

**MINUTES OF THE 1053rd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5 JUNE 2023
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Scambler and Wheale and County Councillor Cummins.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Berry declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 106/06/23, cheque for S Berry.

Councillor Harper declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 /06/23, request for funding as he was previously a Governor at the school and his children went to the school.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 15 MAY 2023

104/05/23 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillors reported that there had been a bench installed on Whins Lane since the last Parish Council meeting and felt that the Parish Council did not need to investigate placing another.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that there was no report from the Police this month.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the Public.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillors Harper and Haynes advised that work was ongoing to repair the finger post at the War Memorial.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

It was noted that the lock on the gate on Meadow Street had been broken again and Councillors advised that a locking gate was not necessary.

105/06/23

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should obtain a quotation to repair the gate so that it stayed shut.

c) War Memorial

Councillor Dickenson agreed to write an article for the newsletter calling for trustees for the War Memorial Trust.

PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications to consider.

Councillors discussed planning appeals and development companies.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

106/06/23

All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary June – £400.00

Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions June - £100.00

S. Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £920.00

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

GRANT REQUEST

Councillors considered the request from Brinscall St John's Primary School for funding for their library project. Councillor Dickinson reminded Councillors that the Parish Council has resolved previously not to financially support one of the local schools because that would mean that the Parish Council would have to support every one of the local schools because the Parish's children go to different schools. Councillors also noted the challenging time for school's budgets in the current economic climate.

107/06/23

The Parish Council RESOLVED to request that the Clerk contact the school to raise the following questions:

- How many of the schools' children come from Wheelton and Higher Wheelton Parish
- Will the funding go into the school's budget or into a separate account for the Library Project.

KINGS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2024.

The Parish Council noted the previously circulated information on the Kings Award for Voluntary Service 2024.

108/06/23 The Parish Council RESOLVED to nominate the Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Closure of Harbour Lane, Higher Wheelton on Monday 19 June 2023 to undertake work to the overhead communication cables.
- Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group AGM Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 6.30pm at Chorley Town Hall

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3 July 2023 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated