

**MINUTES OF THE 977<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2016  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale. Borough Councillor Mrs M France and County Councillor Snape. One member of the public.

**Clerk:** Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 7 DECEMBER 2015**

191/01/16 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

The following matters were reported from the minutes:

County Councillor Snape reported that the County Council had cleared the gullies and had reported that they did not therefore feel that a site visit was necessary. The Chairman felt that as there were still a number of grids blocked the site visit was still required and requested that the Clerk and County Councillor Snape reiterate the request for a site visit.

**POLICE REPORT**

There were no reports from the Police.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

**ENHANCING WHEELTON**

a) Traffic Matters

The Chairman reported that there had been no interest from other Council's regarding use of the trailer and it was agreed that the matter be reviewed again in

June 2016. Discussions were had regarding possible siting areas for the trailer and timing around its usage.

It was reported that there had been a significant amount of parking on yellow lines during the last month. The Chairman reminded the Councillors that it was possible for the Council to purchase visits from the enforcement team. Borough Councillor France advise that the matter would be reported at the January PACT meeting. It was AGREED that the matter would be discussed with County Council Mr Fillis during the site visit.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk advised that an email had been received from the Borough Council regarding an Audit of Open Spaces that had found that the Meadow Street area (not including the Play Equipment) had scored low quality on the items offered i.e. a seating area or path or equipment to link into the play area.

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It was RESOLVED that The Playground Committee should meet with Mrs Blackstock to establish what the Borough Council would be able to offer and had in mind.

c) Defibrillator

Councillor Hayes reported that an application had been submitted and that further consultation with West Midlands Ambulance would be required. Councillors questioned where the nearest defibrillator was sited and was advised that there was one in the old telephone box on Town Lane in Whittle. Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Hayes should continue to investigate the cost and requirements relating to defibrillators for the next meeting.

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## **PLANNING MATTERS**

15/01193/FUL The Dressers Arms, Briers Brow, Wheelton.

194/01/16 It was RESOLVED that no comments should be made on this application.

## **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

195/01/16 All accounts were authorised for payment:  
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary January - £320.18  
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.00  
E-On – War Memorial Electricity - £54.96  
CPRE – Annual Membership - £36.00

## **ACCOUNTS**

196/01/16 Councillors approved the Bank Reconciliation and Receipts and Payments as circulated.

### **PRECEPT 2016/17**

Councillors received copies of the revised precept for 2016/17 which included all the changes requested at the last parish council meeting.

197/01/16 It was RESOLVED that the Precept for 2016/17 be set at £12,020.

### **GOVERNMENT CUTS RESPONSE**

Councillors reviewed the template on possible effects of central government cuts on local residents.

198/01/16 Councillors RESOLVED that a sub committee should be set up to produce a completed form for discussion at the Parish Council. The committee would be made up of the following; The Chairman, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Berry, Borough Councillor Mrs France and Mr Snowden.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE.**

The Parish Council discussed the draft recommendations and felt that linking Clayton with Wheelton could be detrimental to the village.

199/01/16 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Local Government Boundary Commission to advise of the following :

- The area of Clayton is a "new" developed town/village whereas Wheelton and Higher Wheelton are old rural Mill Villages and don't share interests and identities of the local communities, the areas do not therefore share any of the cultural or historical links
- The area of Clayton is very different socially and economically to the demographic of the areas of Wheelton and Higher Wheelton
- Wheelton do not accept the number game that randomly includes us in with Clayton and feels that they are far more akin to areas such as Brindle, Hoghton, Brinscall and Withnell.
- An area the size of Clayton would draw all the resources to it to the detriment of rural communities.
- The current electoral arrangements already provide for effective and convenient local government and changes would only be detrimental to the excellent working relationship between the current County Councillor and Borough Councillors that serve Wheelton and Higher Wheelton.

### **CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN PROPOSAL.**

200/01/16 It was RESOLVED that the clean for the queen proposal be noted.

### **LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OPTIONS**

The Parish Council noted the information included in the Lancashire County Council's consultation on the proposed budget options

201/01/16 It was RESOLVED that Councillors should pass any comments to the Clerk to collate and forward on to the County Council.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL'S WITHDRAWAL OF SUBSIDIES FOR LOCAL BUS SERVICES**

The Parish Council noted the information received from the County Council regarding their withdrawal of subsidies for local bus services and felt that the proposals would have a negative impact on the employment, Health and Wellbeing for young and old in the area.

### **LALC TRAINING**

202/01/16 Councillors noted the LALC list of training on offer for 2016 and RESOLVED that the Clerk should enquire what time the sessions would be.

### **PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES**

The Clerk advised that a request had been received from a member of the public regarding what documentation could be sent out from the agenda before the meeting. It was noted that currently not all information was available via the computer but that the agenda and associated paperwork would have to be published on a website under the terms of the Transparency Code once a suitable website was available.

203/01/16 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should produce some costings for producing information if requested from the last 5 years of records and the last 30 years.

### **CLERKS APPRAISAL/PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

The Clerk left the meeting for this item.

The Clerk was advised that a successful performance review had been completed and confirmed that the correct rate was being paid for the pay grade.

204/01/16 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should be requested to review the roles and responsibilities in time for next years appraisal to ensure that the correct grade was

being paid.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The following items were noted for information:

- Chorley Mayor's Black and White Charity Ball at Shaw Hill Golf Resort and Spa Hotel on Friday 5 February 2016
- Chorley National Cycle race on Saturday 26 March 2016.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 1 February 2016 at 8.00pm  
The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman  
Dated .....