

**MINUTES OF THE 993rd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 8 MAY 2017
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 6 MARCH 2017

- 326/05/17** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record subject to the following amendments:
- Declarations of interest should read that there were no declarations of interest.
 - 324/04/17. Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the Jo Cox Foundation's Great Get Together.

- 327/05/17** Councillor Hayes advised that the charges for selling the Speed Camera Batteries were for £4.50. The Clerk was requested to pay in the £90.50 raised by the sale.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

- 328/05/17** Following a Discussion on succession, Councillor Dickenson was elected Chairman for the 2017-18 Year.

Councillor Dickenson reminded Councillors that this would be his last term of office and that he would not be standing for re-election in 2018, Councillor Dickenson agreed to accept the role of Chairman this year but would work closely with the Vice-Chairman to aid succession.

329/05/17 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Following a Discussion, Councillor Harper was elected Vice-Chairman for the 2017-18 Year.

330/05/17 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

LAPTC Chorley Area Committee representatives – Councillors T Dickenson and R Wheale (Substitutes – Councillors N Hayes and M Harper)

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 Working Group - Councillors N Hayes and J Fowler

Tree Warden – Councillor J Fowler assisted with Parish Clerk

Press Officer - Councillors T Dickenson and M Harper

Communications (Newsletter) Co-ordinator – Parish Clerk – assisted by Councillors T Dickenson and J Fowler

Wheelton Website Co-ordinator – Parish Clerk assisted by Councillor Harper

Chorley Three Tier Forum – Councillors T Dickenson and M Harper

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk circulated the March/April InTouch Newsletter and compared it to previous reports. It was felt that the report gave very little information as it does not give any information relating to the statistics and does not state which area they relate to.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Dickenson reported that the British Legion would be organising an event to celebrate the end of WW1. Councillors discussed the matter and agreed that in principle the Parish Council would like to be involved.

331/05/17 It was RESOLVED that a working party would be set up to agreed Parish Council's actions consisting of Councillor's Fowler, Berry and Dickenson.

It was noted that the coping stones had been knocked off the car park pillar at the Red Lion and was lying on the pavement.

332/05/17 It was RESOVLED that the Clerk should write to the Red Lion to request that they make the wall safe and to highlight that there were stone thieves in the area so the large coping stone could be at risk.

Councillors noted that a new County Councillor had been elected at the local elections. Councillors noted the huge amount of work put in by County Councillor K Snape over her time with this area of the County.

333/05/17 It was RESOVLED that the Clerk write to County Councillor K Snape to thank her for all her help during her time representing the Parish and to wish her well with her new area of responsibility.

Councillor Hayes reported that the leak outside No 2 Victoria Terrace had now been

repaired and Councillor Dickenson reported that the County Council has undertaken a site inspection regarding the plug hole in Millbrook Close. Councillor Dickenson was informed that modern roads have a gap at the side of the road which flows under the surface but that the County Council would monitor the hole although they would not undertake any repairs unless the road collapses.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillors reported that the recent overnight restriction of the weight limit on the A674 had increased the traffic which was still noticeable since the restriction. Councillors discussed the situation and noted that the speed restriction signs flash at a lower speed than the limit.

334/05/17 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to highways requesting that the signs are re-calibrated.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

There were no issues to report. The Parish Council noted that the older items of play equipment were starting to require replacement. Borough Councillor M France was requested to investigate whether there were any Borough Council grants available.

PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications to consider.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

335/05/17 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary May - £330.20
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £82.20
Aon – Annual Insurance - £906.84
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary June - £326.60
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £81.60

Easy Websites – Website hosting and support - £24.00

2016/17 AUDIT

Councillors reviewed the audit statement for the 2016/17 year as circulated.

336/05/17 It was RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the Audit Statement for the 2016/17 year.

Mrs Joanne Ainsworth was appointed Internal Auditor for the 2016/17 accounting year.

JUNE NEWSLETTER INCLUSIONS

The Parish Councillors discussed articles for inclusion in the June Newsletter and agreed to forward items to the Clerk for the 31 May 2017.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE BUCKHOLES LANE/BETT LANE

Councillors noted the circulated information regarding Lancashire County Council's temporary road closure on Buckholes Lane and Bett Lane to undertake road re-surfacing.

REDUCTION OF No. 24 BUS ROUTE

Councillors noted the changing timetable of the off-peak No. 24 bus service between 10am and 2pm, Monday to Saturday.

Borough Councillor M France highlighted that residents had raised concerns that the Tuesday (Market Day) buses are full and are concerned that this reduction will exacerbate the situation. There was also a sub charge for the 24A being levied since the 24 April 2017.

337/05/17 It was RESOLVED that Borough Councillor M France should write an article for the newsletter on the changes.

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL'S REGULATION 123 LIST OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

337/05/17 Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the 123 list of infrastructure projects and RESOLVED to make no comment.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- Route and road closure for Iron Man 2017 – 16 July 2017.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 June 2017 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated