

**MINUTES OF THE 1043rd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4 JULY 2022
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Berry, Dickenson, Hayes and Scambler.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs France and Wheale and Borough Councillor Ms Whiffen.

DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE

Councillors Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in 27/07/22 Cheque for S Berry.

Councillor Hayes made his declaration of acceptance of office and signed his Register of Interest form.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 6 JUNE 2022

24/07/22 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Dickenson advised that reported that he had met with Mr Malloy regarding the Canal and River Trust maintaining the canal towpath and discussed Chorley Council's priority regarding the Climate Change Working Group and towpath usage. Councillor Dickenson gave an overview of the bylaws on towpaths but advised that there were problems with enforcement. Councillors discussed the ongoing issues and felt that cyclists should be aware of where they can and can't cycle and the priority of users.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that the police had sent a report and gave an overview; the majority of reports being of drink drivers from pubs and a dead deer found in a bin, both were being investigated further.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillors reported that the Village Hall Treasure Trail went very well. Reports were that everyone had enjoyed themselves. Thanks were given to the Village Hall Committee, in particular Mrs Dickenson, for a lovely community event.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

The Clerk reported that she had received no information or update on the repair to the fingerpost.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk advised that the Lancashire Environmental Fund was being reviewed and a decision would be made by the end of the month. Councillors considered suitable dates/times for a consultation.

25/07/22 Following discussion, The Parish Council RESOLVED to run a consultation exercise before the September Council Meeting from 6pm to 8pm in the Village Hall. The Clerk was requested to advertise this in the Newsletter, Parish Council Website and in the Notice Boards.

c) War Memorial

There was nothing to report regarding the War Memorial.

PLANNING MATTERS

26/07/22 The Parish Council considered the following planning applications and RESOLVED to make the following observations:

22/00241/FULHH Prospect House, Whins Lane, Wheelton
Retention of perimeter fence.

The Parish Council object strongly to this application on the following grounds:

- Health and safety – if the fence fell for any reason, the ground becoming unstable, rotting, vandalism, malicious intent, the large spikes on the top could injure walkers and animals
- The fence is above accepted fence height before the additional of the spikes, more so in some areas
- The fence and spikes are unsightly, not in keeping with the area and unreasonable
- The drawings that have been resubmitted do not show the spikes that have been fitted to the top of the fence subsequently
- The applicant has a history of not following planning rules, putting in

retrospective application and refusing access to enforcement officers. The Parish Council is still waiting for sight of the report that was promised regarding the huge mound of earth and subsequent flooding to neighbours since the land was built up.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

27/07/22 All accounts were authorised for payment:

July

Mrs J Carr – Salary July – £366.12

Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions July - £91.40

Mrs J Carr – Microsoft 365 Annual Subscription & Stationery - £331.73

S Berry – Grounds Maintenance & Repairs - £1360.00

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

Data Protection – Annual Subscription - £35.00

August

Mrs J Carr – Salary August – £365.92

Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions August - £91.60

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

ACCOUNTS

28/07/22 Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Budget to Spend reports to June 2022 as circulated.

INFORMATION FROM LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING USE OF STREET LIGHTS

28/07/22 The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the information from Lancashire County Council regarding use of Street Lights.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Newsletters were circulated for distribution.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 September 2022 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated