

**MINUTES OF THE 971st WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11 MAY 2015
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

Borough Councillor Mrs France and County Councillor Snape.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Berry and Scambler declared a non pecuniary interest in item /05/15 as a neighbour of the applicant.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 13 APRIL 2015

129/05/15 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk advised that there had been no report from the Police and circulated copies of this months PACT report. There were no reported incidents in the parish.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

County Councillor Snape advised that there was a push to get the superfast broadband installed in the area in the promised timescale of summer 2015. The clerk was requested to write to BT to advise whether they are on target.

Councillor Scambler joined the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

Councillors Dickenson, Berry, Fowler, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale made their declarations of acceptance of office and signed their Register of Interest.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Following a Discussion, Councillor Dickenson was elected Chairman for the 2015-16 Year.

Councillor Dickenson advised that this would be his last term of office and that he would not be standing for re-election in 2018, therefore the Council needed to consider succession planning and Councillors needed to prepare for taking on the position of Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Following a Discussion, Councillor Wheale was elected Vice-Chairman for the 2015-16 Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following a Discussion, the representatives were agreed as follows:-

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee representative – Councillor R Wheale

Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trustees - Councillor R Wheale and Mrs D Gorton

Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust Trustees - Councillors R Wheale and T Dickenson

Playground Trust - Councillors N Hayes and R Wheale

Newsletter –Councillors T Dickenson, J Fowler and Parish Clerk

Press Officer - Councillors T Dickenson and M Harper

Tree Warden – Councillor J Fowler assisted with Parish Clerk

ENHANCING WHEELTON

1) SPID TRAILER

The Clerk advised that the SPID trailer was now working although it would need to be used on the highway to check it would be working when cars drive at it. There was still an issue with the hitch to investigate. The Insurance company had advised that the trailer would be covered by the public liability insurance but not for theft. Councillor Dickenson was requested to contact Mr Mcloughlin to ascertain what the value of the trailer was.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED that the first trial would be offered free of charge and the trailer would be charged out at a cost of £10 per week.

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2) PLAY AREA – SEATING

The Parish Council noted that although they had agreed in principle to the seating project but wanted to approve the materials to be used in the pathway and seating, nothing had been received from the Borough Council.

A suggestion was made that the pathway and the seating area be put on hold and the Parish Council request that the funding available be used to break through the wall, repair the barriers and install a knee rail to stop cars overshooting the car park.

The Chairman advised the lead officer for the repairs to the cobbles had been in contact and would be undertaking a site visit.

131/05/15 Following discussion it was RESOLVED that:

- Natalie Holt should be requested to use the old funding to create an entrance on to the recreation ground where the wall needed repairing, repairing the barriers at both ends of the walkway and install low fencing to stop vehicles driving onto the grass from the car park.
- The pathway and seating area part of the project would not be progressed.
- The Chairman would meet with the lead officer to review the project of the resetting of the cobbles and install possible solar lighting. Mr and Mrs Thompson would be invited to attend the meeting.
- The Clerk and Councillor Hayes would be kept informed of the project.

Thanks were given to Borough Councillors Mrs M France and Mr C France for pursuing the project to reset the cobbles.

3) PLAY AREA TREES

The Clerk advised that a further quotation had been received at a cost of £1070 for the required work to the trees.

132/05/15 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should accept the quotation from Beardwood Tree Services at a cost of £1070.

4) PLAY EQUIPMENT - TOWER

The Chairman advised that he had visited Ms Edwards to inform her of progress relating to the play equipment but no-one had been home.

The Clerk reported that a site visit had shown that a further five panels would be required to block the line of site from the Tower but that that side of the tower had the fireman's pole on it so it would still be possible to see in though Mrs Edwards window when the additional panels were installed. The investigation had shown that a number of windows were visible on both Meadow Street and Mill Street but residents there had not complained. Park Leisure had quoted £2,540.00 to install the five additional panels, moving the fireman's pole would be more expensive.

Chorley Borough Council had confirmed that planning permission would be required for additional panels.

- 133/05/15 It was RESOLVED that:
- Additional panels should not be installed
 - The Chairman should visit Ms Edwards to advise that the cost of changing the tower would be too high, planning permission would be required to increase the height of the structure (Ms Edwards had already complained about the height) and suggest that she should consider installing a film that blocks people from seeing in the window but allows her to see out.

PLANNING MATTERS

15/00335/FUL 1 West View, Meadow Street, Wheelton.
Erection of gates to the side of the property to enable vehicular access.

- 134/05/15 It was RESOLVED to object to the application on the grounds that this was an access route to the rear of No's 2, 3 & 4 West View and the Village Hall. The Clerk was requested to advise No's 2, 3, 4 West View and the Village Hall committee of the application.

15/00323/FUL The Golden Lion, 369 Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton, Chorley.
Section 73 application to remove conditions 2 (code for sustainable homes), 3 (letter of assurance) and 19 (design stage assessment) attached to planning permission 14/01089/FUL

The Borough council had advised that this was an application to change the previous conditions to the application following a change to the planning regulations and that the Borough Council would keep the original conditions on the application.

- 135/05/15 It was RESOLVED to note the Borough Council's response to the application.

The Clerk advised that a Temporary Event Licence had been applied for on the 23 May 2015 for a Bar Licence at Harbour Barn, Harbour Lane, Wheelton for a Wedding Reception.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

- 136/05/15 All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary May - £320.18
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.00
Mrs J Carr – SPID Trailer repairs - £75.10

PARISH COUNCIL PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2015/16

- 137/05/15 The Parish Council RESOLVED to continue with the priority of the safety of the Residents of the parish including parking and traffic.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- The Red Rose – 100 Mile Challenge Walk Event. 22-25 May 2015.
- The Ironman 2015 – 19 July 2015. The Iron Man road warden’s will report any graffiti on the roads and competitors will be disqualified from the competition.
- Changes to the disposal of inert waste at household waste recycling centres. The Clerk will include this information in the newsletter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1 June 2015 at 8.00pm
The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated