

**MINUTES OF THE 1042nd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6 JUNE 2022
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Cullens.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Borough Councillor Ms Whiffen.

DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE

Councillor Dickenson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 17/06/22 Cheque for Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall.

COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Clerk advised Mr Hayes had confirmed his interest in standing for the Parish Council vacancy. Mr Hayes had previously advised that he had returned his paperwork to the Borough Council, but it had unfortunately been the wrong office which he was not advised of at the time.

12/06/22 Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED** that Mr Hayes be Co-Opted to the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs M France joined the meeting.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 9 May 2022

13/06/22 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillors noted the discussions regarding the Canal Towpath and advised that there were a number of cyclists using the towpath at excessive speeds which was very dangerous.

The Clerk was requested to remind Mr Malloy that he could put something into the newsletter regarding the towpath.

14/06/22 It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Canal Towpath Trust and report that cyclists were using the towpath in a dangerous way at speeds that were unacceptable and could cause an accident with walkers especially the old, children and people with dogs.

OFFER OF LAND

Members noted that the Lady who had raised the offer of land was not in attendance at the meeting.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that there was no police report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Clerk advised that she had received an email reporting that a resident on Blackburn Road had placed a notice in their window regarding people parking that they need a permit. This is not an official notice although it looks like it should be one so is not enforceable. Because the notice is on private land though there is nothing that the Council can do to ask them to remove it. Councillors also advised that a house at the bottom of Meadow Street had put a Disabled parking only sign in their window to dissuade people from parking outside their house. Again, Councillors noted that this was not an enforceable sign.

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 bids for grants had been submitted and work towards the project was ongoing. Additional information had been requested from the Lancashire Environmental Fund which was agreed and would be forwarded on. Mr Hayes had reported that the application to Kepak for a grant towards the play area had been unsuccessful.

c) War Memorial

The Clerk advised that the War Memorial pointing had been quoted as ££380.00 from the Grounds Maintenance Contractor.

15/06/22 It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation for redoing the pointing at the War Memorial at a cost of £380.00.

PLANNING MATTERS

16/06/22 The Parish Council considered the following planning applications and RESOLVED to make the following observations:

22/00473/FUL Land At Harbour Lane Wheelton
Erection of two agricultural buildings and installation of a yard area for livestock housing and rearing (retrospective)

The Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that:

- there is not enough land for the commercial side of farming to make this application viable so is it for housing eventually.
- The Parish Council were also against the number of retrospective applications being made.
- The access is dangerous for large farm vehicles because of the reduced vision.

22/00496/FUL Land Opposite Harbour Farm Harbour Lane Wheelton
Construction of a sand paddock (retrospective)

The Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that this is yet another retrospective application.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

17/06/22 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary June – £365.92
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions June - £91.60
Heapey Wheelton Village Hall – Jubilee event Grant - £100.00
Chorley Help the Homeless – Grant - £50.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support June – £27.60
E-on – War Memorial Electricity - £65.29

PROPOSED STREET NAMING

Councillors noted the proposed street name of Pear Tree Close for the new development off Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton and discussed the similar names in the area.

18/06/22 The Parish Council felt that this was too similar to other names in Chorley and RESOLVED to request that the road be named Jubilee Close in recognition of the Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations.

COMMUNITY SKIP/CLEAN UP INITIATIVE

Councillors noted the offer of a skip or equipment and promotion to organise litter picking events in our area made by Chorley Council. Discussions were had about the responsibilities of having a skip made available and the location.

- 19/06/22** The Parish Council RESOLVED to respond to Chorley to question what support they could offer with the skip and consider a clean-up day at the end of July – beginning of August.

CHORLEY HELP THE HOMELESS

Councillors noted the request from Chorley Help the Homeless detailing their activities and advised that under the current financial crisis they were seeing unprecedented demand for their services.

- 20/06/22** The Parish Council RESOLVED to award Chorley Help the Homeless a grant for £50.00 due to the current climate but to advise that this would be a one-off award.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL CHARTER

- 21/06/22** The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the Parish and Town Council Charter previously circulated.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The Parish Council noted the summer newsletter would be produced for the July meeting of the Parish Council and discussed information to be included. It was RESOLVED to speak to the Village Hall Committee to ask if they would like something in the newsletter regarding the users of the Village Hall and does she want to put something in relating to parking on the car park.

22/06/22

CHORLEY COUNCIL'S STREETSCENE STRATEGY 2022/2025

- 23/06/22** The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the previously circulated Streetscene Strategy from Chorley Council.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Rivington and Brinscall Advisory Group meeting 15 June 2022 at 6.30pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 July 2022 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated