

**MINUTES OF THE 1000<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Harper, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.  
Borough Councillors, Mrs M France and C France.

**Clerk:** Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**414/01/18** Councillor Wheale declared an interest in item 421/01/18 Cheque 001127.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 4 DECEMBER 2017**

**415/01/18** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Rivington and Brinscall LAG and passed on the contact details for the Parish Council's representative.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by Withnell Parish Council regarding installing a joint defibrillator in the Higher Wheelton/Withnell area. The Chairman advised that he had spoken to the Garage who had indicated that they may be interested in installing a defibrillator on an external wall of the garage. It was agreed that the Parish Council's should cover the running costs which could be approximately £50 per year.

Councillor Hayes joined the meeting.

**416/01/18** Councillor Hayes reported that the Running Club had purchased a Defibrillator which would be installed in the Golden Lion and that this would cover Higher Wheelton, so the Parish Council should be looking at installing one in Wheelton. Discussions were had regarding the Parish Councils paying for an outside installation box and ownership/ongoing costs of maintenance. It was AGREED that the Chairman should speak to Withnell Parish Council and the Garage again and that Councillors Dickenson and Hayes should speak to the Golden Lion.

The Chairman reported that he had received emails from residents complaining about parking on the footpaths. The Council reiterated the difficulties regarding getting enforcement from either the Police or Parkwise and Borough Councillor Mrs France agreed to continue to chase for the parking enforcement that had been previously been promised.

The Chairman advised that he had received a number of complaints about the Red Lion. There had been a car in the car park with its alarm sounding for over two and a half hours whilst the owners were inside the Public House during the previous week.

**417/01/18** Councillor Berry advised that there was a blocked drain outside 24 Bett Lane and another on Meadow Street by the Play area entrance. The Clerk was requested to ask to meet with someone from the County Council and the County Councillor.

Borough Councillor C France joined the meeting.

Borough Councillor Mrs M France reported that there had been a tree blown down over the Christmas Break but that United Utilities had cleared it very quickly.

Councillor Mrs M France and the Parish Councillors congratulated the Hunt for their traffic/parking measures at the Boxing Day hunt which had worked very well.

## **POLICE REPORT**

There was no report from the Police.

The Clerk and Chairman highlighted that a survey had been received from the Police Commissioner regarding their lack of funding which questioned whether people would be happy to contribute towards local policing.

**418/01/18** It was RESOLVED that Councillors would respond individually to the survey individually.

## **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

### **a) Traffic Matters**

#### **i) Speeding on Winns Lane.**

The Parish Council noted the email previously circulated regarding speeding traffic on Winns Lane and Councillors reported that it was mainly one vehicle, driven by a resident that was the problem. Councillors noted that they had been concerned about additional traffic when the planning permission for the stables was out for consultation.

**419/01/18** The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact the County Council to clarify the speed limit on wins land before the matter was reviewed further.

ii) Speeding on the A674

The Parish Council noted the email previously circulated regarding speeding, parking and recent accidents on the A674 and discussed the matters. It was noted that both Borough Councillor Mrs France and County Councillor A Snowden were currently speaking to the County Council regarding the problems with speeding on the A674. Both flashing speed signs had been reported to Highways as being incorrectly calibrated.

**b) Recreation Area Enhancement**

The Clerk advised that the Playdale had given an installation date of the 8 January 2018 for the new unit. Unfortunately, this had now slipped to the 10 January due to the weather, but the unit should be fully installed by the end of January 2018.

The Chairman reported that he had circulated a notice to the immediate neighbours to the Play Area advising that this work was being undertaken.

**PLANNING MATTERS**

17/01180/FULHH – Calico Cottage, Lodge Bank, Brinscall

**420/01/18** The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to the application.

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

**421/01/18** All accounts were authorised for payment:

Playdale – Playground Equipment Deposit - £4993.50

Mrs J Carr – January Salary - £326.40

Inland Revenue – January Deductions - £81.80

Heapey & Wheelton Village Hall – room rent - £374.00

Mrs A Wheale – Carols refreshments - £29.66

DD – Easy Websites – Website hosting and support January - £24.00

DD – Eon - Memorial Clock Electricity - £75.64

**ACCOUNTS**

**422/01/18** Councillors approved the Bank Reconciliation and Receipts and Payments report as circulated.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW MEETING**

The Chairman gave an overview of the Local Government Boundary Review Meeting and highlighted the information previously circulated. Councillor Dickenson reported that the changes would not affect the makeup of the Parish Council but would change the number of Borough Councillors for each area and may change the area that the

Parish Council works with. Councillors discussed being linked with Pennie or Brindle and how the review works for Town Centres but not necessarily rural Parishes.

**423/01/18** The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Parish Council should note the information circulated and Councillors make their own observations as residents.

### **LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULATION ON PROPOSED BUDGET SAVINGS**

Councillors discussed the email from Lancashire county Council regarding their proposed budget savings and noted that the County Council had not made it easy to read the information to enable a comment to be made.

**424/01/18** Councillors RESOLVED to make no comments on the email from Lancashire County Council regarding their proposed budget savings but to advised that the way they had delivered the information raised the question as to whether they were really looking for a response.

### **WW1 CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**

The Chairman reported that the Brownies and Guides had confirmed that they were interested in joining in with an event to commemorate the Centenary of the end of WW1. The Legion had also indicated that they wished to be involved. The Chairman reminded Councillors that Reverend Hogarth had advised that he would not be available for the remembrance service and that Father Simpson was currently on leave. Borough Councillor Mrs France felt that the Wheelton Service was the best remembrance service that she attended locally.

**425/01/18** It was RESOLVED to set up a working party to organise the WW1 Commemoration in November 2018. Councillors Dickenson and Berry agreed to join the working party and advise the Clerk of the date to enable her to invite the Brownies/Guides, Legion and WW1 re-enactment group.

### **DIVERSIVITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES EVENT**

Councillors noted the information relating to the Diversity of our Communities event on Thursday 8 February 2018 at 5.30pm at the Town Hall.

**426/01/18** It was RESOLVED that Councillor Dickenson and Councillor Hayes would attend the event.

### **CAROLS AROUND THE TREE**

The Chairman reported that the Carols around the tree event had gone very smoothly. The Tearooms had estimated that there had been approximately 400 people at the event. £91 had been raised after the cost of cleaning and removal of the tree had been paid. Mr and Mrs Wheale were thanked for their help in arranging refreshments and the

lights and tree. Councillor Dickenson advised that he would like to continue to be involved in the event after he finished on the Council in May.

**427/01/18** The Clerk was requested to send thank you letters to all involved

**CLERKS APPRAISAL/PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

The Clerk left the room for this item, on her return she was advised that the Parish Council advised that she had completed another successful year in post and requested that she ensure that she was paid at the correct rate, which was confirmed.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- Chorley Liaison meeting – 17 January 2018 – Councillor Dickenson reminded Councillors that this was one of the meetings that the councils needed to continue to when he had finished as a Councillor.
- The Annual Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2017 nomination forms had been received and replies were due before the next meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk should nominate Councilor Berry again this year.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 5 February 2018 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated .....