

**MINUTES OF THE 1039th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2022
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Harper, Mrs Berry, Dickenson, Mrs France, Hayes and Wheale.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Cullens and a member of the Public.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor R Scambler.

Councillor Dickenson apologised for missing the Neighbourhood Liaison meeting for the first time in 44 years. Councillor Mrs France advised that she had been in attendance.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs Berry declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 355/03/22 as she is related to a payee.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 7 FEBRAURY 2022

351/03/22 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk and Councillor Dickenson reported that they had not heard anything from the Holcombe Hunt following last months meeting. The Clerk advised that she would contact the hunt in the autumn and to ask whether the hunt wanted something putting in the newsletter to ask for considerate parking and warn residents that they will be meeting in the Parish.

344/02/22 Temporary Weight restriction.

The Clerk reported that no response had been received regarding additional traffic controls on the A674 whilst the weight restrictions were in place.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that PCSO Clarke had not sent in a report this month although she had been contacted to question what dates and times the Parish Council met because the Police were trying to restart visiting the Parish Councils.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs J Lilley reported that there had been no more traffic issues but wanted to know what further could be done. Councillors discussed the matter and the limit of the Parish Council's powers. The Clerk agreed to advise Mrs Lilley of the Police's attendance at meetings if she was advised before the meeting.

Councillor Mrs Berry advised that there was a sunken manhole on Jenny Lane near Strathive and that the road was sinking at the bottom of the pathway from Victoria Street to the Village Hall. The Clerk was requested to report both faults.

352/03/22 Councillor Hayes reported that the walkway to the Canal from Whins Lane had been blocked off with no access and questioned how the bin was emptied.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillor Harper advised that there was no update on the repair to the fingerpost but was waiting for better weather and was still to pass on the details of the contractor to the Clerk.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk advised that funding was still being sought for the replacement play equipment and updated the meeting on the progress. Councillor Hayes advised that he had details of a biodiversity grant and Councillors agreed that he should investigate further.

353/03/22 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should:

- Speak to the Village Hall to get a date for a consultation session
- Obtain a couple of different quotations

c) War Memorial

Councillor Wheale reported that the invoice for the service to the Clock was still outstanding.

354/03/22 The Clerk was requested to obtain a quotation for the War Memorial pointing from the Grounds Maintenance Contractor.

PLANNING MATTERS

355/03/22 The Parish Council considered the following planning applications and RESOLVED to make the following observations:

The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the information regarding the proposal to upgrade the existing Radio Base Station as circulated.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

355/03/22 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary March – £359.86
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions March - £89.90
S. Berry – Ground Maintenance fourth quarter - £920.00
Heapey & Wheelton Village Hall – Room Rent - £374.00
Mrs J Carr – Stationery - £86.34

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support March – £27.60

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED NEW MAP OF CONSITUENCIES

Councillor Mrs France gave an overview of the proposed changes to the map of constituencies being consulted on and advised that she would be speaking at the public hearing on 14 & 15 March 2022. Councillors discussed the proposal and were concerned about the area that the Parish would be linked with.

356/03/22 The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should write and advised that the Parish Council were concerned that Wheelton and Higher Wheelton had no links with Darwen, no road or public transport, no heritage links, no Health links, no Education links and no County Council or Borough Council links. The Parish Council felt that the preferred option would be for Chorley to lose numbers on the South Ribble side and for Wheelton and Higher Wheelton to stay in the Chorley constituency.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2022

The Parish Council noted the information circulated from the Best Kept Village Competition 2022.

357/03/22 The Parish Council RESOLVED not to entre the Best Kept Village Competition 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL'S SMALL ITEMS OF WORKS

358/03/22 The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the County Council Highways Department requesting items of work to put on a price list of frequently requested items of work.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- The Parish and Town Council Conference (the 'Highways Special') will take place on Saturday 19 March 2022 in The Exchange at County Hall, Preston
- The next meeting of the Chorley Liaison is due to be held on Wednesday, 16 March at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall and we will be using Microsoft Team

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 April 2022 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated