

**MINUTES OF THE 1061st WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4 MARCH 2024
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Scambler and County Councillor Cullens.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Berry declared a non-pecuniary interest in item /03/24 cheque for S Berry.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 5 FEBRUARY 2024

161/03/24 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk advised that there was no report from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Mrs France reported that she was attending the Primary Care Commission meeting next week, where the matter of the Withnell Health Centre will be discussed. Councillors discussed the situation.

Councillor Mrs Berry reported the following issues for the Clerk to report:

- a blocked drain on Bett Lane,
- a pothole on Victoria Street at the walkway, the grid above the gate is breaking up.
- The fence on the walkway from Blackburn Old Road to Winn's Lane has collapsed.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillors Harper and Haynes advised that work was ongoing to repair finger post at the War Memorial. Councillor Hayes advised that he would be removing the fingers in the next couple of weeks.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

162/03/24

The Clerk reported that two quotations had been received from Tree Surgeons for the work identified on the tree survey. Councillors discussed the quotations, and it was RESOLVED to award the work to Beardwood Tree Services.

Councillor Mrs France advised that the Neighbourhood Priorities for the year should include installing a handrail on the steps from Victoria Street to West View.

164/03/24

The Nursery still had an A-Frame at the top of Victoria Street, even though it was not operating. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should request that the Village Hall Committee request that it be removed and if not, Councillor Hayes would remove it on their behalf.

c) War Memorial

The Clerk reported that the contractor had completed the pointing of the War Memorial steps.

PLANNING MATTERS

165/03/24

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

24/00142/FUL - Stables At Lane Side Farm Brown House Lane Higher Wheelton Section 73 application to vary condition 11 (demolition of existing buildings) attached to planning permission 23/00812/FUL (Section 73 application to vary condition no.3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission ref: 22/01055/FUL (Erection of detached bungalow following the demolition of existing equestrian stable block complex) to alter the footprint, roof, fenestration and facing materials) to alter the trigger for demolition and removal of existing buildings from commencement of development to prior to occupation of the dwelling.

Wheelton Parish Council Object to this application on the grounds of:

- Protecting the openness of the green belt.
- Protecting the appearance of the locality and in the interests of the amenities of local residents.

- Protecting the local environment by ensuring that a satisfactory landscaping scheme for the development is carried out to mitigate the impact of development.

24/00141/FUL - Laneside Farm Brown House Lane Higher Wheelton
 Section 73 application to vary condition 11 (demolition of existing buildings) attached to planning permission 22/00751/FUL (Erection of two detached dwellings and detached garages following demolition of existing buildings) to alter the trigger for demolition and removal of existing buildings from commencement of development to prior to occupation of the dwellings.

Wheelton Parish Council Object to this application on the grounds of:

- Protecting the openness of the green belt.
- Protecting the appearance of the locality and in the interests of the amenities of local residents.
- Protecting the local environment by ensuring that a satisfactory landscaping scheme for the development is carried out to mitigate the impact of development.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

166/03/24 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary March – £428.36
 Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions March - £107.20
 S Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £1320.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support February – £30.36
 E-On – War Memorial Electric - £144.35

PORTRAIT OF HM THE KING

Councillors noted the scheme to allow public authorities across the UK to apply for a free portrait of HM the King to deliberate the new reign.

167/03/24 The Parish Council RESOLVED to apply for a free portrait of HM the King to deliberate the new reign. It was further RESOLVED to offer the portrait to the Village Hall to display.

LANCASHIRE POLICE'S PERSONAL SECURITY BRIEFING

168/03/24 The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the Lancashire Police's invitation to book into a personal security briefing.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Family Run – Sunday 5 May 2024
- Chorley Liaison – Wednesday 20 March 2024 at 6.30pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8 April 2024 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated