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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 1 June 2026 for the transaction of the following business.

DATED this 22 May 2026

PARISH CLERK: Joanne Carr

A G E N D A

1. Apologies.
2. Declarations of Members' interests on any matters to be placed before the Council.
3. To receive any declarations of acceptance of office which are outstanding.
4. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11 May 2026.
5. To consider the Police Report.
6. Public Forum.
7. Enhancing Wheelton.
 - (a) Traffic Issues – Finger Post
 - (b) Recreation Area
 - (c) War Memorial
 - (d) Benches – Notice Boards

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

26/00403/FULHH The Croft Lower Simpson Fold Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton Chorley PR6 8HL

Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) and condition 3 materials) attached to planning permission ref: 25/00663/FULHH (Erection of timber outbuilding) to increase the height, width and depth of the outbuilding including the introduction of a first floor, erection of an external staircase, installation of double French doors and other external alterations

9. To approve the schedule of payments.
10. To suggest items for the summer newsletter.
11. To note the information from Chorley Borough Council around the Neighbourhood Area Meetings. (Appendix B)
12. To receive any Items for Information only.
 - Chorley Area Committee Meeting – LALC – Thursday, 11 June 2026, at 7pm – Chorley Town Hall
 - Chorley Council Liaison Meeting – 21 October 2026 – 6.30pm

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6 July 2026 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 1085th WHEELTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 MAY 2026
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Harper (Chair), Mrs Berry, Mrs France, Scambler and Wheale.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hayes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wheale declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Co-option of Councillor Harper because he is related Councillor Harper's Wife.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Parish Council has two vacancies for Parish Councillors. Mr Matthew Harper had advised that he would like to be considered for one of the vacancies.

01/05/26 Councillors RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Harper to the Parish Council.

DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

To decide when any declarations of acceptance of office, which have not been received as provided by law, shall be received.

02/05/26 Members signed their Declarations, Councillors not in attendance will sign on their return, before the next meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

03/05/26 Following a Discussion on succession, Councillor Harper was elected Chairman for the 2026-27 Year.

The Chair made his declaration of office

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

04/05/26

Following a Discussion, Councillor Berry was elected Vice-Chairman for the 2026-27 Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026/2027

04/05/26

Following a Discussion, the representatives were agreed as follows: -

Chorley Liaison Meetings – Councillor Mrs M France

LAPTC Chorley Area Committee representatives – Councillor R Wheale

(Substitute – Councillor Mrs K Berry)

Chorley Council Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting – Councillor M Harper

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee representative – Councillor Mrs K Berry

Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trustee Representative - Councillors R Wheale and N Hayes. Mr G Davies.

Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trustees – Mrs D Gorton, Councillor N Hayes, Ms T Farrow and Mr R Wheale.

Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust Trustees Representative - Councillor R Wheale.

Tree Warden – Councillor M Harper.

Press Officer - Any emergency press release should be a bland statement produced in consultation with Councillors.

Communications (Newsletter) Co-ordinator – Parish Clerk – assisted by Councillor M Harper

Wheelton Website Co-ordinator – Parish Clerk

Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group – Councillor Dickenson.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 13 APRIL 2026

05/05/26

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

The Clerk gave an overview of the crime statistics for the Parish as published on the Police website for March 2026.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Berry reported that a cabin had been installed in the field beyond Stichcroft Lane Farm. Councillor Mrs France agreed to investigate this with Chorley Borough Council Planning Team.

The Clerk advised that she had received an anonymous letter regarding the grass area on Millbrook Close. As the letter was anonymous it could not be responded to but Councillors noted that the area in question was Borough Council land.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Repairs to the finger post. Councillor Hayes had sent the prototype sign to the meeting for Councillors to see.

Councillor Mrs Berry advised that the footpath from West View to Victoria Street was slippery and needed cleaning. Councillors discussed the ownership/responsibility of the path and it was thought that this was not the Village Halls land. Councillor Mrs Berry agreed to speak to Chorley Borough Council regarding getting the street team to clean the cobbles.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk reported that Chorley Borough Council had still not responded to her emails regarding the replacement of the bark on the Play Area.

c) War Memorial

The Clerk reported that both Chorley Borough Council and South Ribble Council had advised that they would not be able to support the Council with drawing up a new lease for the War Memorial Trust. Councillor Wheale advised that he and Ms Farrow were investigating the matter.

d) Benches and Notice Boards

Councillor Scambler confirmed that he would be happy for the new Bench and Noticeboard to be delivered to his address so that the Grounds Maintenance Contractor can collect when he was able to install them.

PLANNING MATTERS

06/05/26

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications and RESOLVED to make the following observations:

26/00346/FUL- Little Harbour Farm Harbour Lane Wheelton Chorley PR6 8JR
Section 73 application to alter the wording of condition 7 (self-build) of planning permission ref: 24/00925/FUL (Erection of 2no. dwellinghouses (following demolition of existing building) and the siting of a residential caravan for a temporary period during the construction of the dwellings and access alterations) in order to remove the requirement for the dwelling to be a self-build dwelling so that the development will not be exempt from mandatory biodiversity net gain

requirements

The Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds that the application is not in keeping with the National Planning Policy Framework because the permission given is for a Self-build Eco-House.

26/00378/FUL - Highfield 20 Bett Lane Higher Wheelton Chorley PR6 8JH
Change of use of a parcel of land from agricultural use to residential garden land incidental to 20 Bett Lane. No buildings, structures or engineering operations are proposed. The site is enclosed by post and rail fencing, installed in accordance with the agreed boundary treatment.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

26/00377/FUL - Land at Lodge Bank Brinscall
Erection of 1no self-build dwelling, following demolition of existing domestic storage buildings.

The Parish Council Object to this application on the grounds of:

- Overdevelopment in the area.
- Access is poor so additional traffic is not acceptable.
- The volume of the development is too large.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

07/05/26 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary May – £520.00

Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions May - £164.95

LALC – Annual Subscription - £219.15

Clear Insurance Management Ltd – Annual Insurance - £964.79

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support May – £30.36

CIL RECONCILIATION

08/05/26 Councillors RESOLVED to accept the CIL Income report for the 2025/26 Year and the income to be received in April 2026 as circulated.

DATES FOR THE 2026/27 YEAR

09/05/26 Councillors RESOLVED to approve the dates for the 2026/27 as follows:

Monday 1 June 2026

Monday 6 July 2026

Monday 24 August 2026

Monday 5 October 2026

Monday 2 November 2026
Monday 7 December 2026
Monday 4 January 2027
Monday 1 February 2027
Monday 1 March 2027
Monday 5 April 2027
Monday 10 May 2027

REQUESTS TO USE THE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that there has been a request from Meercat's Childminding to hold a colour run on the recreation ground in July 2026

The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the request with the following provisos –

10/05/26

- Use of the ground would be at the Nurseries own risk and they must have their own insurance.
- Because the recreation Ground is an open space, they would not be able to move someone out of the area if they were already using the green.
- Any damage to the recreation ground be repaired at their cost.

PLANT BASED TREATY

11/05/26

Councillors RESOLVED to note the request from Plant Based Treaty to support/endorse their treaty and or support local awareness initiatives around sustainable food

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Area Committee Meeting – LALC – Thursday, 11 June 2026, at 7pm – Chorley Town Hall
- Chorley Council Liaison Meeting – 21 October 2026 – 6.30pm
- Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee – Tuesday 2 June 2026 – 6.30pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1 June 2026 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.24pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Dated Chair

Appendix B

Dear Neighbourhood Area Group member,

I am writing to update you on the position regarding upcoming Neighbourhood Area meetings.

As you are aware, Neighbourhood Working traditionally includes the identification and agreement of local priority projects during meetings held in February and March each year for delivery in the following financial year. However, these meetings were unable to go ahead which has created uncertainty around the most appropriate approach for 2026/27.

Given these circumstances, it has been agreed that it is appropriate to pause the next round of Neighbourhood Area meetings while a decision is made on this year's delivery model.

This pause will allow time to consider the most effective approach to neighbourhood working for 2026/27 and ensure any agreed model is deliverable within available time and resources while still maximising impact for our communities

We appreciate that Neighbourhood Area meetings are an important mechanism for local engagement and priority setting, and this is not a decision taken lightly. The intention is to ensure that the approach we take going forward is both effective and realistic

We will update you further as soon as a decision has been made and will re-engage with you on next steps at the earliest opportunity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards
Bernie

Bernie Heggarty
Community Partnerships Manager

Ruth Rimmington
Democratic & Member Services Team Leader

