

**MINUTES OF THE 968th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2015
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT:

Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Scambler and Wheale.

Borough Councillor Mrs M France.

1 member of the Public.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

Councillor Dickenson welcomed Mr Harper to the meeting and gave an overview of how the Parish Council works. Mr Harper was invited to ask any questions regarding applying to join the Parish Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor K Snape.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Berry and Scambler declared a non pecuniary interest in item /02/15 as they are related to the current grounds maintenance contract holder.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 5 JANUARY 2015

92/02/15 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk advised that there had been no report from the Police. Councillor Dickenson advised that he had attended the January PACT meeting when the Police had not been pleased with the Parish Council priority of parking. PCSO Short had been transferred to another area and Wheelton was now being covered by PC Harrison and a new PC, which has put the police under extreme pressure.

There had been a number of burglaries in the area, which may be being perpetrated by the same gang working though the borough. A number of these burglaries were opportunistic due to buildings/out buildings being left insecure.

The next PACT meeting would take place on the 3 February 2015 and the Chairman advised that he would be attending.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Berry reported that:

- There was a pot hole outside No. 1A Victoria Street
- There were pot holes at the top of Meadow Street
- There was a blocked drain outside the Off Licence in Victoria Street
- There was a blocked drain outside No. 24 Bett Lane

The Clerk was requested to report these to the County Council.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Councillors were reminded of the reducing police presence in the area and were advised that the Neighbourhood Watch had offered to attend a Parish Council meeting to advised on the positive reasons to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The Clerk was requested to invite the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to the March Parish Council meeting.

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ENHANCING WHEELTON

1) PARKING

Councillors agreed that Councillor Dickenson should continue to raise the parking issue at the PACT meetings as parking in the village was still dangerous at times and the Clerk was requested to advise the Clerk at Heapey Parish Council about the dangerous parking on Kenyon Lane and Blackburn Road.

2) SPID TRAILER

The Clerk advised that due to the bad weather it had not been possible to assess the SPID trailer but that the batteries had been received and a site visit would be undertaken when the weather improves.

3) PLAY AREA

The Clerk advised that no further information had been received from Chorley Borough Council regarding the Seating Project and that quotations had been requested for the work to the trees but had not been received yet.

4) NOTICEBOARDS

A quotation had been received for refurbishment of the notice boards at a cost of £900 for the two. This was considered to be expensive for the work required. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should source further quotes for the work.

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5) DOG BINS

The Clerk advised that Chorley Borough Council had removed the bin on the canal towpath near Whins Lane as it had been difficult to empty and regularly overfilled. A larger bin had been placed on Whins Lane. Councillors noted that

the bin belonged to the Parish Council and had been placed on the towpath for the use of people walking dogs along the canal and not necessarily up to Whins Lane.

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It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Borough Council and request that the bin on the Canal towpath be replaced and continued to be emptied by the Borough Council as per the agreement with the Parish Council.

6) SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Councillors Dickenson and Fowler advised that there had been a number of complaints regarding the siting of the new masts situated on Millbrook Close. Councillors discussed the legal position regarding utility companies and it was noted that as far as the Council was aware there would not be any further masts installed.

The Clerk advised that an offer had been made by a resident to superfast Lancashire of land to site a cabinet connected to the Brinscall Exchange to enable Wheelton residents a better chance of accessing ultrafast broadband.

PLANNING MATTERS

14/01307/FUL The Croft, Briers Brow, Wheelton
Erection of stable block with storage

96/02/15

The Parish Council and were concerned that this application may develop into a commercial development and questioned whether this could also be classed as overdevelopment.

Borough Councillor Mrs France advised that with regards to planning application at behind the Red Lion Car Park. The car park had been remarked by the Brewery which had incorrectly reduced the number of parking spaces, the marking was due to be redone and the number of spaces increased. Councillors requested that Borough Councillor Mrs France request the Borough Council investigate the ownership of the lane that the properties could use for parking should planning permission be granted.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

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All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary February - £240.18
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.00
LCC – Speed trailer batteries - £122.21

COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

98/02/15 The Clerk advised that the Borough Council had notified that the Parish Council were now eligible to Co-opt to the vacancy created by Mr Stewart's resignation. It was RESOLVED that notices should be displayed in the notice boards requesting applications by the 22 February 2015 with interested parties being invited to the March Parish Council meeting to give a short 5 minutes presentation on what they could bring to the Parish Council. A vote would then be taken.

LCC PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL CONFERENCE

99/02/15 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would not send a representative to the LCC Parish and Town Council Conference on 21 March 2015.

GROUNDS MAINTAINENCE CONTRACT

Councillors noted the grounds maintainence schedule of works and discussed the request for tenders and length of contract.

100/02/15 It was RESOLVED that the tender notices should be displayed in the notice boards as soon as possible and should request quotations for the March meeting of the Parish Council. The length of the contract should continue to be for 3 years.

CHORLEY GRAND PRIX

Councillors noted the information previously circulated regarding the Chorley Grand Prix on Saturday 4 April 2015.

ONSHORE OIL AND GAS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

It was RESOLVED to make no comment on the Onshore Oil and Gas Supplementary Planning Document.

COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSALS

It was RESOLVED to make no comment on the County Council Budget Proposals.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information

- The proposed road closure on harbour Lane, Wheelton Monday 9 March 2015 until Friday 13 March 2015 to enable utility works to take place.
- Chorley Borough Council Mayor's Charity Ball, Friday 6 February 2015
- Residents had been offered the chance to comment on Chorley Council's budget priorities for 2015/16.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2 March 2015 at 8.00pm
The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated