

**MINUTES OF THE 980<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2016  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Harper, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale. Borough Councillor Mrs M France.

**Clerk:** Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

Before the meeting began the Parish Council received a presentation and question and answer session from Frackfree Chorley regarding the possibility of fracking in the area. The Chairman advised that a similar session would be arranged with a fracking company to enable residence to hear both sides of the issue.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor C France and County Councillor Snape. .

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 214/03/16.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 1 FEBRUARY 2016**

213/03/16 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record with the following amendment:  
Councillor Wheale had sent his apologies.

The Clerk advised that Easy Websites would be giving a presentation of their Parish Council designed websites at the start of the April Parish Council meeting.

**POLICE REPORT**

There were no reports from the Police.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Councillor Dickenson advised that a leaflet had been received from Mr Snowden that gave the impression that he had been instrumental in getting the gullies on Briers Brow, the Parish Council felt that County Councillor Snape and Borough Councillor's Mrs M France and Mr C France had been the driving force in getting the Parish

Councils requests actioned.

Councillor Wheale reported that there had been a burglary in the Village.

Councillor Dickenson reported that he had received a letter from Mr Seeds, Past Wheelton Postman, requesting that his Regiment parade the Regimental Colour at the Remembrance Parade this year as it is the 100 anniversary of the Somme Remembrance Parade.

Councillors discussed the request and it was AGREED that the Regiment be given permission to parade the Regimental Colour.

Councillor Hayes reported that the pavement was lifting outside 2 Victoria Terrace and the Clerk was requested to report the matter.

## **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

### **a) Traffic Matters**

Councillor Dickenson reported that there may be funding available for parking enforcement and advised that he had reported the Parish Council's concerns and request for enforcement to Borough Councillor Whittaker.

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from the County Council advising that a traffic count had been undertaken in December 2015 and as a result of that regular mobile enforcement in Higher Wheelton would re-commence as would the fixed camera enforcement on the A674.

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

No further information had been received from Chorley Borough Council regarding the Borough Council Audit of open spaces.

It was reported that dogs were being exercised on the Play Area of the Recreation Ground.

214/03/16 It was RESOLVED that "no dog" signs be erected on the Meadow Street Play Area.

### **c) Defibrillator**

It was agreed that the defibrillator project would be put on hold for the foreseeable future until funding was available to provide an outside posted unit. .

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk advised that there were no planning applications to consider but an

enforcement appeal had been received for Close Gate Farm Cattery, Close Gate Farm, Buckholes Lane, Wheelton. The Parish Council reiterated its previous comments and supported Chorley Borough Council's enforcement.

### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

215/03/16 All accounts were authorised for payment:  
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary March - £319.98  
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.20  
Berrys – Grounds Maintenance - £910.00  
Mrs J Carr – Postage, Stationary - £75.19  
Mrs J Carr – Computer Equipment - £430.00

### **POST OFFICE REPLACEMENT**

The Chairman advised that he had contacted the Post Office to question what progress had been made regarding a replacement post Office and had been advised that the shop in Higher Wheelton had decided not to continue to investigate becoming a Post Office for personal reasons. The owner of the shop had confirmed that it was for both personal reasons and financial reasons. Councillors advised that the Brinscall and Whittle Post Office had been put on to the market for sale. Councillors questioned whether the Post Office had offered a mobile Post Office for the area and Councillor Dickenson agreed to investigate.

### **CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON THE REGULATION 123 LIST.**

216/03/16 It was RESOLVED to note the information regarding Chorley Borough Council's consultation on the Regulation 123 list and to make no comment.

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The following items were noted for information:

- Chorley National Cycle race on Saturday 26 March 2016.
- Chorley Borough council had announced that there would be no increase in Council Tax for 2016/17
- Chorley Borough Council had invited Councillors to the launch of the new access guide to Chorley on 8 April 2016 at 1.30pm.
- Chorley Borough Council Mayor's murder mystery evening at The Lancastrian, Chorley Town Hall, on Thursday 31 March from 7pm to 10pm.
- Chorley Civic Society Bi-Annual Awards 2016 are asking for nominations for people or projects that have enhanced the environment or provided benefits to significant sections of the community.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 7 March 2016 at 8.00pm  
The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated .....