

**MINUTES OF THE 1021st WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2020
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Harper, Scambler and Wheale. Borough Councillor Mrs M France. Mr J Hill, Chorley Borough Council.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

The Meeting began with a presentation from Mr Hill on his work as Rural Area Community Engagement Officer. Mr Hill explained his work on Social Inclusion and Environmental matters. Social Prescribing provided links between workers and facilitated links between groups and providers and intergenerational meetings.

Councillors discussed the make up of village life, facilities, transport needs and local groups and agreed to put something on the website for Mr Hill to highlight his offer to local groups to facilitate links between the community if he sends the Clerk the copy.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Dickenson, Berry and Scambler declared an interest in item 184/01/20 accounts for payment. Councillor Dickenson declared an interest in item 183/01/20 as the applicant is a neighbour.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 2 DECEMBER 2019

182/01/20 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Wheale reported that the finger post by the memorial garden was still damaged and the metal fixings needed repairing. The Clerk agreed to report the damage to the sign again.

Councillor Wheale reported that there had been a slip of the soil brought in at Prospect House, Whins Lane. The Clerk confirmed that she had twice contacted Chorley Council requesting a copy of the drainage report but had not received a response to her emails. Councillor Dickenson requested that she forward the emails to him to chase up a response.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Dickenson reported that the consultancy meeting at the village hall had been very well attended. The website to report one's views on the proposed development sites was very confusing and there needed to be more engagement. There had been a lot of concern regarding the local sites that had been proposed.

The Clerk was requested to respond on behalf of the Parish Council to say that the Parish Council was opposed to all the developments being proposed.

It was agreed that Councillor Dickenson and Councillor Harper would arrange a village meeting where Councillors could offer support to residents who wanted to respond to the consultation.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

172/12/19 The Clerk reported that the County Council had confirmed that the repainting of the white lines in the village had been approved and were on a list of work to be done but that no timescale was available.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

There were no additional items to discuss regarding the recreation area.

c) War Memorial

Councillor Dickenson reported that he was liaising with the Grounds Maintenance Contractor regarding the replacement trees in the War Memorial Gardens.

PLANNING MATTERS

183/01/20 19/01154/FULHH – 58 Millbrook Close, Wheelton
Single Storey side/rear extension.

It was RESOLVED to make the following observation that the residents already park on the road and that this would reduce the off road parking available and remove the ability to use the garage for parking. The Parish Council made the comment that this observation would apply to any similar development and not just this application.

Councillor Berry reported that an pre-fabricated agricultural building had appeared on Hill View Stables, Buckholes lane, Higher Wheelton

Councillors reported that application 19/01030/FUL Whins Farm Barn, Whins Lane had been for a single storey building but residents have expressed concerns that the building seems to be higher than proposed, ie 2-storey

Borough Councillor Mrs M France agreed to raise the issues with the Borough Council.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

184/01/20 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary – January - £350.22
Inland Revue – Salary Deductions – January - £87.40
Mrs J Carr –Refreshments for Carol Concert - £34.95
Mr T Dickenson – Cups for Carol Concert - £17.00
S. Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £920.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support January £27.60
E-On – War Memorial Electricity - £63.02

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

Councillors discussed the Carols around the Tree event and reported that the T-rooms had advised that they had given out 400 glasses of Mulled Wine. The event had seemed to go very well.

185/01/20 The Clerk was requested to write thank you letters to the following:

- Mr Warburton had advised that he had arrangements in place for the event.
- Mr and Mrs Mayor for the Christmas Lights.
- The Tea Rooms and Grape and Grain for providing refreshments.
- Mr S Shorrock – for the PA System
- Ms Lorimer – for the music and singing

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

186/01/20 The Clerk advised that there had been no applications received for the Parish Council vacancy and confirmed that it had been advertised in the Winter Newsletter, on the notice boards and on the website. It was agreed to put this item on the agenda for next months meeting.

187/01/20 It being 9.30pm, Councillors RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders for a maximum of half an hour.

POWER FOR THE PEOPLE REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL ELECTRICITY BILL.

Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the request from the Power for the People organisation to support for local electricity bill.

188/01/20 Following discussion, it was RESOLOVED to support the Local Electricity Bill in principle.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S CAROL SERVICE

189/01/20 Councillors noted the invitation to the Lancashire County Council's Carol Service on Sunday 2 February 2020.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been invited to nominate a Chairman or Mayor to be included in a ballot for tickets to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 12 May 2020.

190/01/20 Councillors RESOLVED to nominate Councillor Berry to be included in a ballot for tickets to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in May 2020.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items were noted for information:

- Chorley Borough Council Planning in Practice session – Monday 10 February 2020 at 5.45pm at Chorley Town Hall.
- Chorley Neighborhood Area Meeting – Tuesday 11 February 2020 at 5.00pm
- Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group Meeting – 8 January 2020 at 6.30pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3 February 2020 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated