

**MINUTES OF THE 961st WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2 JUNE 2014
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT:

Councillors Dickenson, Berry, Fowler, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.

Borough Councillor Mrs M France

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and started by congratulating Councillor France on her election. Councillor Dickenson congratulated all Councillors on their re-elections and reminded the meeting that this would be his last four year term of office therefore succession planning should be considered at a future meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stewart.

DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

Councillors Dickenson, Berry, Fowler, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale made their declarations of acceptance of office and signed their Register of Interest.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

01/06/14 Following a Discussion, Councillor Dickenson was elected Chairman for the 2014-15 Year.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

02/06/14 Following a Discussion, Councillor Wheale was elected Vice-Chairman for the 2014-15 Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

03/06/14 Following a Discussion, the representatives were agreed as follows:-
Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee representative – Councillor R Wheale
Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trustees - Councillor R Wheale and Mrs D Gorton
Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust Trustees - Councillors R Wheale and T Dickenson

Playground Trust - Councillors N Hayes and R Wheale
Newsletter –Councillors T Dickenson, J Fowler and Parish Clerk
Press Officer - Councillor T Dickenson
Tree Warden – Councillor J Fowler assisted with Parish Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE

04/06/14 Councillors Berry and Scambler declared an interest in /06/14 payment to S Berry.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 12 MAY 2014

05/06/14 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Councillor Hayes joined the meeting.

POLICE REPORT

No report had been received from the Police. Councillor Dickenson advised that the Police had been informed about the damage to the playground. The Clerk was requested to contact the police to request a copy of the Intouch report for meetings and to advise of the list of Parish Council meeting dates.

There had been a number of garages broken into in Higher Wheelton over the last few weeks.

Councillor Berry joined the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following matters were reported:

- A number of residents had questioned an advertising sign on the highway next to the Chapel in Higher Wheelton. The Clerk had been asked to contact the Borough Council to establish whether planning permission would be required for the sign and if so whether it had been applied for.
- Dust bins were being left out on the roadside on Victoria Street and Meadow Street. The Clerk was requested to advise the Borough Council.
- Borough Councillor France advised that she had received a request from a resident for a new street light on the corner of Bett Lane and Jenny Lane. The Chairman agreed to contact County Councillor Snape to discuss the matter.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

1) PARKWISE MEETING

06/06/14

The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held with the Compliance Officer from Parkwise, attended by himself, the clerk and Councillor Hayes. The meeting had been helpful although Parkwise had suggested that the Parish Council buy in out of hours visits. The Council agreed that these visits should be undertaken as part of the funding that residents pay to the County Council and the Chairman advised that he had responded by advising that it was felt that Wheelton residents were not getting value for money. The Officer had given the impression that enforcement visits would only be undertaken where they would be cost effective. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman should reply to Parkwise that this was unacceptable.

2) SPID TRAILER

The Chairman advised that the majority of Parish Council's had confirmed that they were interested in using the SPID trailer. Training for using the trailer would be arranged and the Chairman agreed to advise of a date and time for the training.

3) PLAY AREA

The Chairman thanked Councillor Fowler for attending the play area and helping to cordon off the tower following an arson attack. The incident had been reported to the police although no contact had been made by the police. The Clerk advised that Park Leisure were attending on 5 June to inspect the equipment.

07/06/14

The Clerk advised that a quotation had been received for Insuring the play equipment at a cost of £131.41. It was RESOLVED that the quotation from Aon to insure the play equipment at a cost of £131.41 be accepted.

4) SEATING PROJECT

The Clerk advised that no further details have been received from Chorley Borough Council.

PLANNING MATTERS

14/00495/FUL – Harbour Barn, Harbour Lane, Wheelton
Siting of a static caravan in garden to be used as a dwelling.

08/06/14

It was unanimously RESOLVED that this application should be objected to on the grounds of it being a permanent structure within the green belt. The structure was not in keeping with the area and had the potential to be a commercial holiday let.

FINANCIAL REPORT

09/06/14 All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary - £313.36
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £78.20
S Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £910.00
Aon – Play Equipment Insurance - £131.41

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT

10/06/14 Councillors noted the Consultation from Lancashire County Council regarding the proposed road traffic regulation act and RESOLVED to make no comment.

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL 3 TIER LIAISON

991/05/14 Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the Chorley 3 Tier Liaison including the membership changes. It was RESOLVED that Councillor Dickenson attend the meetings on behalf of the Parish Council. It was further agreed that the Clerk should question whether the Clerk would also be allowed to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Councillors discussed the articles for the Parish Council newsletter and it was agreed that items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Clerk by the 16 June 2014 and be ready for distribution by 7 July 2014.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- Road Closure – Iron man – Sunday 20 July 2014.
- Mayor Elect invitation – Annual mayoral procession – 8 June 2014.
- Crime Commissioner – offer to attend a Parish Council meeting.
- Chorley & District Carnival request for assistance.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 July 2014 at 8.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated

