

**MINUTES OF THE 1050th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 2023
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's Harper, Mrs M France, Hayes and County Councillor Cullens.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in 84/03/23 Cheques for S Berry as the Recipient is a relative.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 6 FEBRUARY 2023

78/03/23 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 reported that there was no report from the Police this month.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

79/03/23 Councillors advised that the same dog was still being reported as fouling Meadow Street and wandering around the Play Area. The Clerk was requested to contact the Dog Warden to visit the area and make suggestions as to further actions that can be taken.

80/03/23 The Clerk was requested to report the following:

- Large Pothole at the end of West View next to the Village Hall Car Park
- The drain opposite 20 Meadow Street was blocked.
- The walkway between Blackburn old road and Wins Lane needs sweeping

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillors noted that the repairs to the finger post at the Memorial Gardens were

still ongoing.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk advised that a site visit had been arranged with the playground equipment provider to arrange a quotation for a second bench, a table if there was space available and possibly a small piece of equipment.

c) War Memorial

Councillors were aware that the war memorial re-pointing would be done in the spring when the weather had improved.

d) Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that a new battery and pads had been ordered for the Defibrillator and the cabinet serviced.

Councillors were advised that London Hearts were offering Charity Grant Funding towards the cost of each Defibrillator it supplies. Following discussion about available defibrillators in the Parish the Clerk was requested to investigate the costs involved.

81/03/23

PLANNING MATTERS

82/03/23

The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

23/00129/CLPUD Strathyre Jenny Lane Higher Wheelton
Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed rear dormer

RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

23/00130/FULHH Delf Farm Briers Brow Wheelton
Two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension, and replacement of existing windows (following demolition of existing conservatory)
(Resubmission of 22/00890/FULHH)

RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

23/00147/FUL Whins Green Kitchen Whins Lane Wheelton
Retention of moveable storage unit

The Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application on the following grounds:

- reducing capacity of car park,

- electric supply to refrigerator permanent thereby making unit permanent not mobile as per application.
- There is lots of storage under the building in the additional area that retrospective planning was requested for so why would a moveable storage unit be required?

Councillor Dickenson reported that the Black Lion Field application was recommended by Chorley Council for refusal but had already been appealed. Residents can write to the Inspector in support of Chorley Borough Council and to raise their objections.

83/03/23 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Inspector in support of Chorley Borough Council and to raise the Parish Council's objections as follows:

- Not following current policy,
- Local Infrastructure is not in place,
- No sustainable transport
- Traffic survey was done during Covid and School holidays so did not consider the buses that collect and drop off children from the area,
- The area is a rat run on local roads which the development would increase.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

84/03/23 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary March – £397.34
 Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions March - £99.20
 Mrs J Carr – Maintenance, Defibrillator spares and Stamps - £436.87
 Ronald Wheale – War Memorial Repairs - £19.00
 S Berry – Grounds Maintenance 4th Quarter - £920.00
 S. Berry – Repairs to Play Equipment - £500.00
 Chorley Borough Council – Play Area Bark - £2,142.00

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

KINGS CORONATION

The Parish Council discussed the up coming Coronation of King Charles III and noted that the additional Bank Holiday on May 8th 2023 would class with the May meeting of the Parish Council.

85/03/23 The Parish Council RESOLVED note to run something to commemorate the coronation and to move the May Parish Council meeting to the 15th May 2023.

WITHNELL HEALTH CENTRE

86/03/23 Councillors noted the email from the Rt Honourable Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP regarding the abandoning of the procurement process for GP services at Withnell

Health Centre and the award of an 18 month contract to Dr Robinson. Councillors were very pleased with the result and resolved to continue to support Dr Robinson to provide GP services at Withnell Health Centre.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisor Group meeting – 22 March 2023 at 6.30pm at Chorley Town Hall.
- Chorley Liaison meeting – 10 March 2023.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3 April 2023 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated