

**MINUTES OF THE 991st WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

The Chairman opened the meeting and highlighted that the bulbs that Councillors had planted were starting to come through and thanked Councillors that had spent time planting them during the Autumn.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor C France.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Berry and Scambler declared an interest in item 310/03/17 Payment to S Berry.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 6 FEBRUARY 2017

309/03/17 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

The Clerk reported that BT Payphones had replied advising that they do not install heritage kiosks when they remove the old newer style phone boxes.

Councillor Hayes advised that he had advertised the Speed Camera Batteries but that they had not sold. It was AGREED that Councillor Dickenson would advertise them on a different site.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Dickenson advised that he had received a complaint regarding effluent and flooding but that this had been a civil matter and not something that the Parish Council could be involved with.

Councillor Berry reported that there were a number of wheelie bins being left out on the pavements again in Meadow Street and Victoria Street.

The Chairman advised that the Council had been thanked for their help in getting the grit bin refilled.

Councillor Fowler reported that there was an increasing problem with dog mess on Victoria Street that appeared in the Early Morning or Overnight.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillors were advised that the County Council had been in the village yesterday, booking cars parked on yellow lines.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

There were no issues to report.

c) Road Repairs

The Clerk reported that the County Council had advised that the cobbled area where the drain was being eroded was not under their control. The Clerk was requested to investigate ownership.

PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications to consider.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

310/03/17 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary March - £323.17
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £81.00
Mrs J Carr – Stationery - £52.45
S. Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £910.00
North West Air Ambulance Charity – Donation - £100.00

Easy Websites – Website hosting and support - £24.00

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY

Councillors noted the circulated information regarding Chorley Borough Council's consultation on the private sector housing assistance policy. Councillors felt that as

there was a limited pot of money means testing could be a fairer system. Councillors discussed the difficulty of discharging elderly patients from hospital when there was no support system in place.

311/03/17 The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to the Borough Council's consultation on the private sector housing assistance policy.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING

Councillors noted the information previously circulated regarding the offer for the Parish Council to attend the Executive Meeting on the 8th April 2017 at 9.30am.

312/03/17 It was RESOLVED that Councillor Dickenson would attend the Executive Meeting on the 8th April at County Hall at 9.30am.

RIVINGTON AND BRINSCALL LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

Councillors were advised that the Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group had requested that a member of the Parish Council join their group.

313/03/17 It was RESOLVED that Councillor Hayes would be the Parish Council's representative on the Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group.

NORTH-WEST AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY

Councillors noted the information received from the North West Air Ambulance requesting donations to support the charity. Discussions were had regarding the rural nature of part of the Parish and the importance of emergency response. Councillors noted that this was fully funded by voluntary donations. Councillors questioned whether the Charity could be invited to Village Events to have a fundraising stall and were advised that that would be a question for the organiser of the event.

314/04/17 The Parish Council RESOLVED to make a £100 donation from the underspent pots this year but to advise that the Parish Council may not be in a position to assist in future years.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- Planning in Practice Session – Monday 13 March 2017 at 5.45pm.
- Temporary Road closure Bett Lane from the A674 to the junction with Buckholes Lane and Buckholes Lane from the Junction with Bett Lane and the A674 between the 9 March 2017 and the 17 March 2017
- Request for volunteers to take part in the National Plant Monitoring Scheme
- Request for volunteers to take part as preliminary judges for the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2017.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3 April 2017 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated