

**MINUTES OF THE 1002nd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Harper, Scambler and Wheale.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Hayes and Borough Councillor Mrs M France.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

436/03/18 Councillors Berry and Scambler declared an interest in item 443/03/18 as relatives of the current grounds maintenance contract holder and item 442/03/18 cq for S Berry.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 5 FEBRUARY 2018

437/03/18 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Berry reported on issues with inconsiderate parking on Meadow Street/Blackburn Road during the snow. Councillors discussed the matter. Councillor Berry also reported that there had been a three-car accident in Higher Wheelton by the Golden Lion which had closed the A674.

Councillors noted that a new fence had been installed on Whins Lane. Borough Councillor M France had raised the issue with the Borough Council and been advised that the fence was within permitted size and as long as the pathway was kept to 2m wide the planting was acceptable. Councillors were asked to forward any photographs that they might have of the original pathway. Councillors reported that there were Bluebells at the side of the pathway that were a protected species.

Borough Councillor had sent a report in which discussed:

- Parking Enforcement

- Gulley cleaning Bett Lane
- Jenny Lane one-way consultation
- Defibrillator provision
- A674 grass verges
- High School Places
- Play Area
- Local Public House Issues
- Whins Lane resurfacing

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

i) Speeding on Whins Lane.

Borough Councillor M France reported that County Councillor Snowden had advised that the County Council were likely to agree to full resurfacing of Whins Lane.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

Councillor Dickenson reported that the monitoring form had been returned regarding the grant for the new play equipment.

The Eastern Parish meeting had agreed to install a middle row of climbing grips on the wall to enable smaller children to access this item of equipment.

The Clerk reported that the fencing for the Meadow Street side of the Recreation Area was currently being manufactured. The Borough Council had been asked to provide suggestions for the gateway, but this had not been received yet although a suggestion had been made.

c) Defibrillator

Councillor Dickenson reported that he had spoken to the Golden Lion regarding the Easter Egg Trail and had mentioned the Defibrillator. The Golden Lion has been requested to confirm via email that the defibrillator would be a community asset but nothing has been received yet. It was agreed that Councillor Dickenson should continue to liaise with the Golden Lion.

438/03/18

Councillor Dickenson reported that the Parish Liaison had agreed to consider a defibrillator for Wheelton as a preferred project. The Village Hall Committee had indicated that they were happy for a box to house the defibrillator to go on the outside of the building in principle. The Parish Council may have to raise funds to purchase an outside box.

PLANNING MATTERS

439/03/18 18/00121/FUL – Wheelton Lodge Farm, Harbour Lane, Wheelton

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to the application but to request that the development was in keeping with the local area and the access was safe.

440/03/18 18/00139/TPO – 5 Stocks Close, Higher Wheelton

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objections to the application.

441/03/18 18/00119/FULHH – Springbank, 26 Bett Lane, Higher Wheelton

The Parish Council RESOLVED to reiterate their concerns from the previous application at this property, that the application was stretching the limits of the development and encroaching on boundaries.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

442/03/18 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – March Salary - £326.60

Inland Revenue – March Deductions - £81.60

Mrs J Carr – Expenses/Training/Postage - £27.80

S. Berry – Grounds Maintenance & Repairs - £970.00

DD – Easy Websites – Website hosting and support February - £24.00

GROUND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Councillor Berry left the room for this item.

The Clerk advised Councillors that two tenders had been received for the grounds maintenance contract. Councillors were concerned that the new contractor had not been in contact to discuss the contract specification or undertaken a site visit. It was noted that the current contractor was providing an excellent service and undertook additional work where required. Discussions were had and following a vote of one abstention on principle the decision was unanimous.

443/03/18 It was RESOLVED that Ground maintenance contract be given to S. Berry for the following three years.

WW1 CENTENARY CELEBRATION/COMMEMORATION

The Chairman advised that a meeting had been held and had been very successful. Councillor Dickenson reported on the arrangements being made.

- 444/03/18** The Parish Council RESOLVED that
- The Clerk should request that the WW1 enactment group to contact Councillor Dickenson.
 - Councillor Dickenson inform the War Memorial Trust of the arrangements being made.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULATION ON PROPOSED ONE-WAY TRAFFIC INTRODUCTION

Borough Councillor M France had visited Jenny Lane, Bett Lane and Blackburn Road to follow up on the letter from the Parish Council. Comments from residents had been forwarded on to the County Council. The Clerk advised that County Councillor Snowden had advised that making the lane one way would not go ahead unless he approved the measure. Councillors discussed the proposal and residents' responses.

- 445/03/18** The Parish Council RESOVLED that the clerk should comment as follows: It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council object to this proposal. It was felt that this would not stop the problem of speeding traffic – only move it to Bett Lane and would in fact increase the problem as traffic was not having to slow down to make the turn. Turning right out of Jenny Lane onto Bett Lane is felt to be a concern as the bend in the hill means that visibility is not good and would be dangerous. A suggestion of installing a mini roundabout on the junction was raised which might help to slow the traffic down.

LANCASHIRE FLOOD GROUP'S EMAIL

The Clerk highlighted the email from the Lancashire Flood Group regarding a letter to the Lancashire MP's and the relevant Government Ministers.

- 446/03/18** It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed with the sentiments and supported the Flood Group.

CHORLEY LIAISON MEETING

The Clerk advised that the Chorley Liaison meeting would be on 21 March 2018.

- 447/03/18** It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would not raise anything for the agenda.

RURAL SERVICES NETWORK QUESTIONNAIRE

Councillors reviewed the questionnaire from the Rural Services Network regarding the Priority Services Register.

- 448/03/18** It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond that the Councillors were not aware of the Priority Services Register but would be willing to publicise on noticeboards or in the newsletter.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Grand Prix – 15 April 2018
- Chorley Liaison Meeting – 21 March 2018

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9 April 2018 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated