

**MINUTES OF THE 1004th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 14 MAY 2018
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

It was agreed that due to absence at the meeting and the vacancies on the Parish Council Councillor Wheale would chair this meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018/2019

01/05/18 It was agreed that due to absence at the meeting and the vacancies this item would be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Hayes.

COUNCIL VACANCIES

02/05/18 The Clerk advised that the Borough Council had advised that the Parish Council could co-opt to the two vacancies following the Parish Council Elections. The correspondence from Councillor Hayes was read out and discussions were had regarding the timing of filling the vacancies and the advice from Chorley Borough Council that it was the Parish Council's decision whether to advertise the vacancies or Co-Opt to them at this meeting. Councillors felt that because the election was less than two weeks ago the positions on the Parish Council had been fully advertised and **RESOLVED** that the vacancies could be filled by Co-Option at this meeting.

Mr Harper, Mr Dickenson and Borough Councillor France confirmed their interest in standing for the positions with Mr Dickenson advising that he would not be willing to take on the posts of Chairman or Vice-Chairman should he be co-opted.

Mr Harper, Mr Dickenson and Borough Councillor France left the meeting.

03/05/18 Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED** that Mr Harper and Mr Dickenson be Co-Opted to the Parish Council.

Mr Harper, Mr Dickenson and Borough Councillor France re-joined the meeting and were advised of the resolution.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 9 APRIL 2018

04/05/18

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

POLICE REPORT

Councillor Dickenson reported that he had sent a request to the Police for assistance at the Remembrance Service, the request had been passed on but had now been lost. No response had been received from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

The Clerk reported that Borough Councillor Mrs France had forwarded the recent enforcement figures from the out of hours visits and gave an overview of the Parking charge notices and vehicles moved on data. Councillors noted that several tickets had been issued to vehicles on Meadow Street, Blackburn Road and Victoria Street.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

i) Meadow Street Fencing

Councillors noted that the fencing had not been completed as there was a gap next to one of the trees. Councillors also reported that the gate was not closing and had needed closing regularly when councillors were passing. The Clerk was requested to pass on this information to Chorley Borough Council.

05/05/18

c) Defibrillator

No further information had been received regarding the defibrillator at the Golden Lion.

d) War Memorial Trees

Councillor Wheale reported that two quotations had been received regarding the removal of the required trees in the War Memorial Gardens. Councillors agreed that as the trees required removal due to Health and Safety matters the work

needed to be actioned as soon as was possible.

- 06/05/18** The Clerk advised that Heapey Parish Council had requested further details of the quotation before they could agree to contribute to the cost. Councillor Wheale was requested to forward a copy of the quotation to the Clerk for her to forward on to Heapey Parish Council.

PLANNING MATTERS

- 07/05/18** 18/00330/FUL – 6 – 7 Briers Brow, Wheelton.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application providing the it does not block access to the field and the neighbours ground.

18/00357/FUL – Whins Farm Barn, Whins Lane, Wheelton

- 08/05/18** The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

- 09/05/18** All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – May Salary - £339.64
Inland Revenue – May Deductions - £84.80

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

ACCOUNTS REPORTS

- 10/05/18** Councillors APPROVED the Audit Statement for signature as circulated and APPROVED Mrs Joanne Ainsworth as the Internal Auditor for the 2018/19 Financial Year.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION REGARDING THE NOWCARD SCHEME

Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the County Council's consultation on the proposed increase in charges for disabled persons travel before 9.30am Monday to Friday.

- 11/05/18** It was RESOLVED to comment that the Parish Council were opposed to the proposal as it was felt that this would discriminate against disabled people who were on a minimum income, targeted rural communities and isolates the elderly and disabled.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION REGARDING COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the County Council's consultation

on community transport in Lancashire

12/05/18 It was RESOLVED to comment that the Parish Council were opposed to the proposal to reduce funding for Community transport as it was felt that this would discriminate against people who were on a minimum income, targeted rural communities and isolates the elderly and disabled.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION REGARDING STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE

Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the County Council's consultation

13/05/18 It was RESOLVED to note the information regarding the County council's consultation on Street Lighting Maintenance.

LALC REDUCED RATE PUBLICATION OFFER

The Clerk reported that LexisNexis had circulated an offer to Parish Council's to purchase the new edition of Charles Arnold Baker publication at a 50% reduction to actual cost. The Clerk confirmed that the publication was relevant to the role of Parish Clerk and used to ensure that the Parish Council were acting within regulations.

14/05/18 It was RESOLVED to order a copy of the 10th edition of Charles Arnold Baker at a cost of £52.50 plus £7.00 postage.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWLETTER ARTICLES

Councillors discussed suitable articles for the summer edition of the Parish Council Newsletter. It was suggested to include an item advising residents to report issues like pot holes, street lighting issues and litter/fly tipping.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Invitation from the Mayor-Elect to accompany her in the annual Mayoral Procession – 20 May 2018.
- New Councilors and Clerks' workshop

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 June 2018 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated