

**MINUTES OF THE 984th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4 JULY 2016
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Harper, Scambler and Wheale.
County Councillor K Snape and one member of the public.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked Councillors for distributing the Newsletters last month.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hayes and Borough Councillor M France.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 6 JUNE 2016

246/07/16 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

POLICE REPORT

There were no reports from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs P Dickenson was in attendance on behalf of the Village Hall Committee and asked for support for their application for a premises licence. Mrs Dickenson advised that the current licence was until 11pm but a number of enquires had been received for weekend events but the hirers wanted to continue after 11pm. Therefore, the Committee had agreed that the Licence should be extended on a Friday and Saturday until 12.30pm. The Village Hall Committee would still have to lock and unlock the hall so there would be no running over time. The Committee was made up of a responsible group of volunteers who run the Village Hall on behalf of the Village.

Governors asked how often a booking might run until 12.30pm and were advised that the majority of bookings were for children's parties but there could be approximately 2 a month. When enquiries were received for weekend bookings and hirers were told

that they have to finish and be cleared away by 11pm they go elsewhere. The committee were aware that other local venues had premises licences until 1am and were also situated in residential areas, this puts the Village Hall at a disadvantage for business. The Village Hall could apply for up to 15 TEN which would allow 15 events to be held with late finishing times but this would cost an additional £21.00 each and the public would be even more reluctant to have to apply for their own TEN licences.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would write a letter of support to Chorley Borough Council and to copy Gary Hall into the letter to make him aware of the support. Mrs Dickenson reported that any booking for a later finish would be fully reviewed.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

County Councillor Snape advised that the mobile speed enforcement vehicle had been out but the speeding had not been bad enough for further action although the issue of speeding vehicles had been raised a number of times and reports of accidents given, when she had canvassed the local area.

247/07/16

It was noted that there was nowhere for the SPiD trailer to be sited in that area. The Clerk advised that the cost for a small advert in Clerk's and Council's Direct would be £125.00 at least. Councillors RESOLVED that the Council should attempt to recoup the funds spent on the SPiD trailer to date and Councillor Wheale was requested to explore the possibility of the sale of the trailer. Councillor Wheale questioned whether there could be a conflict of interest in him approaching someone regarding the trailer but the Council agreed that there was not.

248/07/16

It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the County Council and the Police and Crime commissioner requesting that enforcement continues in the Parish.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

i) Victoria Street Fencing

Councillor Scambler reported that there had been a couple of incidents reported of children climbing over the fence by the play equipment and dropping off the wall onto Victoria Street roadway. Discussions were had regarding safety and the possibility of stopping children from climbing the fence.

Councillors RESOLVED that:

- Councillor Wheale should investigate a specification for improvements to the fencing
- The Clerk should get quotations for the work specified.

ii) Walkway Lighting

The Chairman advised that he would not be able to attend the Eastern Parishes Meeting to request that the lighting be included in the funding and requested whether there was another Councillor able to attend on his behalf, no one was currently able to attend.

iii) Future Projects

Councillors discussed whether an event could be organised for May Day with Morris Dancers.

PLANNING MATTERS

16/00377/FUL Land North of the Golden Lion, Brown House Lane, Higher Wheelton.

249/07/16 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council object to the application on the grounds of the development being too large and too close to existing properties.

16/00499/FUL , Winns Farm Barn, Whins Lane, Wheelton.

250/07/16 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should make no objection to the dwelling changes in the application but to object to the changes in business conditions.

16/00559/FUL The Engine House, Brinscall Mill Road, Wheelton.

251/07/16 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should strongly object to the application as the development was not in keeping with the area or the materials.

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Councillors noted the internal audit report previously circulated and that there were no issues raised.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

252/07/16 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary July - £323.73
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.80
Mrs J Carr –Office 365 & Stationery - £206.31
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary August - £323.37
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.80

253/07/16 Councillors APPROVED the National Joint Council agreement on pay scales for local government staff for 2016-17 and 2017-18.

HEAPEY AND WHEELTON WAR MEMORIAL TRUST

Councillors noted the letter from the Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust advising that their treasurer was retiring and requesting whether we could suggest a replacement.

254/07/16 Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Dickenson would offer to take over the accounts/books, organise the collections and banking and annual audit.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Clerk advised that the new website was almost ready to launch and Councillors were requested to review the website and advise the Clerk of any changes that should be made.

LALC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Councillor Dickenson proposed and Councillor Berry seconded the following proposal for the LALC Annual General Meeting:

255/07/16 “That the LALC discuss the reluctance of elected members to allow officers to engage with Parish Councils and Stakeholders through site meetings”.

VILLAGE HALL NOTICE BOARD

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from the Village Hall Committee requesting permission for the Committee to site a notice board on the Meadow Street Recreation Ground Grass area beside the newly created gap in the stone wall at the top of the walkway.

256/07/16 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed in principle to the Village Hall Committee siting a notice board on the Meadow Street Recreation Ground Grass area beside the newly created gap in the stone wall at the top of the walkway but to request a site visit to agree the actual positioning.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- Iron Man UK – Sunday 17 July 2016.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 September 2016 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated