

**MINUTES OF THE 1083<sup>rd</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 2 MARCH 2026  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Harper (Chair), Mrs Berry, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).  
Three Members of the Public.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Wheale and Hayes declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 355/03/26 and members of the War Memorial Trust and Councillors Mrs Berry and Scambler in item 360/03/26 as they are related to the Contractor S Berry.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 2 FEBRUARY 2026**

**354/03/26** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council subject to a change to the correct date of the meeting.

**WAR MEMORIAL TRUST**

Councillors noted that the trust was set up in 1997 to apply for grant funding to refurbish the War Memorial and a 25-year lease approved but this ran out in 2022.

Councillor Wheale reported that there were a couple of issues:

- That the lease lapsed in 2022.
- Maintenance – it was thought that there should be a survey completed.
- There were some concerns about insurance and trustee's liability.
- Funding.

Councillor Harper joined the meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that Heapey Parish Council contribute 50% of the costs that the Parish Council pay. Councillors Wheale and Hayes agreed to attend the meeting at Heapey Parish Council to question whether they want to extend the lease.

**355/03/26** Councillors RESOLVED that the War Memorial Trust should investigate investigating setting up a new 25-year lease.

Two members of the Public left the meeting.

### **POLICE REPORT**

There was no report from the Police.

The Clerk gave an overview of the crime statistics for the Parish as published on the Police website for November, December, January 2025.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The member of the public raised the issue of speeding in the Parish. Councillors advised that they had raised these concerns with the County Council around speeding on a number of occasions but had been advised that the County Council would not introduce a 20 mile an hour limit. Councillors advised that the member of public should establish the feel of residents through the social media channels that she has access to.

It was agreed that the Clerk should put this issue on the next Parish Council agenda.

The member of the public left the meeting at this point.

### **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

#### **a) Traffic Matters**

i) **Repairs to the finger post.** Councillor Hayes reported that he had contacted two Contractors and had received two quotations for refurbishment. One for double sided aluminium fingers which can be powder coated and one for stainless steel which would be a lot neater and thinner.

Chorley Borough Council had offered to cover the cost of the work but had advised that the project would have to be approved.

**356/03/26** The Parish Council RESOLVED to approach Chorley Borough Council and request that they approve the stainless-steel quotation.

**357/03/26** It being 9.30pm, The Parish Council RESOLVED to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting until 10.00pm.

#### **b) Recreation Area Enhancement**

The Clerk reported that Chorley Borough Council had still not responded to her

emails regarding the replacement of the bark on the Play Area.

**c) War Memorial**

Councillors noted that the Christmas tree had been removed from the Memorial Gardens.

**d) Benches and Notice Boards**

Councillors considered the quotations for benches and discussed the maintenance, costs and fixings of benches.

**358/03/26**

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should advise United Utilities that they would like a Phoenix Recycled Material Seat from Glasdon installed at a cost of £608.40.

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**359/03/26**

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

26/00091/PIP Land 50m South-West of 1 Whins Lane, Wheelton.  
Permission in principle application for the erection of up to 4 No. dwellings.

Wheelton Parish raise the following concerns on this application:

- Local knowledge is aware that the land is unstable and has slipped into the canal on previous occasions.
- There is concern over how the development would deal with water run-off and connect to the sewers.

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

**360/03/26**

All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary March – £537.42  
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions March - £172.62  
Mrs J Carr – Expenses - £39.54  
S Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £1125.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support March – £30.36  
A-On – War Memorial Electricity - £101.81

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW**

**361/03/26**

Councillors RESOLVED to note the consultation on the proposal from Lancashire County Council regarding their preferred option in regard to the Governments Local Government Review.

## **LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES**

Governors noted the Traffic Regulation Order received from Lancashire County Council in respect of Millbrook Close.

**362/03/26** Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to raise the following comment on the surface dressing works on Millbrook Close, Wheelton.

- Why is this road being resurfaced? There are roads such as the bottom of Victoria Street/Old Blackburn Road that are in a worse condition.
- Who is paying for the work? Is it the developers of the new houses accessing from Millbrook close.
- Why are you resurfacing a road now that will have works done where the new development joins the highway. Would it not be better to wait until the carriage way works are completed?

## **LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S INTERNAL STAFF VOLUNTEER SCHEME**

**364/03/26** Councillors RESOLVED to note the information received regarding the Lancashire County Councils development of an internal Staff Volunteer Scheme.

## **GRIT BIN REFILLING**

**365/03/26** The Clerk reported that the Lancashire County Council's Winter Service Plan 2025/26 includes information on refilling grit bins and that they had also responded to advise that empty grit bins can be reported online for refilling.

Councillors RESOLVED to note the information regarding Grit Bin Refilling.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group – 4 March 2026.
- Chorley Liaison Meeting – 18 March 2026.
- Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting – Wednesday 25 March 2026.
- Chorley Area Committee Meeting – LALC – 11 June 2026.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 13 April 2026 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated .....