

# **Wheelton Parish Council**

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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL will be held in the Small Hall, Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall, West View, Meadow Street, Wheelton at **8.00pm** on Monday 7 July 2025 for the transaction of the following business.

**DATED this 30 June 2025**

**PARISH CLERK: Joanne Carr**

## **A G E N D A**

1. Presentation from Chorley Council's Social Prescribing Team Leader.
2. Apologies.
3. Declarations of Members' interests on any matters to be placed before the Council.
4. To consider arrangements for the Christmas Tree/Christmas Event 2025.
5. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 2 June 2025.
6. To consider the Police Report.
7. Public Forum.
8. Enhancing Wheelton.
  - (a) Traffic Issues
  - (b) Recreation Area
  - (c) War Memorial

9. To Consider the Parish Council's response to Planning Applications received from the Borough Council.

25/00494/PIP Land At West View West View Wheelton

Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of 1no. dwellinghouse (following the demolition of existing detached garage)

25/00504/FULHH Triggs Barn Fishwick Lane Higher Wheelton

First floor side extension including balcony

25/00549/PIP Blue Dye House Brinscall Mill Road Wheelton

Permission in principle application for the construction of one dwelling following demolition of the existing building

25/00539/FUL Little Harbour Farm Harbour Lane Wheelton

Erection of dwelling (following demolition of existing buildings)

25/00602/FUL Land Between Trigg Barn And 4 Fishwick Lane Fishwick Lane Higher Wheelton

Application for technical details consent for the erection of one dwelling, pursuant to permission in principle ref. 24/00328/PIP

10. To approve schedule of payments since 2 June 2025.
11. To receive the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Expenditure against budget reports to June 2025.
12. To consider the Parish Council's response to the Lancashire County Council's Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
13. Items for Information
14. Date of Next Meeting  
Monday 1 September 2025 at 8.00pm.

#### **Members of the Public**

*Welcome to Wheelton Parish Councils meeting if there is a specific item on the agenda you wish us to consider we will endeavour to deal with it as soon as possible.*

*Please note that we will allow a spokesperson to outline your views but we will have to impose a time limit on the discussion which will be a maximum of 15 minutes.*

*If there is a personal "verbal" attack or otherwise on any member of the council or public, the Clerk will issue a warning that the meeting will be suspended until order is restored.*

*If the disturbance continues the offender/offenders will be asked to leave and the meeting will reconvene at another time.*

**MINUTES OF THE 1075<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 2 JUNE 2025  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Harper (Chair), Mrs Berry, Dickenson, Hayes, Mrs France and Wheale.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).  
Miss J Whiffen (Borough Council), J Clemson (County Council), Mrs A Christopher (Friends of Finnington Residents Group)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Scambler.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Berry declared an interest in 288/06/25 – Cheque S Berry as a relative of the contractor.

**FRIENDS OF FINNINGTON RESIDENT'S GROUP**

Mrs Christopher had been invited to the meeting to explain the Friends of Finnington Resident's Group request for funding towards their fight against the proposed development at Finnington. Mrs Christopher advised that the group had been set up in December 2024 with 20 people and was now spread across the villages with quite a few members from Wheelton.

The Group had sought advice from a Specialist Banister who had advised that the group needed to commission their own specialist assessments - Heritage, Landscape and Visual. The budget for this was a minimum of £20,000. A go fund me page had been set up and was currently at £8,000 but the assessments were expected to cost £11,000 and the Barrister £1,800.

Mrs Christopher gave an overview of funding raising taking place and Parish Council's donations and requested that Wheelton consider a donation towards the costs.

The Group are unable to open a bank account in its name because it is not a business or a charity but Heapey Parish Council had paid their donation directly to the Consultants undertaking the Heritage Assessment.

Councillor Dickenson advised that the Parish Council does not have a budget for donations apart from previously nominated ones however the Parish Council was aware that the owner of the developing company is also developing Botany Bay

and has not paid for traffic matters agreed at the start of the development and it has taken four years of pressure to get any progress.

Councillors discussed traffic issues particularly waggons passing through Higher Wheelton and noted that the traffic assessment for another development showed that based on the 50 bays proposed for the Finnington development, this equates to 2800 waggons a day. In 1985 at a meeting about the building of the M65 it was agreed that the A674 would not allow large waggons but Mrs Christopher reported that she had followed a large lorry from the M61 to the M65 along the A674 which shows that the waggons are ignoring the weight limit on the road.

Councillors discussed the lack of signage and enforcement and asked whether the Group had asked for Chorley Council's planning opinion but were advised that Chorley had not been allowed to pre-empt a decision but had noted that this was green belt land not in the local plan.

Mrs Christopher advised that if Chorley Council approve the application, the group will have to request a judicial review to open up a legal challenge. It was noted that the Developer had already built a road illegally, been illegally quarrying the land and had blocked a public access so the County Council had put an enforcement notice in place. The Developer challenged it right up to the high court but while all of the appeals are taking place the County Council cannot do anything. The Developer is claiming permitted development. The group have done an interview of Radio Lancashire to advise about the situation and had various articles in Lancashire Live but until it is at planning stage the media are waiting to put information out. Councillors noted that they were aware that the Developer has a number of developments up and down the Country where he has acted without permission.

Council Councillor Clemson agreed to review the documents online and investigate whether there is any funding to assist the group with its challenge.

The next appeal from the Group will be an appeal for a Barrister to support the challenge and will also need a planning consultant at some point.

Mrs Christopher advised that there are currently 120 members of the group with approximately 15 from Wheelton/Higher Wheelton actively involved.

- 284/06/25** Following discussion, The Parish Council RESOLVED to support the Friends of Finnington Residents Group because there would be an impact on all the Residents if this development were to go ahead. It was further RESOLVED to pay £500 to the HCUK Group Ltd towards the cost of the Heritage Impact Assessment.
- 285/06/25**

Mrs Christopher thanked the Council for considering her request for funding and left the meeting.

#### **MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 12 MAY 2025**

- 286/06/25** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the

Vice-Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

## **POLICE REPORT**

There was no report from the Police.

The Clerk advised that the crime statistic website had not been updated since March 2025.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Clerk advised that a request had been received to question who had been cutting trees down the A674 between Higher Wheelton and Wheelton as the County Council and Borough Council had denied that it had been them. It was noted that the Contractors had also been removing dead/diseased trees from Buckholes Lane so assume that it was either the landowners (if they were the same) or the Highways department but did not know anything further.

## **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

### **a) Traffic Matters**

Councillor Hayes reported that he was progressing with work to the fingerpost. Suggestions for alternative metal work companies were passed on.

Councillors thought that the County Council had done a brilliant job with the new double yellow lines on Buckholes Lane/Blackburn Road. It was noted that three cars had parked on the opposite side of the road, forcing traffic onto the opposite side of the road so felt that the yellow lines needed extending further on the opposite side of the road. County Councillor Clemson advised that this had already been reported to highways and that he was waiting for a response.

Councillors reported that the replacement sign at the top of Millbrook Close was the wrong size and had been installed on an angle. The Clerk was requested to send photographs to the Borough Councillor who would follow up with the Borough Council.

Discussions were had regarding the state of the cobbles on Mill Street and it was noted that any repair would be extremely expensive but the road was a private road and therefor any repairs would be down to the owners of the properties on that road.

Councillors discussed how the road surface on Victoria Street and Blackburn Old Road was bad and that the County Council had not been completing work previously reported. County Councillor Clemson advised that the County Council would be reviewing the programs of work and that this would be kept in mind.

It was reported that Whins Lane was not being kept clear of dirt and weeds. Councillor Mrs France agreed to raise the matter with the Borough Council.

## **b) Recreation Area Enhancement**

The Clerk reported that of the three new trees that had been planted on the Recreation Ground, two had been removed by someone other than the Grounds Maintenance Contract and that only one was now still in place.

## **c) War Memorial**

It was noted that work would be required to the door of the War Memorial and that the post holding the Gardens plaque was starting to disintegrate so would need replacing at some point.

Councillor Wheale advised that the Clock service was due and would be arranged.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

**287/06/25** The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

25/00467/FUL Brinscall Boarding Kennels and Cattery, Lodge Bank, Brinscall  
Section 73 application to vary condition no 3 (approved plans) of planning permission ref: 24/00511/FUL (Erection of 1 no detached dwellinghouse along with associated landscaping (following the demolition of existing building) in order to alter the design of the approve dwelling.

Wheulton Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:

- Development of the green belt
- Visual impact on the public footpath
- The size and scale is out of context in the area
- Additional vehicle movement down a very narrow access which is used by pedestrians etc is unacceptable.

## **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

**288/06/25** All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary June – £512.00  
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions June - £161.45  
S Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £1125.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support June – £30.36  
E-On – War Memorial Electricity - £91.90

**289/06/25** It being 9.30pm. The Parish Council RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting until 10.00pm.

## **CHRISTMAS 2025 TREE AND EVENT**

- 289/06/25** Councillors RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting. The Clerk was requested to remind the residents that had attend the meeting last year to talk about the Christmas Eve Carols event that the Council would be discussing this matter at the next meeting.

## **WEST PENNINE MOOR NATURE PARTNERSHIP LANDSCAPE RECOVER SCHEME WORKSHOP**

- 290/06/25** The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve Councillor Hayes attend the West Pennine Moor Nature Partnership Landscape Recover Scheme Workshop.

## **NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Council would have to produce the Newsletter by a different program after this summer edition due to Microsoft withdrawing Publisher after the summer. Councillors were reminded to send articles for the Newsletter to the Clerk by the end of June 2025.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- Chorley Liaison - 16 July 2025
- LALC Conference – 7 July 2025

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 7 July 2025 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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## BANK RECONCILIATION TO 31 MARCH 2026

<b>B/F</b>					
<b>1/4/21</b>		<b>£26,486.46</b>		<b>Current Account</b>	<b>£ 31,813.99</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		<b>£18,744.83</b>		<b>Deposit Account</b>	<b>£ 10,808.80</b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>4,483.09</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 42,622.79</b>
					<b>£ -</b>
				<b>Unpresented Cheque</b>	<b>-£ 433.06</b>
					<b>-£ 415.30</b>
					<b>-£ 34.50</b>
<b>C/F</b>		<b>£40,748.20</b>			<b>£ -</b>
					<b>£ 928.64</b>
					<b>£ 512.00</b>
					<b>£ 161.45</b>
					<b>£ 1,125.00</b>
					<b>£ 30.36</b>
					<b>£ -</b>
			<b>£ -</b>		<b>£ 40,748.20</b>

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Spent to Year End

Income and Expenditure to March 2025.

Appendix D

Balance carried forward **26486.46**

	Precept 24/25	Spent to	Expected to year end	Total
<b><i>War Memorial</i></b>				
Electricity	750	92	650	742
Insurance	250	200	0	200
Gardens	1500	400	1200	1600
Sundries	500		500	500
<b><i>Play Area/Village Green</i></b>				0
Safety Inspection	150		150	150
Garden Maintenance	2500	725	2175	2900
Tree Survey	250		250	250
Insurance	350	300	0	300
Equip Repair	500		500	500
Sundries	500		500	500
<b><i>Administration</i></b>				0
Clerk's Salary	8000	2020	6480	8500
Petty Cash	400		400	400
SLCC	160		160	160
Stationery & Postage	250		250	250
Insurance	750	429	750	1179
Rent	400		400	400
Audit Fees	350		350	350
LALC	300	219	0	219
Newsletter	400		400	400
Membership Fees/Licences	50	0	194	194
Training	50		50	50
Xmas Tree & Lights	500		500	500
Events	500		500	500
Computer	300		300	300
Web site	325	76	250	326
<b><i>Donations</i></b>				0
W/M Trust	200	7	200	207
Village Hall	700		700	700
Misc Donations		0	500	500
VAT	400	15	385	400
<b><i>Enhancing Wheelton</i></b>				0
Benches New/Repair	200		200	200
Retaining Wall Repairs	500		500	500
Noticeboard Repairs	200		200	200

<b>Election Costs</b>	
Uncontested Election	200
Totals	<b>22385</b>
Balance to set budget	
CIL	
Defibrillator	
War Memorial & Gardens	1000
Play Area	1500
Interest	50
Grants/VAT	200
Total	2750
Precept	16089
Contingencies	22631
Precept claimed	16521
(Parish Top Up Grant)	432

2024/25 carried forward	26486
2024/25 Budget	23372

199  
3000  
8963  
1000  
900  
200  
200  
169  
8000  
22631

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<b>4483</b>	<b>19794</b>	24277
		0
2203	578	2781
	0	0
	1000	1000
		0
	1500	1500
11	40	51
	200	200
2214	3318	5532
16521	0	16521

Balance brought forward	26486
2024/25	-2224
Balance	24262

War Memorial Grant	390
Contingency	3000
CIL	10098
Tree Survey & Work	1000
Election	600
Notice Board & Benches	300
Defib	200
Computer Equipment	300
Play Equipment	8000
Estimated Carry forward	23888
Actual Carry forward	24262

**Additional savings** **374**