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Clerk to the Council: Mrs Joanne Carr

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL will be held in the Small Hall, Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall, West View, Meadow Street, Wheelton at **8.00pm** on Monday 12 May 2025 for the transaction of the following business.

DATED this 5 May 2025

PARISH CLERK: Joanne Carr

A G E N D A

1. Apologies.
2. Declarations of Members' interests on any matters to be placed before the Council.
3. Election of Officers for 2025/2026
4. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7 April 2025.
5. To consider the Police Report.
6. Public Forum.
7. Enhancing Wheelton.
 - (a) Traffic Issues
 - (b) Recreation Area
 - (c) War Memorial
8. To Consider the Parish Council's response to Planning Applications received from the Borough Council.

25/00056/FULHH 307 Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton

Part two storey side/front extension, part single storey front extension, two storey side extension including garage, balcony to roof above existing single storey rear projection, access improvements including new gate posts, walls, and gates and associated external works (following demolition of existing two storey side extension to either side, and carport.

25/00344/OUT Land to the South West of St John's CofE and Methodist Primary School, Harbour Lane, Brinscall

Outline application for the erection of six self-build detached dwellings with details of access, layout and scale (appearance and landscaping matters reserved)

9. To approve schedule of payments since 7 April 2025.
10. To consider the request from The Finnington Lane Action Group for funding to support the case against destruction of the greenbelt. (Appendix B)
11. To approve the signing of the Audit Exemption Statement 2025, and to approve the Internal Auditor for the 2024/5 financial year. (Appendix D)
12. Items for Information
13. Date of Next Meeting
Monday 2 June 2025 at 8.00pm.

Members of the Public

Welcome to Wheelton Parish Councils meeting if there is a specific item on the agenda you wish us to consider we will endeavour to deal with it as soon as possible.

Please note that we will allow a spokesperson to outline your views but we will have to impose a time limit on the discussion which will be a maximum of 15 minutes.

If there is a personal "verbal" attack or otherwise on any member of the council or public, the Clerk will issue a warning that the meeting will be suspended until order is restored.

If the disturbance continues the offender/offenders will be asked to leave and the meeting will reconvene at another time.

**MINUTES OF THE 1073rd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 APRIL 2025
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Harper (Chair), Mrs Berry, Dickenson and Wheale.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Hayes, Mrs France and Scambler.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of office.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 3 MARCH 2025

267/04/25 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Vice-Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

Councillor Dickenson gave a report from the Chorley Liaison Meeting and advised that the Chief Inspector had attended the meeting and advised that the Police would be working with the community so it might be possible that we have some attendance at meetings.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Berry reported that:

- Four of the five grids from Victoria Terrace to St Pauls Close along Victoria Street are blocked.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillor Hayes had reported that there was no update on the finger post refurbishment. It was reported that Horwich had refurbished their signs

through Horwich Heritage Centre.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk reported that two of the new trees from Chorley Council on the Recreation Ground had started to grow but one of them had disappeared.

c) War Memorial

Councillor Wheale reported that the electric meter had been replaced in the Clock Tower.

Councillor Dickenson advised that there were now 5 War Memorial Trustees. The Annual Return had been completed and Councillor Dickenson was currently getting the signatories updated to include the two new Trustees.

PLANNING MATTERS

268/04/25 The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

25/00059/FUL Laneside Farm Brown House Lane Higher Wheelton
Erection of a self-build dwelling.

Wheelton Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:

- Green Belt incursion
- Two houses already added, plus stable buildings so there is already added vehicular traffic.
- Noted that LCC have objected because the land is not vehicle access but a footpath and it is not known who owns the access.

25/00165/CLEUD Land at Lodge Bank, Brinscall
Application for a certificate of lawfulness for two existing buildings with their lawful use not being for agricultural or forestry.

Wheelton Parish Council make no objection to this application.

Amendment to 24/00247/FUL Land on the A674 Wheelton Blackburn new road
Wheelton
Erection of 9 no. dwellings with associated roads, car parking, landscaping and access.

Wheelton Parish Council objected to the amended application on the following grounds:

- Access to the site would be via Millbrook Close then Victoria Street which was already very congested due to parking on both sides of it, the bus route and bus stop and access out of the village. Access to the first property is less than 5 metres from a busy junction (Millbrook Close and

Victoria Street). This area has double yellow lines highlighting safety issues in the area.

- Drainage is via the existing Victorian sewage system which is also prone to flooding. Seven additional houses on current land that provides a soakaway will only exacerbate the problem.
- Loss of green space in the area. This is not an area for housing development in the local plan. The village would like to keep the village as a village and not merge into a suburb of Chorley.
- Local services including schools, primary and secondary and health care services are already above capacity, increasing the demand for these services will make access to them more difficult.

25/00199/FUL 2 Slate Delph Cottages, Briers Brow, Wheelton
Two storey side extension including balcony to front, single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory).

Wheelton Parish Council make no objections to this application.

25/00306/FULHH Stichstone, Brown House Lane, Higher Wheelton
First floor front extension, front porch and single storey rear extension.

Wheelton Parish Council make no objections to this application.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

269/04/25 All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Salary April – £512.00
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions April - £128.00
Mrs A Wheale – War Memorial Clock repairs - £7.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support April – £30.36

ACCOUNTS

270/04/25 Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Income and Expenditure against budget reports to March 2025 as circulated.

271/04/25 Councillors REVOLVED to accept the Risk Assessment and Asset Register for the year end 2025.

272/04/25 Councillors RESOLVED to accept the CIL Reconciliation and War Memorial Balance reports to March 2025 as circulated.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Liaison meeting – 16 July 2025.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12 May 2025 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated

REQUEST FOR A POSSIBLE DONATION OF £500 FROM THE FRIENDS OF FINNINGTON RESIDENT'S GROUP

As I am sure you are aware, we are a group of residents who have come together to oppose the application to build large scale warehousing at Finnington/Junction 3 of the M65.

We have the full support of all of the elected representatives of our constituencies in the Chorley borough, which would be affected by this totally inappropriate development, and of our elected representatives of LCC in the opposition to this.

Following the example of Withnell Parish Council who have already donated £500 to the campaign fund organised by the FOF resident's group, we are reaching out to all of the other parish councils whom members of our group are aligned to, and politely asking if you would consider doing the same. Individual residents have indicated that they are/have contacted you directly as well. The membership of the group which is now well into triple figures and growing fast, is made up of residents from both the Chorley Borough Council areas and residents from the Blackburn with Darwen parish of Livesey.

We have launched a fundraising appeal to cover the costs of legal fees and specialist consultant fees, as we fully expect the developer to appeal should the decision by the Chorley Planning Committee be to refuse the application. We may even be faced with seeking a judicial review should the decision be to approve, although we feel this is unlikely.

We have secured the services of a Planning Consultant pro bono, courtesy of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England.

We are on the case loads of both Advocate and the Environmental Law Foundation for consideration for pro bono services from a specialist barrister, to represent us at an appeal inquiry, but it is by no means certain

that we will be able to secure input from either or, which is why our target is to raise a minimum of £20,000.

We are aware that Sec 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows parish councils to make grants and donations provided:

“...that such expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring benefit to, their area or any part of it, or all or some of it's inhabitants “

We therefore politely request that you consider a donation of £500 matching the same amount as WPC.

There are numerous examples nationally where groups like ours are being/have been supported by their local parish councils by way of donations, as, like us they are not registered charities, nor registered organisations, so are completely dependent on community donations and support. The most recent case received £19,000 from their local PC's to fund half of their legal fees!

Report to Wheelton Parish Council for 2024/25 Year

Community Infrastructure Levy

Overview of how to allocate CIL receipts to Local Communities / Parishes / Town Councils

Local authorities must spend the levy on infrastructure needed to support the development of their area, and they will decide what infrastructure is needed. The levy is intended to focus on the provision of new infrastructure and should not be used to remedy pre-existing deficiencies in infrastructure provision unless those deficiencies will be made more severe by new development.

The table below is a quick guide on how the CIL is allocated to Parish / Town Councils, or how it is allocated in the event of no Parish / Town Council. Parish Council ✓	Parish Council ✓
Neighbourhood Plan ✓	Neighbourhood Plan X
= 25% uncapped, paid to Parish	= 15% capped at £100/dwelling, paid to Parish
Parish Council X	Parish Council X
Neighbourhood Plan ✓	Neighbourhood Plan X
= 25% uncapped, local authority consults with community	= 15% capped at £100/dwelling, local authority consults with community

Follow the link below for details on CIL allocations:

[Spending the Levy](#)

CIL Overview Civil Parishes:	28 October 2024 Total Payment Actual	28 April 2025 Total Payment Due	28 October 2025 Total Payment Forecast
Wheelton	£1,135.01	£2,203.25	£578.46

CIL Breakdown CP Area	Planning App Ref	Amount Paid 01/04/24 – 30/09/24	Amount Received 01/10/24 – 31/03/25	Amount Expected 01/04/25 – 30/09/25
Wheelton	24/00141/FUL Plot 1	£565.93	£1,098.57	£0.00
Wheelton	24/00141/FUL Plot 2	£569.08	£1,104.68	£0.00
Wheelton	20/00017/FUL	£0.00	£0.00	£578.46