

**MINUTES OF THE 1030th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 10 MAY 2021
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

In attendance: Borough Councillor Ms J Whiffin.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest.

267/05/21 MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 12 APRIL 2021

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that Reverend Hogarth was due an operation so was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting until September but would hope to be able to attend then to discuss the Remembrance Service.

268/05/21 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Following a Discussion, Councillor Harper was elected Chairman for the 2021-22 Year.

269/05/21 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Following a Discussion, Councillor Berry was elected Vice-Chairman for the 2021-22 Year.

270/05/21 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021/2022

Following a Discussion, the representatives were agreed as follows: -

Chorley Liaison Meetings – Councillor T Dickenson
LAPTC Chorley Area Committee representatives – Councillor R Wheale
(Substitutes – Councillors N Hayes and K Berry)

Chorley Council Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting – Councillor M Harper
Chorley Council Equality Forum - Vacancy
Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee representative – Councillor K Berry
Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trustee Representative - Councillor R Wheale
Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trustees – Mr B Mason, Mrs D Gorton, Mr T Dickenson and Mr D Berry
Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust Trustees Representative - Councillors R Wheale and T Dickenson
Tree Warden – Vacancy – advertise in the Parish Newsletter.
Press Officer - Councillors T Dickenson. Any emergency press release should be a bland statement produced in consultation with Councillors.
Communications (Newsletter) Co-ordinator – Parish Clerk – assisted by Councillor M Harper
Wheelton Website Co-ordinator – Parish Clerk
Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group – Councillor Dickenson.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that PCSO Clarke had sent in a report which would be dealt with at a later point of the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

- There was a large pothole on Briers Brow opposite Miry Fold Farm.

The Clerk was advised that there was a locked gate on the footpath on Harbour Lane, Higher Wheelton. Councillor Mrs France had reported it to the County Council.

Councillor Dickenson reported that residents had raised concerns about Pub carparks being used as outdoor drinking spaces during the pandemic. Chorley Enforcement Officer had advised that parking is not a Licencing Consideration although there was a temporary exemption for off Sales until September 2021. The Government is in favour of restrictions to take a back seat to allow the economy to recover currently though.

The issue of Fireworks at the Red Lion was also discussed following the Fire Safety Officers report stating that the car park was totally unsuitable to have a bonfire and industrial scale fireworks in. The Enforcement Office advised that he was working in conjunction with the Fire Officer ready for this year.

Councillor Mrs France reported that the stone trough in Higher Wheelton by the Golden Lion had dried up. It was reported that this had happened previously and

that the water feeds through the Golden Lion's cellar. Councillor Dickenson agreed to speak to the Landlord.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

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

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

Councillor Harper advised that the additional "No Dog" signage on the play area had been installed.

Councillor Dickenson reported that he was still getting abuse from the Gentleman with the dog who had been challenged regarding exercising his dog on prohibited land.

c) War Memorial

Councillors advised that the lock on the War Memorial Garden gate had eased the problem with inappropriate use.

271/05/21 Councillors RESOLVED that the lock should be removed at the end of the month and the situation monitored.

PLANNING MATTERS

272/05/21 The Parish Council considered the following planning applications and RESOLVED to make the following observations:

20/00898/OUT Brinscall Boarding Kennels and Cattery, Lodge Bank, Brinscall. Application for outline planning permission for the erection of up to 2No. dwellinghouses, following the demolition of the existing buildings. All matters reserved, except for access.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to this application but to raise concerns regarding the access to the site.

21/00423/FULHH Flash Green Farm, Jenny Lane, Higher Wheelton
Proposed single storey rear extension following removal of the existing timber porch.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to this application

21/00423/LBC Flash Green Farm, Jenny Lane, Higher Wheelton
Proposed single storey rear extension following removal of the existing timber

porch.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to this application

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

273/05/21 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary May – £359.66

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

BHIB – Annual Insurance - £837.15

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

INSURANCE QUOTATIONS

Councillors considered the two quotations for the Parish Council's annual insurance.

274/05/21 The Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the quotation from BHIB for the Parish Council's annual insurance.

ACCOUNTS

275/05/21 Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Budget to Spend reports to March 2021 as circulated.

ACCOUNTS REPORTS

276/05/21 Councillors APPROVED the Audit Statement 2021 for signature as circulated and APPROVED Mrs Joanne Ainsworth as the Internal Auditor for the 2021/22 Financial Year.

CCTV FOR VICTORIA STREET

Councillors noted the correspondence from a Residence and the Police regarding incidents on Anti-Social Behaviour on Victoria Street. The Police were aware of the incidents which had also been logged with Chorley Council's anti-social behaviour team.

Councillor Dickenson reported that he had been made aware of damage to a vehicle occurring in the area on two occasions. Councillors discussed the request to install CCTV in the area but noted that the Parish Council did not have the funds available to install CCTV or the manpower involved to man a CCTV system but felt that this sort of behaviour should be nipped in the bud before it escalated.

277/05/21 Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that Borough Councillor Mrs France should contact Chorley Council's early intervention Team to put this behaviour on

their radar and to request mobile CCTV on the road for a period of time.

NALC QUESTIONNAIRE ON RURAL BROADBAND

Councillors noted the information and questionnaire received from NALC regarding broadband connectivity. Councillors noted the local issues with Commercial Sites that there was local knowledge regarding the matter.

- 278/05/21** Councillors RESOLVED that Councillor Dickenson should draft a response with Councillors regarding the NALC questionnaire on broadband connectivity.

NALC QUESTIONNAIRE ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

Councillors noted the information and questionnaire received from NALC regarding the Electronic Communications Infrastructure. Councillors noted the local issues with Commercial Sites that there was local knowledge regarding the matter.

- 279/05/21** Councillors RESOLVED that Councillor Dickenson should draft a response with Councillors regarding the NALC questionnaire on Electronic Communications Infrastructure.

NEWSLETTER

- 280/05/21** Councillors discussed the next issues of the Newsletter. The village hall would be contacted to offer to put something into the website.

Councillors RESOLVED that the newsletter should be produced for July distribution. 200 copies would be produced to put into shops, etc and the newsletter would be published on the website.

THE QUEENS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2022.

Councillors noted the information regarding the Queens Award for Voluntary Service 2022.

- 281/05/21** It was RESOLVED that the information regarding the Queens Award for Voluntary Service 2022 should be published in the next edition of the Newsletter.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no items for information.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 June 2021 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated