

**MINUTES OF THE 972nd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 1 JUNE 2015
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Harper, Scambler and Wheale.
Two members of the Public.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Berry and Scambler declared a non pecuniary interest in item /05/15 as a neighbour of the applicant.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 11 MAY 2015

138/06/15 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

Mrs Christopher advised that the Royal British Legion were hoping to hold an event to celebrate the end of WW2 in 2018. Suggestions had been made that a street party be held and the possibility of forming a subcommittee was discussed. Mrs Christopher was advised that the Parish Council were in favour of the principle of holding a village event in 2018 to commemorate the end of WW2. It was also suggested that Mrs Christopher contact the Clerk of Heapey Parish Council to advise them of the idea.

Mrs Christopher left the meeting.

Ms Edwards gave an overview of her request for the Parish Council to either move the Tower on the Meadow Street play area or install screening to stop people being able to see into her house from the top of the tower. The Chairman advised that he had visited Ms Edwards a number of times to discuss the matter but no-one had been in on those occasions. The Chairman and Clerk explained the following:

- Putting additional boards up on the top of the tower would cost £2,540 as had

been reported at the last meeting and would not stop the problem.

- The research that had been undertaken before the equipment was installed
- The project had been a Parish Council project, paid for by a grant from the Borough Council and project managed by the Borough Council
- The Borough Council had advised that planning permission would be required for additional boards. This would mean that the structure would be higher than allowed and a complaint had already been received regarding the height of the tower. Would other residents want the height to be raised?
- The Parish Council had already considered matters and agreed that the tower would not be moved or altered as there was no funding for the project, planning permission would have to be sought (which would also incur a large cost) and not all immediate residents were in approval for a large fence/structure in the area
- The grounds contractors had been requested to allow the hedge to grow (following requests from previous residents to remove trees along the boundary and cut the hedge lower). Ms Edwards felt that the hedge had not been allowed to increase in height and the Clerk agreed to contact the Grounds Maintenance Contract to discuss the matter.

The Parish Council discussed possibilities for screening windows including blinds, a film that stopped people seeing in but allowed people to see out, planning regulations and previous structures in the same position. The Chairman advised Ms Edwards that the Parish Council had to act and spend their money for the good of the whole of the parish and were not able to act on the wishes of one person.

Ms Edwards left the meeting.

The Clerk advised that the Village Hall Committee had been advised that an objection had been raised against the premises licence application for the Village Hall. The Clerk was requested to write a letter of support for the application.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

1) TRAFFIC ISSUES

There were no new items to discuss regarding traffic and parking.

2) PLAY AREA – SEATING

The Clerk advised that the Borough Council had advised that prices had been received for the cobble resetting and the revised project to break through the wall and guards which would be submitted to release the funding. The County Council had reported to the Borough Council that they would not install lighting on the walkway but that the Parish Council could connect to the Village Hall if they wanted to install lighting. The Clerk had responded that the Village Hall was not run by the Parish Council and that the Parish Council had no funding for lighting. It had been agreed that the ducting would be installed so that lighting could be installed at a later date if funding and approval was to be received.

3) PLAY EQUIPMENT - TOWER

The Council noted that this matter had been discussed under comments from the public and that there was no further action to be undertaken at this time.

PLANNING MATTERS

15/00408/FUL 1 St Pauls Close, Wheelton.

Erection of stair tower and belvedere. Conversion of loft space to provide bedroom with en-suite.

138/06/15 It was RESOLVED not to object to the application but to request that the project be in keeping with the local area.

15/0000424/FUL Wheelton Lodge Farm, Harbour Lane, Wheelton, Chorley.

Creation of new vehicular access road form Harbour Lane to Wheelton Lodge Farm

139/06/15 It was RESOLVED to object to the application on the grounds of concern over the safety of the new access as local knowledge shows that the new access is in a dip in the road which effects the sight line as the road is lower at that point and also moves the access nearer a very bad bend in the road.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

136/05/15 All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary May - £320.18
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.00
A-on – Insurance - £943.01
S.Berry’s – Grounds Maintainence - £910.00

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- The Ironman 2015 – 19 July 2015.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1 June 2015 at 8.00pm
The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated