

**MINUTES OF THE 973rd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6 JULY 2015
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Harper, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale. County Councillor Snape, Three members of the Public.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Mrs M France.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Dickenson and Wheale declared a non pecuniary interest in item 146/07/15 as interested parties of the application. Both Councillors left the room for this item. Councillor Berry declared a non pecuniary interest in item 150/07/15 as a neighbour of the applicant, councillor Berry took no part in the decision.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 1 JUNE 2015

142/07/15 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk advised that there had been no report from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr and Mrs Dearden advised that they were in attendance to confirm that they had reported issues with the play area previously regarding being overlooked and anti-social behaviour. The Chairman reminded residents that any anti social behaviour must be logged and reported to the Police, as they would patrol the area if there was an ongoing problem. Questions were asked as follows:

Q. Why was the Parish Council using funds to provide a seating area at the top of the play area when there was still an issue with the tower siting?

A. The seating project was a Borough Council project agreed with the previous Borough Councillor, Councillor Hansford. There was no funding available to the Parish Council and this funding could not be used for a different project. If the seating area did not go ahead the funding would stay with the Borough Council.

Q. Had residents on Mill Street requested the reduction of the height of the hedge?

A. Yes they had also requested the removal of two trees in the hedge. The Clerk was

requested to re-iterate to the contractor that the hedge should be allowed to increase in height.

Following discussion, the Chairman reminded Ms Edwards and Mr and Mrs Dearden that there were two reasons that the tower could not be removed – this was the only place in the play area that the tower could be situated due to having to be placed certain distances away from other items of equipment and the tower confirms to planning and regulations.

The Chairman suggested that one way to maintain privacy would be to put listerlux or a similar product on the windows. The Chairman had used this before and it had solved the problem that he was experiencing at the time.

The following items were reported:

- The fingerpost at the bottom of Stable Lane had been broken off
- The gullies on Briers Brow were blocked
- There were weeds growing on Victoria Street pavement

The Clerk was requested to report the above matters.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

1) TRAFFIC ISSUES

The Clerk advised that Borough Councillor Mrs France had copied her in on an email regarding the rumble strips on Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton. The Borough Councillor had requested that alternative traffic speed restriction methods be used to reduce the disruption of additional noise due to the speed bumps. The Chairman reported that historically, investigations had been undertaken regarding traffic calming measures and that they had been found to be too expensive.

Following discussions it was agreed that Councillor Hayes and Councillor Dickenson would liaise with John McLoughlin regarding siting the SPiD trailer on Blackburn Road for a period of time.

2) PLAY AREA – SEATING PROJECT/COBBLES

The Chairman gave an update on the cobbles refurbishment and advised that there was a possible start date of 11 August 2015.

3) PLAY EQUIPMENT - FENCE

The Clerk advised that the fence between the play area and Chapel Cottage, Victoria Street had fallen down and that on inspection the upright post seemed to have been moved. Due to the health and safety responsibilities regarding the heavy concrete panels and posts it was agreed that the garden maintenance contract should be asked to repair the fencing to ensure that no further panels fall over and injure anyone.

143/07/15

It was RESOLVED that S. Berry should be requested to repair the boundary wall between the play area and Chapel Cottage, Victoria Street.

PLANNING MATTERS

15/00442/FUL Land 280m North East of Pendle View Farm, Buckholes Lane, Wheelton.

Erection of stables with tack room, haystore, concrete apron and midden and formation of sand paddock.

144/07/15 It was RESOLVED not to object to the application but to advise that local knowledge suggests that the entrance from the road needs widening and possible screening from the residences on the opposite side of the road.

15/00473/FUL The Hawthorns, Harbour Lane, Wheelton.

Erection of rear infill extensions, demolition of part of the existing lounge and raising the roof height of the retained lounge.

145/07/15 It was RESOLVED to raise no objection to this application.

15/00538/FUL 58 Millbrook Close, Wheelton.

Erection of single storey side porch and front bay window.

Councillor Berry chaired the meeting for this item.

146/07/15 It was RESOLVED to make no objection to this item but to request that the application be in keeping with the local area.

15/00551/FUL The Barn, South Miry Fold Farm, Briers Brow, Wheelton.

Erection of double garage.

147/07/15 It was RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

15/00557/FUL 476 Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton.

Erection of part two, part single storey side extension and erection of single storey rear extension.

148/07/15 It was RESOLVED to advise that local knowledge shows that digging the footings may undermine the existing wall and that the proportionality compared to the original building should be confirmed.

15/00584/FUL The Cottages, Miry Fold Farm, Briers Brow, Wheelton

Construction of a single garage adjacent to existing cottage.

149/07/15 It was RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

15/00600/FUL 26 Bett Lane, Higher Wheelton.

Erection of two dormers to the front elevation and proposed new vehicular access and dropped kerb.

150/07/15 It was RESOLVED to make no objection and to confirm that the application confirms with planning regulations and was in keeping with the area.

15/00605/FUL 335 Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton.
Erection of first floor side extension. Insertion of balcony to ground floor and erection of Juliet balcony at first floor.

151/07/15 It was RESOLVED to make no objection to the application but to request that the work be in keeping with the local area.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

152/07/15 All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary July - £320.18
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.00
Mrs J Carr – Newsletter - £45.88
E-On – War Memorial Electricity - £38.19
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary August - £320.18
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.00

153/07/15 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Parish Council noted the income and expenditure and receipts and payments reports as circulated.

CHORLEY COUNCIL'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK GROUP

154/07/15 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would note the information regarding Chorley Council's Overview and Scrutiny Task Group investigation of Public Transport issues and to make no comment.

SUBSIDISED LOCAL BUS SERVICES – SERVICE 24

155/07/15 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would note the information regarding subsidised local bus services – Service 24. The Parish Council noted that the changes may mean that there were less regular and more expensive, smaller buses serving the village and discussions were had regarding issues relating to bus services and dial a ride.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMITTEE'S ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE

156/07/15 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would note the information regarding the

Local Government Boundary Committee's electoral review of Lancashire.

157/07/15 It being 9.30pm it was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting for a further 5 minutes.

COUNTRYWIDE SIGN POSTING PROJECT

158/07/15 The Parish Council noted the information regarding the Countrywide Sign Posting project and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Hayes would investigate the scheme.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- The Ironman 2015 – 19 July 2015. – The Chairman advised that the Iron Man Organisers had confirmed that they would clear up after the event but that they would not clean the graffiti on the roads.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 September 2015 at 8.00pm
The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated