

**MINUTES OF THE 1072nd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2025
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Berry (Vice-Chair), Dickenson, Mrs France and Wheale.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Harper, Hayes and Scambler.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Berry declared an interest in 263/03/25 cheque payment to S Berry.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 3 FEBRUARY 2025

261/03/25 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Vice-Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

County Councillor Cullens had forwarded a letter from the County Council Highways Department advising that work to the overflowing culvert which was causing water to run across the A674 would be undertaken.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Berry reported that:

- There had been an accident in Higher Wheelton on the A674 opposite Jenny Lane where the posts/bollards have been demolished.
- A Bus had hit the retaining wall on Victoria Street alongside the Recreation Ground on Saturday 8 February between 2.15pm and 3.30pm.
- The light at the top of Meadow Street had been out for two separate nights but was now working again.

Councillors reported that they had received a number of comments about the new Millbrook Close sign because it looks very different and was not straight.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillor Hayes had reported that there was no update on the finger post refurbishment.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk reported that the new trees from Chorley Council and a couple of donated hedging plants had been planted on the Recreation Ground.

c) War Memorial

Councillors reported that it had been brought to their attention that a member of public had tried to copy the key to the War Memorial Tower illegally.

The Clerk advised that E-On had finally contacted her to request access to the Memorial Tower to change the faulty smart meter. Councillor Wheale agreed to contact them to agree a suitable time to open the tower for them to access the meter.

PLANNING MATTERS

262/03/25 The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

25/00056/FULHH 307 Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton

Part two storey side/front extension, part single storey front extension, two storey side extension including garage, balcony to roof above existing single storey rear projection, access improvements including new gate posts, walls, and gates and associated external works (following demolition of existing two storey side extension to either side, and carport.

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to raise the concern that the balcony may overlook the neighbours property but were unable to comment further due to the Borough Council's planning portal being inaccessible this weekend.

25/00057/PDE 307 Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton

Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 8m in depth, with eaves height of a 2.75m, and a maximum height of 4m

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to raise the concern that the balcony may overlook the neighbour's property but were unable to comment further due to being unable to print out the documents due to the Borough Council's planning portal being inaccessible this weekend.

25/00059/FUL Laneside Farm Brown House Lane Higher Wheelton
Erection of a self-build dwelling

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to defer this application to the next meeting due to being unable to print out the documents due to the Borough Council's planning portal being inaccessible this weekend.

25/00165/CLEUD Land at Lodge Bank, Brinscall
Application for a certificate of lawfulness for two existing buildings with their lawful use not being for agricultural or forestry.

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to defer this application to the next meeting due to being unable to print out the documents due to the Borough Council's planning portal being inaccessible this weekend.

24/00247/FUL Land on the A674 Wheelton Blackburn new road Wheelton
Erection of 9 no. dwellings with associated roads, car parking, landscaping and access.

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to defer this application to the next meeting due to being unable to print out the documents due to the Borough Council's planning portal being inaccessible this weekend.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

263/03/25 All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Salary March – £512.26
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions March - £128.00
Mrs J Carr – Defibrillator Pads - £82.80
Heapey & Wheelton Village Hall – Room Rental - £374.00
S Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £920.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support March – £30.36
DD - E-On – War Memorial Electricity - £96.56

COUNTY COUNCIL VE DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

264/03/25 Councillors RESOLVED that Councillor Dickenson would attend the County Council 80th Anniversary of VE-Day Service at Blackburn Cathedral on 11th May 2025 if possible. Councillor Mrs Berry would attend if two people can be booked in.

CHORLEY LIAISON MEETING

259/01/25 It was RESOLVED not to note raise items for the agenda at the Chorley Liaison meeting.

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION

260/02/25 Councillors RESOLVED to note the Central Lancashire Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation and make no comment.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Liaison meeting – 19 March 2025.
- Rivington & Brinscall Local Advisory Group – 5 March 2025.
- Mayors Charity Ball – 7 March 2025
- Eastern Parishes Meeting – 4 March 2025.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 April 2025 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated