

**MINUTES OF THE 960th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 12 MAY 2014
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT:

Councillors Dickenson, Berry, Fowler, Hayes, Scambler, Stewart and Wheale.

County Councillor Snape.

Raebet Developments – Ms E Swanick, Ms A Nikolakis and Mrs C Smith (Lancaster University)

Chorley Borough Council, Mrs N Holt

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and started by introducing all present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Hansford.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dickenson declared an interest in Raebet Developments as a member of the Chorley Athletic Club.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 7 APRIL 2014.

983/05/14 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record .

RAEBET DEVELOPMENT

Ms Nikolakis introduced her colleagues and gave an overview of the history of the site and the proposed development into a rehabilitation centre and dementia respite centre. She explained that Raebet wanted to develop a functional business that gave back to the local area and that it was hoped to produce a two storey facility that could be self sufficient for 45% of its energy usage.

The following answers were given to Councillors questions?

- Early onset dementia patients would be in a secure unit separate to the rehabilitation patients
- The ratio of staff to patients was accepted as 6-1 but the unit would

- provide a ration of 3-1
- There will be 54 car parking places but traffic will be limited. The majority of the 45 to 50 staff will be brought into the site using minibuses
- There will be 100 beds which Raebet will be expecting to be 60% filled. There will be 20 dementia patient beds and 80 rehabilitation beds.
- It was hoped that the project would begin reasonably soon
- Funding was in place for the site development and grant may be investigated to provide the equipment
- There will be a management team run by Ms Nikolakis and tenders will be sought for the development work. Raebet and the University will be holding the project to account.
- The University will provide expertise and students on placement although the students will not contribute to the patient to staff ratio.
- The project will not be including a 60 metre running track and sport is a secondary product of the development therefore the track is a long term consideration.
- It was hoped to have a community group to consult with during the development process
- The centre will not be run as a leisure centre and traffic will try to be kept to a minimum.

Councillors' main concern was the consideration of traffic on the lane leading to the development which was already an issue that had been raised by the Council. Ms Nikolakis explained that the majority neighbours had been in favour of the project and had complained about the horseboxes. It was hoped to improve the road and the company would be guided by the Highways and planning departments and the local police.

Ms E Swanick, Ms A Nikolakis and Mrs C Smith were thanked for their attendance and advised Councillors that they would be happy to attend a further meeting to answer questions that might arise.

Ms Swanick, Ms Nikolakis and Mrs Smith left the meeting.

PLAY AREA PATHWAY DEVELOPMENT

984/05/14 Mrs Holt gave an overview of the project explaining the original plan, from Borough Councillor Hansford had been to provide disabled access from the car park to the play area but explained that the slop of the land had made the path unviable therefore a revised plan had been developed.

Following a site visit to discuss the project in-situ. It was RESOLVED that the project be split into two phases.

- Phase 1 – break through the wall and make good and provide a small path to a seating area with two benches where parents can watch their children on the play equipment.

- Phase 2 – a small seating area on the Meadow Street site of the grass with two benches on it.

Mrs Holt advised that she would gather quotations on the revised project, renew the plans and report back to the Parish Council.

Mrs Holt was thanked for her time and left the meeting.

The time being 9.00pm it was agreed to suspend standing orders until 10.00pm.

POLICE REPORT

No report had been received from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following matters were reported:

- A member of staff from Wheelton Nursery had complained about advertising boards from another nursery having been placed on road side fences next to the roundabout where they had paid to sponsor an advertising sign. The Clerk had advised them of the Borough Council's and the County Council's policy on road side advertising.
- The Chairman advised that rats had been sighted behind the three empty buildings on Victoria Street. The matter had been reported to the Borough Council who had advised that they would be attending to put bait out in the sewers.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

1) PARKING ISSUES

The Chairman advised that a representative from Parkwise was meeting on the 13 May 2013 at 12 noon to undertake a site visit regarding the problems with parking in the village. All members were invited to attend.

2) PLAY AREA

The Clerk also advised that a Tree Surgeon had undertaken a site visit to view the trees at the top of Meadow Street and had advised that the tree may have been hit by lightning at some time but that as the tree was now in full bloom there was no work necessary.

The Clerk further advised that it had been reported that wasps were making a home in the upright poles of the platform but that they were in fact the tawny mining bees that nested in soil and would not be a

problem. The Clerk had visited the site a couple of days later and found that they had gone.

PLANNING MATTERS

14/00188/FUL – Calico Cottage, Lodge Bank, Brinscall.

985/05/14 It was RESOLVED that this application should be objected to on the grounds of overdevelopment.

14/00481/FUL – Oakfield, Higher Simpson Fold, Higher Wheelton.

986/05/14 It was RESOLVED that no objection should be raised to this application.

987/05/14 It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact Mr Willasy, enforcement officer, Chorley Borough Council to ascertain whether the development at Oakfield was in line with the operators licence in regard to the buildings being built on the site.

FINANCIAL REPORT

988/05/14 All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary - £313.16
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £78.40
Aon – Insurance - £811.61

989/05/14 It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact Aon to advise of the quotation received from Zurich and then to renew with the company that would give best value.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PERMIT SCHEME FOR ROAD AND STREET ACTIVITIES

990/05/14 Councillors noted the Consultation from Lancashire County Council regarding the proposed permit scheme for road and street activities and RESOLVED to make no comment.

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL CONSULTATION REGARDING THE RENEWABLE AND LOW CARBON ENERGY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

991/05/14 Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the renewable and low carbon energy supplementary planning document. It was RESOLVED to make no comment.

MILITARY MEMORIALS AND GRAVES

The Clerk advised that a copy of the book Military Memorials and Graves had been donated to the Parish Council by the writer, Mr Clewlow.

992/04/14 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to thank Mr Clewlow and to question the cost of further copies.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- Temporary Road Closure on Briers Brow, Wheelton 6 May 2014 – 12 May 2014. It was noted that the work had been completed and that the road was now open.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2 June 2014 at 8.00pm

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting would be on the 2 June 2014 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated