

**MINUTES OF THE 987th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2016
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Hayes, Harper, Scambler and Wheale. One member of the public.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor M France.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 271/11/16 application 16/00984/FUL as they have a relative that lives close to the application.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 3 OCTOBER 2016

269/11/16 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Councillor Dickenson advised that the Village Hall Committee had posted polite letters through resident's letterboxes advising them of the Village Hall car park situation as had been reported at last month's Parish Council meeting. The letter had had no impact on the problems regarding non-users parking in the car park and it had been noted that there was one car parked in the car park that had not moved for over a week, all of which might force the Village Hall committee to take action.

Councillor Hayes reported that United Utilities drainage team had not attended to the leak and that the area was now smelling badly. The Clerk agreed to report the leak again.

Councillor Dickenson advised that the grids on Victoria Street had still not been cleared and that the grid outside the off licence had developed a hole that was undermining the cobbles around it.

POLICE REPORT

Councillors noted copies of the October "In Touch" magazine. The Chairman advised

that Inspector Fox had reported at the liaison meeting that the Police Force had agreed that a dedicated PCSO would be allowed to attend Parish Council meetings in future. Our designated officer would be PCSO M Appleton. Councillors looked forward to her attending.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Wilson gave an overview of the reasons behind his two planning applications which would be discussed later in the meeting.

The Double Garage application had been put in due to two recent accidents with parked cars which it was hoped would then be parked behind the houses. The area proposed was in between two existing garages where a garage had been a long time ago. The second application was to provide storage for equipment that was used on the farm.

Mr Wilson was thanked for the information and left the meeting.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Discussions were had regarding the SPiD trailer and its disposal.

270/11/16 It was RESOLVED that:

- The clerk should deliver one of the batteries to Councillor Hayes who would attempt to sell it on ebay.
- The trailer be given to Mr Wilson as he had stored it for the last couple of years.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

Victoria Street Access from the Play Area

Councillor Wheale advised that he was waiting for a quotation for extending the fencing to stop children climbing between the fence and the concrete fencepost at the play equipment end of the recreation ground and then jumping down onto Victoria Street.

PLANNING MATTERS

16/00984/FUL Portland Farm, Buckholes Lane, Wheelton.

271/11/16 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council make no objection to the application.

16/00983/FUL Portland Farm, Buckholes Lane, Wheelton.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council make no objections to the application for a

272/11/16 farm building but to raise concerns that existing farm buildings were being used for commercial purposes and not for farming.

273/11/16 16/01004/FUL Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall, West View, Wheelton.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council support the application.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

274/11/16 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary November - £323.37
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.80
Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath - £25.00

DRAFT CHORLEY HOUSEHOLDER DESIGN GUIDANCE SUPPLIMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT.

275/11/16 The Parish Council noted the draft Chorley Householder Design Guidance Supplementary Planning document and RESOLVED to make no comment.

TELEPHONE BOX REMOVAL CONSULTATION

The Parish Council noted the information regarding British Telecommunications plc's consultation regarding the removal of public payphones which identified the payphone in Higher Wheelton for removal. Councillor's discussed the proposals and noted that some areas were being offered a red heritage telephone box for a nominal amount which could be used as a book loan or to house a defibrillator.

276/11/16 The Parish Council REQUESTED that the Clerk contact British Telecommunications Plc to request whether the telephone box could be swapped for a red heritage telephone box which the Parish Council could take on to house a defibrillator.

BULB PLANTING.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had received 1000 bulbs from Chorley Borough Council and that he and Councillor Hayes had planted over half of the bulbs already. Councillors discussed the areas for planting and agreed to collect bulbs from the Chairman as soon as they could plant them.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.

277/11/16 The Clerk advised that the Manchester Regiment had questioned where they were to stand during the remembrance service. Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Regiment should stand to the right of the gate way where the Councillors normally stand and the Councillors would stand behind the Representatives laying the wreaths.

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

The Clerk advised that Mrs Wheale had offered to provide sherry and mince pies again at the Carols around the Tree event but that she was aware that the Tearoom was also offering to provide Christmas Cake and Mulled wine.

278/11/16 The Parish Council RESOLVED that Mrs Wheale should be asked to purchase half the quantity of mince pies and Sherry as last year. It was also RESOLVED that additional/new lights could be purchased for the Christmas Tree if required to a maximum of £100.

CHORLEY AND SOUTH RIBBLE HOSPITALS ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT

The Parish Council noted that a letter from local Parish Councils had been sent to the Chief Executive of the Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust requesting that the Chorley and South Ribble Accident and Emergency unit be re-opened 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

279/11/16 It was RESOLVED that a further letter should be send from Wheelton Parish Council in support of the Chorley and South Ribble Accident and Emergency unit being re-opened 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Councillors noted the draft newsletter circulated and approved the publication of 500 newsletters to be ready for distribution at the December 2016 Parish Council Meeting.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT TECHNICAL CONSULTATION

Councillors noted the draft letter from the LALC that was suggested to be sent to the local MP regarding the Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation.

Councillors RESOLVED that the LALC's draft letter should be sent to the local MP regarding the Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

CHORLEY LIAISON MEETING AGENDA SUBMISSIONS

The Clerk advised that Chorley Borough Council were requesting suggestions for priorities for the neighbourhood areas in 2017/18. Councillors noted that the cobbles had been reset and solar lighting installed as previous projects by Chorley Council.

Councillors were requested to consider any project and advised the Clerk in the next two weeks. One suggestion received was for safety railings along the Meadow Street Edge of the Recreation Ground that would match the railings at the Victoria Street

edge.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- Remembrance Sunday Service 13 November 2016
- Public Information Meeting regarding Alcoholics Anonymous 24 November 2016
- Carols around the tree 24 December 2016
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 December 2016 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated