashire County Council regarding the offer of a trailer with a movable traffic control sign. No reply had been received.

2) PLAY AREA PATHWAY

The Clerk reported that an update had been received regarding the play area pathway project. The Borough Council will be issuing a sketch drawing of the project and holding a consultation with local residents.

3) PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT

The Clerk advised that two quotations had been received for the repairs to the play equipment. Playdale had quoted for repairing the ramp and replacing the platform at a cost

of £451.46 plus VAT and Chorley Borough Council had quoted £50 to repair the ramp, they had advised that the platform did not require replacement at this time. Councillors noted that the ROSPA report had advised that the platform was in need of repair and that the funding from Councillor Snape needed to be spent by the end of the financial year.

- 947/02/14 It was RESOLVED that the quotation from Playdale for the repair of the ramp and platform should be accepted and an invoice sent to the Charity Trust.

PLANNING MATTERS

14/00004/TEL – Windy Harbour Farm, Harbour Lane, Wheelton.

- 948/02/14 It was RESOLVED that no objection should be raised to this application.

14/00021/FUL – Logwood Stables, Brinscall Mill Road, Wheelton

- 949/02/14 It was RESOLVED that no objection should be raised to this application.

14/00135/LATEN – Temporary Event Licence – Heapey & Wheelton Village Hall, West View, Wheelton

- 950/02/14 It was RESOLVED that no objection should be raised to this application.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- 951/02/14 All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary - £291.46
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £73.00

LANCASHIRE AND BLACKPOOL LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Councillors reviewed the Lancashire and Blackpool local flood risk management strategy consultation paperwork as circulated.

- 952/02/14 It was RESOLVED that no comment should be made on the Lancashire and Blackpool local flood risk management strategy.

REPORT ON THE MEETING REGARDING THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICE

Councillor Dickenson and County Councillor Snape reported on the meeting with John Fillis regarding the removal of the County Council bus subsidies and the subsequent removal of evening and Sunday bus service to Chorley. Discussions were had and the following was noted:

- The service is making money
- Off Peak services are required to be tendered for but peak services do not.
- The Government would need to allow the law to be changed to link peak and off peak tenders.
- A meeting is being held at the County Council next week in regard to the bus subsidies.
- Dial a ride is available for the Elderly
- The Parish does not have an alternative public transport during these times.

953/02/14 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to Mr Fillis to reiterate that the Parish Council is totally opposed to the removal of the evening and Sunday bus service.

PLANNING AND CIL WORKSHOP

Councillor Dickenson reported that he had attended the Borough Parish Liaison Group where Neighbourhood planning had been discussed. It was noted that Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) means that a Parish Council would receive additional funding from developments if they had a Parish Plan. Councillors were advised that there will be a Neighbourhood Planning Workshop on Tuesday 11 March 2014 4pm – 8pm.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2014

Councillors were reminded that it was their responsibility to collect forms for the Parish Council elections in May 2014.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should ascertain from the Borough Council whether forms could be collected as a group by the Clerk.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- Mayor's Charity Valentine's Ball – Friday 14 February 2014
- Mayor's Charity Gala – Friday 28 March 2014
- Chorley Borough Council have requested suggestions for how the Borough Council should invest money for the coming year's budget.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3 March 2014 at 8.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

.....
Chairman

Dated