

**MINUTES OF THE 979th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Harper, Hayes and Scambler. Borough Councillors Mrs M France and Mr C France.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

Mr Snowdon had advised that he was not able to attend the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 4 JANUARY 2016

205/02/16 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

POLICE REPORT

There were no reports from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillors noted the letter received from Mr Hurcombe regarding parking on the pavements in the Parish. The Chairman explained that this was an historical problem and gave an overview of previous and current problems. It was reported that there had been a significant amount of parking on yellow lines during the last month. The Chairman reminded the Councillors that it was possible for the Parish Council to purchase visits from the enforcement team. Borough Councillor Mrs France advised that the matter would be reported at the January PACT meeting. It was AGREED that the matter would be discussed with Mr Fillis during the

requested site visit.

- 206/02/16 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to; The Chief Executive of the County Council and John Fillis, Chorley Borough Council, Clive Grunshaw Police Commissioner and Lindsay Hoyle MP to advise that the Parish Council has been repeatedly requesting a site visit to discuss areas of concern in Wheelton and that if a visit is repeatedly denied, that that Parish Council may be forced to contact the press.
- 207/02/16 It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk should reply to Mr Hurcombe advising of the Parish Councils actions.

Councillor Berry advised that the drain outside 22 Bett Lane had been cleared.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Chairman had met with Mrs Blackstock from Chorley Borough Council to discuss the Borough Council Audit of open spaces. Mrs Blackstock had agreed to respond to the Clerk regarding funding to replace old play equipment and fencing. .

c) Defibrillator

Councillor Hayes reported that an application for a defibrillator had been unsuccessful as the West Midlands Ambulance Service had not countersigned the application. Councillor Hayes advised that he had been unable to contact the West Midlands Ambulance Service to discuss a further application for the next round of part funding in April.

PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk advised that there were no planning applications to consider.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

- 208/02/16 All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary January - £320.18
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.00

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Councillors discussed the current website noting that the Clerk was unable to update it and could only email content to Mr Cheetham. Following discussion it was agreed to invite Easy Website to the next Parish Council meeting to give a presentation of their website design that a number of local Parish Council had purchased. The Parish Council had applied for funding to provide a new website.

FRACKING PRESENTATION

The Chairman gave an overview of the meeting at Chorley Borough Council regarding Fracking in the area. There was no hard data available but it was looking likely that North West England could receive applications for Fracking and that there could be one in this area or close enough to affect this area. The Chairman gave an overview of the information received at the meeting. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council was not anti-energy or “not in my back yard” but felt that any development would not have an impact on employment. Borough Councillor’s Mr and Mrs France advised that the Borough Council’s view was that they would not say outright that they would not allow fracking but wanted to ensure that the decision was thoroughly informed regarding the risk of pollution and the impact on the local area. The Borough Council also wanted to make sure that any decision was made locally.

209/02/16 It was RESOLVED that the Chairman should speak to a local geologist and Frack Free Chorley and request that they come to a Parish Council meeting to talk on the matter and that other local Parish Councils would be invited.

PARISH COUNCIL’S ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING SESSIONS

Councillors noted the Tree Warden training session being run by Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council and LALC’s Play Area Inspections and Risk Assessment. .

210/02/16 Councillors RESOLVED that the Parish Council would not attend the training sessions

BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

211/02/16 It was RESOLVED that in recognition of the work that Councillor Berry had done for the Guides and the village that the Clerk should nominate Councillor Berry and her daughter for the LALC Ballot for tickets to the 2016 Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL’S CONSULTATION ON PENWORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL’S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

212/02/16 It was RESOLVED to note the information regarding Penwortham Town Council’s Neighbourhood Plan and to make no comment.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- Chorley National Cycle race on Saturday 26 March 2016.
- The Parish Liaison meeting had reported that Wheelton now had Broadband although BT had not published the fact. Residents would need to apply to their provider and negotiate the cost.
- The Parish Liaison meeting had also advised that the withdrawal of the bus

subsidy could mean no bus service on weekends and evenings. The County Council had been offering a Parish Based Partnership which had been discussed at a previous parish council meeting. Councillors noted the information and were aware of the issue regarding bus services in the parish.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 March 2016 at 8.00pm
The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated