

**MINUTES OF THE 1059<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2024  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Harper (Chair), Mrs Berry, Dickenson, Mrs France, Hayes, and Wheale.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk) and County Councillor Cullens.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Scambler.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 4 DECEMBER 2023**

**149/01/24** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillors advised that there was an issue with the number of people at the Carol's around the Tree event. Cars were stopping in the road, double parking and parking on the double lines. Councillors had noted that people were taking glasses out of the pub and drinking on the street, the tea rooms kept offering wine and cake on the road even when people had already had some. Councillors advised that the Clerk should speak to the Clerk at Houghton Parish Council who had a ticket event that was free but would limit numbers in attendance.

Following discussion:

- 150/01/24**
- The Clerk was requested to get prices for the tree and to instal the lights.
  - Having an event shelter to offer mulled wine and cake after the service and not take food and drink round to people.
  - The Council should consider publicising asking everyone to park legally and considerately.

Councillor Mrs France joined the meeting at 8.25pm.

**POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk advised that there was no report from the Police.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**151/01/24**

Councillors reported that a number of residents had spoken to them to request a handrail up the steps from Victoria Street to the Village Hall. County Councillor Cullens suggested investigating looking whether there would be funding from the County Council Footpath Improvement Grant.

The Clerk reported that the sale of plot 3 land off the A674 would be going to auction. Plots 1 and 2 were being discussed with the original owner or their descendants. Plots 4 & 5, part of Black Lion field would be auctioned off at a later date.

## **HEAPEY AND WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL**

Councillors noted and discussed the information regarding the village hall committee and what would happen if there is no committee and the village hall would have to close.

**152/01/24**

Councillors resolved to:

- Suggest that the Village Hall put something on their website asking for committee members.
- Councillors should encourage people who could be interested in joining the committee to attend the AGM or to contact the current committee to advise of their interest.

## **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

### **a) Traffic Matters**

Councillors Harper and Haynes advised that work was ongoing to repair finger post at the War Memorial. The site visit was still outstanding.

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

Councillors noted the Tree Survey and the Clerk highlighted that there was work suggested including the felling of one diseased tree on the recreation ground.

**153/01/24**

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should obtain quotations for the work. It was agreed that if the quotations were reasonable the work should be arranged without delay.

### **c) War Memorial**

The Clerk reported that the contractor had confirmed that he would be undertaking the pointing of the War Memorial steps but did not have a date yet.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

**154/01/24** The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

23/00812/FUL - Stables at Lane Side Farm Brown House Lane Higher Wheelton Section 73 application to vary condition 3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 22/01055/FUL (Erection of detached bungalow following the demolition of existing equestrian stable block complex) to alter the footprint, roof, fenestration and facing materials.

RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

23/01038/FULHH - Harbour Barn Harbour Lane Wheelton Chorley PR6 8JR  
Erection of a detached outbuilding

RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

23/00895/FUL - Land 50M South-West Of 1 Whins Lane Wheelton  
Change of use of agricultural land to tourism use for camping and caravan purposes including the change of use of the existing horse box to holiday accommodation, erection of two shepherds' huts, one bell tent and two shower toilet blocks with associated car park.

RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds of:

- The land is too steep so would need a huge amount of terracing to be suitable.
- A water treatment system would be required. Where would the sewer/drainage/septic tank be?
- Some of the land near the bridge has collapsed into the canal so the edge of the land is not stable.
- There is already traffic congestion in the area with a large number of vehicles parking on the road from the business the opposite side of the track to the Canal.
- The attached report quotes the Rossendale Plan – this is not relevant to land in Chorley!

## **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

**155/01/24** All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary January – £428.36  
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions January - £107.20

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support January – £30.36

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITY PROJECTS**

The Clerk highlighted the criteria circulated for the Neighbourhood Priority project application for next year.

**156/01/24** The Parish Council RESOLVED that the installation of a handrail on the walkway from Victoria Street to the Village Hall be suggested to the Borough Council.

**CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL CONSULTATION**

Councillors noted the consultation from Chorley Borough Council regarding the proposed changes to the Council Tax Local Discounts and Premiums Policy.

**157/01/24** The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to Chorley Borough Council’s consultation on the proposed changes to the Council Tax Local Discounts and Premiums Policy.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- Village Hall AGM – Tuesday 23 January 2024

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 5 February 2024 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated .....