

**MINUTES OF THE 969th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2 MARCH 2015
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT:

Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Scambler.

Borough Councillor Mrs M France.

2 members of the Public. Lynn Wareing, Watch Liaison Officer and the Chairman of the Chorley District Neighbourhood Watch.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

Councillor Dickenson welcomed everyone to the meeting and it was agreed to take the Neighbourhood Watch presentation first.

Ms Wareing advised of the steps to set up a Neighbourhood Watch:

- Stage 1 is to get a Co-ordinator. A letter drop is undertaken to identify someone who is interested in becoming Co-ordinator who registers their interest.
- Stage 2 is to work with the Neighbourhood Watch team to set up an area, which can be from 5 people to 100 people.

The Chairman of the Chorley District Neighbourhood Watch advised that he had circulated notices to Blackburn Old Road and Victoria Street but had not received a response and Meadow Street where a Co-ordinator had been found.

Councillors discussed the scheme and it was agreed that the Parish Council were in favour of promoting Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the Parish and that details would be included in the next newsletter and on the Website.

Ms Wareing questioned whether the Parish had any funds available for setting up schemes and was advised that there was nothing budgeted for in the precept but that the Parish Council could review funding within next years budget.

The Chairman of the Chorley District Neighbourhood Watch and the Watch Liaison Officer were thanked for their presentation and left the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wheale and County Councillor K Snape.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Berry and Scambler declared a non pecuniary interest in item 105/03/15 and 110/03/15 as they are related to the current grounds maintenance contract holder.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 5 FEBRUARY 2015

101/03/15 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs Edwards gave an overview of her email highlighting the problems that she had with the tower and her suggestions for either removing or screening her property from the line of site at the top of the tower. The Chairman gave an overview of the history of the project including the consultation undertaken before the tower was erected, the equipment in place before the tower and the funding and commissioning of the project by the Borough Council.

Discussions were had regarding the following:

- Moving the tower – this was not possible
- Installing a much higher fence along the boundary – other residents would have to be canvassed and had been against a higher fence or hedge in the past and there would also be cost implications
- The resident installing a higher fence – again there could be problems with installing a high enough fence and there were also issues as to the ownership of the strip of land between the hedge and the start of the gardens of the houses.

It was agreed that the Clerk should;

- Contact Jamie Dixon, Chorley Borough Council, to investigate whether Chorley had had a similar problem and if so, what they had done to resolve the issue
- Investigate whether a half moon screen could be installed to screen the top of the tower from the gardens on Mill Street.

The Chairman agreed that he would meet with Ms Edwards to discuss the findings.

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from the County Council advising that the pathway from Victoria Terrace to Malt House Farm had been inspected and found to be in a safe and accessible condition for use.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk advised that there had been no report from the Police and circulated

copies of this months PACT report. There had been a high number of burglaries, criminal damage, vehicle crimes and thefts in the local area, which had resulted in the area being raised as a high priority area. This should mean that when patrols were not on jobs they would be in the rural east area. .

The next PACT meeting would take place on the 3 March 2015 and the Chairman advised that he would be attending.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Mr Harper gave a short presentation regarding why he wanted to be a Parish Councillor including being involved in the village and wanting to make Wheelton a better place to grow up in.

Mr Harper left the room.

102/03/15 Following discussion and a vote it was unanimously RESOLVED that Mr Harper be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

1) PARKING

103/03/15 The parish Council noted that there had been no improvement in parking in the village. The Clerk was requested to write to the Chief Constable and the Police Commissioner to request that out of hours patrols were undertaken.

2) SPID TRAILER

The Clerk advised that due to the bad weather it had not been possible to access the SPID trailer as any work undertaken would have to be undertaken outside but it was hoped that the weather was beginning to improve and investigations could begin.

3) PLAY AREA

104/03/15 The Clerk advised that Chorley Borough Council had advised that the project had not been mentioned at the recent neighbourhood meeting. Councillor Dickenson reminded Councillors that the project was not a Neighbourhood group project - funding had been allocated by the previous Borough Councillor, Alison Hansford who had agreed the current proposal for a seating area. The Clerk was requested to write to Natalie Holt to advise that the project was not part of the Neighbourhood meetings.

4) NOTICEBOARDS

A second quotation had been received for refurbishment of the notice boards from the Grounds Maintenance contractor at a cost of £450 for the two.

It was RESOLVED that the quotations for refurbishment of the notice boards at a

105/03/15 cost of £450 from the Grounds Maintenance Contractor at a cost of £450 be accepted providing the budget was available.

5) DOG BINS

The Clerk advised that Chorley Borough Council had reinstated the bin on the canal towpath near Whins Lane. Discussion was ongoing regarding the emptying contract and a meeting had been arranged between Chorley Borough Council, the Clerk and the Chairman.

The Clerk advised that the matter of dog bins was being raised at the Borough Liaison Meeting the following day.

PLANNING MATTERS

15/00061/FUL and 15/00062/LBC Miry Fold Farm, Briers Brow, Wheelton
Partial Demolition, extension and alteration of the existing farmhouse, erection of detached garage and creation of associated access road (amendments to previously approved scheme approved under 07/0107/FUL and 10/00663/FUL). Diversion of public footpath.

106/03/15 It was RESOLVED to make no objection to the application as long as the application confirms to planning regulations.

15/00105/FUL Former Victoria Mill Building, 10m South West of 23 Millbrook Close, Wheelton
Section 73 application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) and to remove condition 8 (garage associated with plot 3) to create additional living accommodation to replace the approved garage attached to plot 3.

107/03/15 It was RESOLVED to make no objection to the application.

15/00124/FUL Heron Wood Cottage, Lodge Bank, Brinscall
Erection of first floor side extension and proposed alterations to the roof height.

108/03/15 It was RESOLVED to make no objection to the application but to request that the application complies with access regulations and is in keeping with the local area.

Borough Councillor Mrs France advised that with regards to planning application at behind the Red Lion Car Park residents had complained that all the trees and hedges around the car park had been removed to provide the required number of parking spaces and a culvert had been enclosed leaving only a small pipe to take the water away. The Enforcement Office was involved and had advised that the culvert must be reinstated and fencing installed where the hedges had been removed. Borough Councillor France advised that complaints had been received regarding inconsiderate parking and Councillor Dickenson agreed to raise the matter at the PACT meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

- 109/03/15 All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary March - £320.18
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.00
Mrs J Carr – Expenses, postage - £6.36
S. Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £910.00

GROUNDS MAINTAINENCE CONTRACT

Councillor Berry left the room for this item and took no part in the discussion.

The Clerk advised that one quotation had been received from S. Berry – the current contractor – for the grounds maintainence for the next three years at a cost of £3640.00 per annum. Discussion was had regarding the excellent service that S. Berry was currently providing.

- 110/03/15 It was RESOLVED that the quotation from S. Berry for annual grounds maintainence be accepted at a cost of £3640.00 per annum for the next three years.

Councillor Berry rejoined the meeting.

LCC PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL CONFERENCE

- 111/03/15 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would not send a representative to the LCC Parish and Town Council Conference on 21 March 2015.

SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S MODIFICATION TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

- 112/03/15 It was RESOLVED to make no comment on South Ribble Borough Council's modifications to the Local Development Scheme.

NALC BRIEFING ON THE TRANSPARENCY CODE FOR THE NEW AUDIT FRAMEWORK

Councillors noted the information included in the NALC briefing relating to the transparency code for the new audit framework.

- 113/03/15 It was RESOLVED to adopt the new Audit Framework.

PLANNING IN PRACTICE

Councillors noted the information attached regarding the Planning In Practice session in the Lancastrian Room, Town Hall, Chorley on Monday 23 March 2015.

All Councillors were encouraged to attend.

114/03/15 It was RESOLVED that Councillor Dickenson should attend the planning in Practice session.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- Proposed road closure on Harbour Lane, Wheelton, Monday 9 March 2015- Friday 13 March 2015.
- Chorley Grand Prix – Saturday 4 April 2015
- Planning in Practice - Monday 23 March 2015
- The Red Rose – 100 Mile Challenge Walk Event.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13 April 2015 at 8.00pm
The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman
Dated