

**MINUTES OF THE 989th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2017
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Hayes, Harper, and Wheale. Borough Councillor M France.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone a happy New Year.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fowler and Scambler. Apologies were subsequently received from Borough Councillor M and C France.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hayes declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 283/12/16 as the applicant was known to him.

Councillor Wheale declared an interest in item 295/01/17.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 5 DECEMBER 2016

289/01/17 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Councillor Dickenson informed Councillors that the walkway between Whins Lanes and Blackburn Road had been cleaned. The pathway at the back of the cottages on Whins Lane had been cleared to an excellent condition although it was not known by whom.

290/01/17 Carols around the tree had been a fantastic event. The Chairman advised that he had one complaint from a resident around the Red Lion claiming that they were organising the event, which was not the case. It was AGREED that the Chairman should visit the Landlord to discuss the event and to advise that they should work with the Parish Council if they were holding an event on the same night. The Clerk was requested to send thank you letters out for the tree and the evening. The collection raised £330 for the War Memorial Trust.

POLICE REPORT

Councillors noted copies of the December "In Touch" magazine and noted the information included.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Clerk was advised that there had been issues with parking again during the hunt

291/01/17 on Bank Holiday Monday although it was thought that the problems had all been due to spectators and not people taking part. The Clerks was requested to write to the Hunt to remind them that they had agreed to liaise with the Parish Council.

292/01/17 Councillor Hayes reported that the leak outside 2 Victoria Terrace was now a flow of water and was growing algae or something in it. The Clerk advised that she had reported the offensive smell last month but would telephone United Utilities to ascertain what was happening to the leak.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

There had been some issues with double parking on Victoria Street.

293/01/17 An email had been received from one of the Residents on Meadow Street regarding the parking situation and copies were circulated. Councillors recognised that Parking was an ongoing issue in the Village but felt that the email was offensive and threatening. The Clerk was requested to advise the Police of the receipt of the email.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

Victoria Street Access from the Play Area

The Clerk advised that the fencing had been extended along Victoria Street to try and stop children from climbing over the hedge and dropping down onto the road.

PLANNING MATTERS

16/00926/FUL Land 100m East of Wheelton House, Brinscall Mill Road, Wheelton.

294/01/17 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should raise no concerns about the buildings except for ensuring that screening is included and possibly eco-friendly methods to help the buildings blend in such as sedum roofs. The Parish Council however raised major concerns about the access to the development as this development would cause major disruption for local residents due to the increase in traffic and there are already issues with traffic on Chapel Lane which is a very minor road.

17/00001/FUL The Engine House, Brinscall Mill Road, Wheelton.

295/01/17 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council make no objection to this application but to request that the development was in keeping with the local area.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

295/01/17 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary January - £323.37
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.80
Heapey & Wheelton Village Hall – Room Hire - £950.00
ARK Welding – Fencing extension, Recreation Ground - £456.00
R. Wheale – Christmas Lights - £30.32

DD – Eon – Memorial Gardens electricity - £77.90

ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

296/01/17 It was RESOLVED that Councillor Dickenson would attend the Lancashire County Council's Parish and Town Conference on Saturday 25 February 2017.

It was further RESOLVED that Councillor Dickenson and Harper would attend the Planning in Practice session on Monday, 13 March at 5.45pm until 7.30pm.

INTERNET ACCESS TRAINING SUPPORT SESSION

The Clerk advised that Borough Councillor M France had requested that the Parish Council consider the Borough Council's offer to run Internet training support session in the village. The Clerk advised that the Borough Council were offering assistance towards putting internet access into a venue but that the annual cost would have to be met by the Village Hall.

297/01/17 Councillors RESOLVED to note the offer but felt that they could not progress the project further as they did not own the building and could not commit the Village Hall Committee to paying for an internet connection.

NALC DEPENDENT CARERS ALLOWANCE SURVEY

298/01/17 The Parish Council noted the information received regarding the NALC Dependent Carers Allowance Survey but RESOLVED not to complete the survey.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

299/01/17 It was RESOLVED that in recognition of the work that Councillor Berry had done for the Guides and the village that the Clerk should nominate Councillor Berry and her daughter for the LALC Ballot for tickets to the 2017 Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL'S WORKING TOGETHER REQUESTS

Councillors noted the information received from Mr Hall regarding a spreadsheet containing modelling around potential precepts for library funding and bus service subsidies. Councillors discussed the information and how the removal of the bus service subsidies would affect Wheelton residents.

300/01/17 Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the County Council to advise that Wheelton would consider contributing a percentage of their precept towards the bus service subsidy on the condition that all Councils contributed.

ACCOUNTS

301/01/17 Councillors approved the Income and Expenditure Worksheet, Bank Reconciliation and Receipts and Payments as circulated.

DOG WALKERS USING THE WAR MEMORIAL

A number of Councillors reported that they had witnessed Dog Walkers exercising their dogs within the memorial grounds and that whilst, when challenged, they had exited the area, this was still going on.

302/01/17 The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Trustees to request that a sign be erected informing people that the grounds are an area for quiet contemplation and a memorial to people who gave their lives during the two World Wars and not an area for dog exercising.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- CRPE Annual Branch development meeting Saturday 21 January 2017.
- Recovery and resilience Conference Saturday 28 January 2017.
- The War Memorial Trustees would be writing to the Parish Council regarding celebrations around the end of World War One.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6 February 2017 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated