

**MINUTES OF THE 995th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3 JULY 2017
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Hayes, Scambler and Borough Councillor C France.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

346/07/17 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fowler, Harper and Wheale and Borough Councillor Mrs M France.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 5 JUNE 2017

347/07/17 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

348/07/17 Councillors noted that the Parish Council had not received any communication from the new County Councillor since his election. It was **RESOLVED** that the agenda for the September 2017 Parish Council should be sent to the County Councillor.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillors reported that there was a large amount of water run off of Bett Lane which was resulting in water laying outside 24 Bett Lane from the pavement to the white line. The Clerk advised that this had been reported to highways a number of times.

The Clerk reported that there had been an email received regarding parking on Bett Lane following the article in the newsletter on parking. The problem had been

reported to the County Council. It was noted that there were also 5 cars parked on yellow lines in the village today.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk advised that one of the trees on the recreation ground had had a damaged branch that had had to be removed and that the tree surgeon had advised that the tree would need removing as it was diseased. The Clerk was waiting for a quotation for the removal

A site visit had been undertaken by Playdale regarding the equipment on the Meadow Street play area. A quotation had been sent for a replacement unit for the Victoria Street side of the area and would be sent for repairs to some of the other units. Discussions were had regarding:

- Removing the bowl and replacing it with a net
- Replacing the rotting log steps with stone

The Chairman advised that Grants were being sought towards the cost of replacement for the old piece of play equipment.

The Clerk advised that Chorley Borough Council had questioned whether the fencing was still required on the Meadow Street side of the recreation ground and Councillors confirmed that this was the case as it would stop children climbing through the hedge.

Councillor Berry advised that there were some plants climbing to the top of a tree and some trees that required work to them on the Memorial Gardens. Councillor Dickenson agreed to report the issues to the War Memorial Trust.

349/07/17 The Clerk advised that the Grounds Maintenance Contractor had reported that the bench on Blackburn Road would need new timbers as they were too badly burnt to repair. The Clerk gave an overview of the cost of replacement and it was RESOLVED that the timbers should be replaced with wood slats. It was further agreed that the issue of placement of the Parish Council's benches should be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

350/07/17 17/00484/FUL – Land at Winns Lane, Wheelton.
The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the objections made by the Planning Committee and sent to the Borough Council.

351/07/17 17/00524/FULHH – Spring Bank, 16 Bett Lane, Higher Meadow
The Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds that it is inappropriate development. The Parish Council felt that it was stretching the limits of development and encroaching on boundaries and green belt.

17/00625/FUL Laneside Farm, Brown House Lane, Higher Wheelton

- 352/07/17** The Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds of:
- The application is an increase on what was already in place
 - No details have been provided regarding the number of events and timings
 - Inappropriate development within the green belt
 - The marked land on the plan is so far away and raises questions not answered in the application

17/00590/FUL –

- 353/07/17** The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application but to raise concerns about the interaction between horses and traffic on the access and recommend that the consent has a condition that the development is not to be developed for housing.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

- 354/07/17** All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – July Salary - £330.20
Inland Revenue – July Deductions - £82.20
Mrs J Carr – Microsoft Annual Charge - £113.76
Mrs J Carr – August Salary - £330.20
Inland Revenue – August Deductions - £82.20
Beardwood Tree Services – Branch Removal - £120.00

DD – Easy Websites – Website hosting and support July - £24.00
DD – E-On – War Memorial Electricity - £69.59
DD – Easy Websites – Website hosting and support August - £24.00
DD – Data Protection – Annual Subscription - £35.00

INTERNAL ADUIT REPORT

Councillors noted the internal audit report circulated and that there were no issues raised. All documents had been forwarded to the external auditors and the requisite reports posted on the website.

ACCOUNTS REPORTS

Councillors reviewed the following documents for the 2017/18 first quarter;

- Bank Reconciliation
- Statement of accounts
- Receipts and Payments

Councillors NOTED the reports as circulated.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- Route and road closure for Iron Man 2017 – 16 July 2017.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 September 2017 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated