

**MINUTES OF THE 1001st WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2018
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.
Borough Councillor Mrs M France.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor M Harper,

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

428/02/18 Councillors Berry and Scambler declared an interest in item 434/02/18 as relatives of the current grounds maintenance contract holder.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 8 JANUARY 2018

429/02/18 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman reported that:

- he and Councillor Hayes met with the Golden Lion regarding the defibrillator. They had agreed in principle that the two Parish Councils could contribute £200 to the cost of the outdoor cupboard on the basis that this became a community asset. Councillor Hayes reported that there was currently no timescale for the project. Governors discussed the matter.
- Borough Councillor France reported that she had been advised that the Planning Enforcement had originally been planned for later on in the year but that she had requested that it take place soon than March/April.
- Councillor Dickenson reported that he had attended the Parish Liaison meeting. Chorley Borough Council were looking for digital champions.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Dickenson report that he had received numerous complaints from the public regarding the state of the village roads and pavements. Councillors discussed the

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problems. The Clerk was requested to write to the County Councillor with overall responsibility for highways and copy in the MP for transport to advise that the Parish Council felt that the parish was being neglected by the County council regarding maintenance of the roads, pavements, road markings and gully cleaning.

The Chairman reported that he had received no complaints regarding the Red Lion.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

i) Speeding on Winns Lane.

The Clerk advised that the County Council had not responded to her request regarding the speed limit on Winns Lane.

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact the Policy and advise that the County Council had been unable to clarify the speed limit on wins lane.

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b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk advised that the Playdale had completed the installation of new unit even though the weather had been atrocious.

The Chairman reported that the Nursery had advised that the children were really enjoying the new play equipment. Adactis Housing who had provided the Big grant had been offered the opportunity to take a photograph of the equipment for publicity of their grant funding. Councillors were invited to attend when the photographs were taken.

PLANNING MATTERS

18/00079/FUL – South Miry Fold Farm, Briers Brow, Wheelton

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The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to the application.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

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All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – February Salary - £326.60

Inland Revenue – February Deductions - £81.60

Playdale – Playground Equipment Balance - £4739.10

DD – Easy Websites – Website hosting and support February - £24.00

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Clerk advised Councillors that the current three-year Grounds Maintenance contract was due to renewal at the end of March 2018. Councillor discussed the contract and the Chairman reminded Councillors that they should consider the best for purpose tender and not necessarily the cheapest. The Clerk reported that she had received a request from Envirocare to quote.

- 434/02/18** It was RESOLVED that The Clerk should invite the current provider and Envirocare to quote and to advertise the tender process on the Website and Parish Noticeboards with tenders coming to the March 2018 Parish Council meeting.

WW1 CENTENARY CELEBRATION/COMMEMORATION

The Chairman advised that a meeting was being arranged on the 12 February 2018 and Councillors were invited to attend.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULATION ON PROPOSED ONE-WAY TRAFFIC INTRODUCTION

Councillors discussed the email from Lancashire county Council regarding their proposed to introduce a one way route along the length of Jenny Lane, Higher Wheelton following requests for a measure to slow traffic down on the road. Borough Councillor France reported that Highways Officers undertook a site visit and this was their proposal. Councillors discussed whether the County Council had consulted with the Commercial Properties or residents and whether the road could become resident access only.

- 435/02/18** Councillors RESOLVED to circulate notices to the residents on Jenny Lane, Bett Lane and the adjacent side of Blackburn Rod.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Celebrating the Diversity of our Communities event Thursday 8 February 2018
- Chroley Grand Prix – 15 April 2018

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 March 2018 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated