

**MINUTES OF THE 1028<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 1 MARCH 2021  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors M Harper, Mrs K Berry, Dickenson, Mrs M France, Scambler and Wheale.

**Clerk:** Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs K Berry and R Scambler declared an interest in item 255/03/21 cheque for S Berry as the contractor is known to them and item 260/03/21 as one of the tender provider is known to them. Councillor Mrs Berry left the room for this item.

**251/03/21 MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 7 DECEMBER 2020**

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 PCSO Clarke had advised that there was nothing to report.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Councillors reported that there had been a surveyor looking at the Black Lion Field although the owner had advised that they had no intention of selling the land. Councillor Mrs France advised that the area is on the local plan for development so this may just be the Borough Council doing due diligence because it was on the housing plan and not because there was any indication that it was being developed.

The Clerk was requested to report the following matters to the County Council:

- 2 Potholes on Victoria Street, one the top side of the steps to the village hall and one outside 1 Victoria Street.
- There was a pothole outside Meadow Street Play area.
- Briers Brow had an open ditch full of water which needs cleaning out.

## **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

### **a) Traffic Matters**

The Clerk advised that there was no further information regarding the new finger post outside the memorial gardens.

A collapsed wall alongside Briers Brow had been reported to Lancashire County Council.

The Grit Bin on Kenyon Lane had been replaced in an unsatisfactory position, sticking into the road and the lid was not able to be closed. Councillor Harper advised that the bin had been re-sited now.

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

Councillor Harper advised that the additional "No Dog" signage on the play area was still to be installed.

### **c) War Memorial**

Councillors advised that there was an increasing number of people exercising their dogs in the War Memorial Garden as well as bringing bicycles into the grounds, picnicking and leaving their rubbish. Councillors discussed locking the gates again and RESOLVED to lock them for two months and re-evaluate the situation. Councillor Wheale agreed to speak to the Grounds Maintenance Contractor.

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### **d) Footpaths**

- i) The Clerk advised that the erosion of the footpath from Whins Lane to the Canal at Whins Bridge had been reported to the County Council.
- ii) The Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs France had reported, as requested by the Borough Council, that the vegetation alongside the FP6 Whins Lane pathway was overgrown.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

253/03/21 The Parish Council considered the following planning applications and RESOLVED to make the following observations:

**21/00114/FULHH** Wheelton Lodge Farm Harbour Lane Wheelton Chorley PR6 8JS

Creation of a new vehicular access from Harbour Lane and erection of gate

The Parish Council RESOLVED to comment that the application for the previous new access stated that this one was dangerous which was why the new access

was required. The Parish Council question what had changed that makes it now safe.

**21/00061/TPO** 5 Stocks Close Higher Wheelton

Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 2 (Wheelton) 1996: T1 Ash and T2 Ash - 20% crown reduction, 20% crown thin including deadwood, crown lift / target prune lower branches up to 5 metres from ground level

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to this application

**21/00117/FULHH** 19 Meadow Street Wheelton

Alteration to existing conservatory to replace glass roof with slate roof (retrospective)

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to this application

**LCC/2021/0007** Land north of A674 Millennium Way, northeast of M61 junction 8  
Prior extraction of sand / gravel and subsequent restoration with inert engineering fill to facilitate a platform for employment development, or agriculture, with peripheral landscaping

The Parish Council RESOLVED to strongly object to the application of the following grounds:

- Traffic issues - this is the single route into Chorley from the villages of Brinscall, Withnell, Abbey Village and Wheelton - aside from a large diversion along the M65 and M61 motorways. It is already very congested especially at either end of the working day, and the additional HGVs on this route will only make this worse, coupled with the additional traffic from the development on the opposite side of the road. There has recently been a number of accidents, including a fatality along the A674 and additional traffic will only make getting in and out of Wheelton more dangerous.
- Air Quality - this is a valley with already poor air quality due to the M61 and A6 /A674/ Exton Lane junctions. Additional HGVs will bring more air pollution.
- Noise, dust, vibration produced from the quarrying of sand and gravel will adversely affect people's enjoyment of their homes and gardens in the vicinity.

**254/03/21** It was RESOLVED to ratify the following comments from the Councillors to applications commented on during the lockdown

**21/00092/FULHH** Wheelton House Farm Brinscall Mill Road Wheelton  
Erection of pitched roof above existing detached garage and extension of garage

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to this application

**20/01394/FUL** Laneside Farm Brown House Lane Higher Wheelton Chorley PR6

8HR

Erection of 2no. two storey detached houses and detached garages following demolition of existing buildings.

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

- we have raised queries about what was happening with this property before as his change of use from agricultural to residential was predicted.
- access down a narrow lane with the increasing number of properties is very poor.
- developing on green fields site.

**20/01280/FUL** Land 100M East Of Wheelton House Brinscall Mill Road Wheelton  
The erection of a building and a polytunnel for agricultural and horticulture use

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to this application but question the term 'Agricultural Building' as this is not a working farm Councillors were not convinced this isn't going to be a garage or tack room or some such other rather than an Agricultural Building supporting the operation of a farming business.

**20/01337/FUL** Whins Green Kitchen Whins Lane Wheelton Chorley PR6 8HN  
Conversion of subterranean void space beneath the existing building and associated construction works to provide Cafe/ Day Spa facilities (retrospective)

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to this application.

## **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

**255/03/21** All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – November Salary adjustment - £30.00

Mrs J Carr – Salary January – £359.66

Mrs J Carr - Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions January - £90.00

Mrs J Carr – Defibrillator replacement pads - £55.20

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

DD E-on – War Memorial Electricity - £82.97

Mrs J Carr – Salary February - £359.66

Mrs J Carr - Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions February - £90.00

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

Mrs J Carr – Salary March - £359.86

Mrs J Carr - Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions March - £89.80

S. Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £920.00

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

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- 256/03/21** Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Budget to Spend reports to December 2020 as circulated.

## **MINISTRY FOR HOUSING COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION**

Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government Consultation regarding the proposal to create a new Office for Place which would involve each local planning authority drawing up its own design code in consultation with local people that developers would have to adhere to.

- 257/03/21** The Parish Council RESOLVED to respond to the consultation and agree with the proposal to create an Officer for Place because it was felt that local planning authorities would have local knowledge to better respond to planning matters.

## **CHORLEY OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION STRATEGY**

- 258/03/21** Councillors noted the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy consultation and RESOLVED to support the Action Plan 2020-2036.

- 259/03/21** It being 9.30pm Councillors RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders for 15 minutes.

## **GROUNDS MAINTAINENCE CONTRACT**

Councillors Mrs Berry and Scambler left the room for this item.

The Clerk advised Councillors that two tenders had been received for the grounds maintenance contract. It was noted that the current contractor was providing an excellent service and undertook additional work where required. Discussions were had and the vote was unanimous.

- 260/03/21** It was RESOLVED that Ground maintenance contract be given to S. Berry for the following three years.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no items for information.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12 April 2021 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated .....