

**MINUTES OF THE 1037<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Harper, Mrs Berry, Dickenson, Mrs France, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor Cummins and One member of the public.

**Clerk:** Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs Berry and Scambler declared an interest in item 337/01/22 as they are relatives of the payee.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 6 DECEMBER 2021**

**332/01/22** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

326/12/21. The Clerk reported that the County Council had sent a response to the information sent regarding the number of accidents on Victoria Street which stated that “the issues raised relate to occurrences of unrecorded incidents resulting from inappropriate care by drivers. Wheelton Village has not had any recorded injury collisions for the past 5 years therefore it does not allow us to justify funding for mitigation methods at this location”. The Parish Council were disappointed with this response and felt that there had been a precedent with measures put into place on the A674. County Councillor Cullens agreed to take the matter up with the Traffic Management Team and the Crime Commissioner and also chase up the request for a 20 mile per hour limit on Victoria Street.

**333/01/22**

Planning – Councillors were advised that the Highways department had made quite a few requirements regarding the planning application for the Black Lion Field. Councillor Dickenson reported that the meeting held had received an offer of support from a knowledgeable resident from an adjacent parish who had also passed on some relevant information.

## **POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk reported that PCSO Clarke had not sent in a report this month.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Councillors reported that the recent Holcombe Hunt meet had cause problems with traffic again and access in the centre of Wheelton following their invitation to meet outside the Red Lion. Cars had again been parking along the A674 and it was understood that the Hunt did not have anyone marshalling the parking this year. The Parish Council noted that it was part of British Heritage but felt that the Hunt were not keeping to the informal agreement of traffic management. The Clerk was requested to invite the Hunt to send a representative to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the issue.

Councillors Mrs Berry and Hayes reported that the grid on Whins Lane past Prospect House was blocked, and the grid had sunken. Water was bubbling up during periods of rain. There was also a collapsing grid at the entrance to St Pauls Close. The Clerk was requested to report the issues.

## **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

### **a) Traffic Matters**

The County Council had responded that the Parish Council would be allowed to undertake repairs to the finger post outside the memorial gardens at their own cost.

**334/01/22** It was RESOLVED that Councillor Harper should arrange for the repair to be undertaken and pass the details of the contractor to the Clerk.

### **b) Recreation Area Enhancement**

Councillors noted the quotations and drawings received for the Play Area redevelopment. Funding would continue to be

### **c) War Memorial**

Councillor Dickenson reported that one of the War Memorial Trustees had died and that they would be seeking a replacement.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

**335/01/22** The Parish Council considered the following planning applications and RESOLVED to make the following observations:

21/01418/FULHH 6 Lawton Close, Higher Wheelton  
Single storey rear extension and window to the first-floor side elevation.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

21/01433/FUL Buckholes Farm, Buckholes Lane, Wheelton  
Extension to existing steel portal framed agricultural building.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

21/01457/FULHH Miry Fold Farm, Briers Brow, Wheelton  
Single storey rear extension.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

Councillor Mrs France advised that she had raised the issue of dirt on the road on the A674 opposite Lawton Close. Enforcement had been notified again.

### **PROPOSED PAN REDUCTION**

Councillors noted the information previously circulated regarding the proposed reduction in the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) for Southlands High School, Chorley. Councillors noted that children from Wheelton and the surrounding parishes had previously not been able to obtain places in High Schools in Chorley and that the Lancashire Education Authority had identified a need for 60 additional high school places. With the additional development at Botany Bay there could be even more high school places required.

Mr Bradshaw left the meeting.

**336/01/22** The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the MOSAIC Multi Academy Trust to advise that they were not happy with the reduction of places because it would impact negatively on the children in our area who had struggled to get high school places in the past.

### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

**337/01/22** All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary January – £359.66  
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions January - £90.00  
Mrs J Carr – Stationery - £87.93  
S Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £920.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support January – £27.60

### **ACCOUNTS**

**338/01/22** Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Income and Expenditure reports to December 2021 as circulated.

## **CAROLS AROUND THE TREE**

Councillors gave an overview of the event and reported that it had gone very well. Restricting the number of people in the gardens worked well because it meant that people had a better view. £140.00 had been raised for the War Memorial Trust.

**331/11/21** The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should write to those involved thanking them for their involvement.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- Chorley Liaison meeting 19 January 2022 will be a hybrid meeting with people on-line and in person.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 7 February 2022 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated .....