

**MINUTES OF THE 976th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2015
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Harper, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale. Borough Councillor's C France and Mrs M France, County Councillor Snape and One Member of the Public.

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 5 OCTOBER 2015

173/11/15 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record with the following amendment: the requested to purchase the Poppy Wreath had come from Mr T Rigby via Councillor Hayes.

POLICE REPORT

There were no reports from the Police.

Councillor Scambler joined the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Clerk advised that an email had been received from a Heapey Resident about the speed of traffic on Blackburn Road, discussions were had regarding speeding, perceived observations and enforcement and the Clerk was requested to pass the email on to the Heapey Parish Clerk.

Councillor Hayes reported that the Gullies were blocked along side St Paul's Close. A number of Councillors reported seeing the Gully Emptier working on Victoria Street. County Councillor Snape was requested to arrange a site meeting to review the gullies.

Councillor Berry and Borough Councillor Mrs M France joined the meeting.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

1) TRAFFIC ISSUES –

The following road markings were reported as being very faint:

- Kenyon Lane
- Bett Lane/A674

174/11/15

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should advise the County Council.

Parking in the Village was still an issue. Councillor Dickenson agreed to write an article for the Newsletter reminding residents that they had no entitlement to park outside their own houses.

The Jenny Lane Signpost was missing. Borough Councillor C France was requested to report it to the Borough Council.

2) PLAY AREA –

There were no matters to report.

PLANNING MATTERS

There were no applications to consider.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

175/11/15

All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary November - £320.18

Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.00

Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath - £22.50

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall – Room Rent - £374.00

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

The Clerk was requested to print some additional Service Sheets.

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

176/11/15

The Parish Council RESOLVED that Mrs Wheale be requested to provide Sherry and Mince Pies for the Carols around the Tree Service. .

PRECEPT 2015/16

Councillors received copies of the draft precept for 2015/16 and the Clerk gave an overview.

177/11/15

It was RESOLVED that Councillors should review the reports and advise the Clerk of any suggested changes. The Precept would be agreed at the next meeting.

NEWLETTER

Councillors received draft copies of the Winter 2014 minutes and discussed possible inclusions for the publication.

178/11/15 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should produce copies of the Newsletter ready for distribution after the December 2015 meeting. .

TRANSPARENCY CODE FUNDING APPLICATION

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had certain requirements to enable the council to be compliant with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. Part of the requirement was to publish additional information on the Parish Council's website. Councillors noted that any information requiring publishing had to be sent to a third party for publication.

179/11/15 The Parish Council RESOLVED that;

- The Clerk should submit an application for funding to enable the parish council to be compliant with the Transparency code for Smaller Authorities
- The Clerk should forward the website details to Councillor Harper for review.

SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON THE ALTCAR LANE/SHAW BROOK ROAD SITE

180/11/15 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should make no comment on South Ribble Borough Council's consultation on the Altcar Lane/Shaw Brook Road site.

CHORLEY COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON THE REVISED VALIDATION CRITERIA FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

181/11/15 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should make no comment on Chorley Council's consultation on the revised validation criteria for planning applications.

PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT CUTS

The Chairman advised that he felt that the Parish Council should make a representation to Central Governors regarding the impact of Government Cutbacks. The cutbacks mean that there is a potential to loose Police support, NHS hospital support, local amenities and discussion was had regarding writing to the government to protect residents' amenities.

182/11/15 It was RESOLVED that the Chairman should draft a document for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

OWNERSHIP OF LAND BETWEEN MEADOW STREET, THE READING ROOMS AND THE BOUNDARY OF THE PLAYAREA

The Clerk advised that no reply had been received from the owner of the land.

183/11/15 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should resend the letter to establish ownership of the land.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- Borough Councillor Mrs France advised that the visibility was poor when exiting the onto the A674 due to overgrown vegetation which had been reported to the Borough Council.
- County Councillor Snape reported that the Blackburn Road pathways were currently being resurfaced.
- Borough Councillor Mrs France had received complaints about the noise by vehicles driving over the rumble strips at the entrance to Higher Wheelton. The LCC had advised that residents would have to conduct their own survey on the noise.
- Double Yellow lines had been painted on Brown House Lane. These road markings were not official and any parking tickets issues are not legal. The tickets are on paper that was 7 or 8 years old.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 December 2015 at 8.00pm
The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman
Dated