

**MINUTES OF THE 998th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2017
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Mrs France.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

390/11/17 Councillor Dickenson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 395/11/17 as treasurer of the War Memorial Trust.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 2 OCTOBER 2017

391/11/17 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Berry brought in some very large rocket sticks and plastic shards collected after firework night. Councillors felt that these must have been professional sized rockets, not the usual ones that are purchased for home use and noted the danger to animals.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

392/11/17 Councillors reported that there were more cars parked on the double yellow lines at the bottom of Meadow Street and the Clerk was requested to write and question whether the out of hours enforcement had taken place.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Chairman advised that the Nursery had been consulted regarding the type of play equipment but had not responded. The Grant had to be spent by the end of February 2018. Governors discussed providers and equipment.

393/11/17 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should place an order for the Playdale Shimmy Plus to replace the Jukebox Plus at a cost of £8,637.

Councillors noted that the lights in the walkway were now working.

Councillor Dickenson reported that Chorley Borough Council had been requested to investigate the warranty of the play equipment that they had installed with regards to the disappointing lifespan of the wood.

PLANNING MATTERS

17/00984/FUL – The Croft, Lower Simpson Fold, Blackburn Road, Wheelton.

394/11/17 The Parish Council RESOLVED to make the observation that they were concerned about the size of the increase and questioned whether this was now exceeding the allowed percentage of the original plan.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

Councillors discussed the grant payments. The chairman reported that the Village Hall Committee were wanting to replace the kitchen and do further work on the heating system.

395/11/17 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – November Salary - £326.60
Inland Revenue – November Deductions - £81.60
War Memorial Trust – Donation - £200.
H&W Village Hall – Donation - £700.

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

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL PROPPSAL REGARDING THE 109A/24A BUS SERVICE

Councillors noted the letter from Chorley Borough Council regarding the funding of the 109A and 24A bus service and the Chairman gave an overview of a meeting he had attended. Councillors were advised that the Borough Council were proposing to fund 50% of these bus route, the County Council 40% and Parish Councils on the specified bus routes were being requested to fund the remaining 10%. Councillors discussed the viability, usage and whether the bus routes were a life line or an expensive alternative mode of transport.

Councillors questioned what would happen if one of the Parishes declines to support the bus routes and were advised that that was not known although it was noted that the bus did not go to Blackburn because Blackburn Council had declined to contribute to the cost so would terminate at Feniscowles. Councillors also questioned whether the Borough Council would keep increasing the cost to the Councils once the Borough Council had secured agreement but noted that the Parish Councils only have to sign up for one year so if the cost increased a Council could decline to continue to contribute.

396/11/17 Councillors RESOLVED that the Parish Council would agree in principle to contribute to the cost of the 109A and 24A bus service on the proviso that all Parishes on the route contribute.

DRAFT PRECEPT

397/11/17 Councillors noted the draft precept figure as circulated and were requested to review the report and forward any suggestion to the Clerk for the December meeting.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW

Councillors noted the invitation to Chorley Borough Council's meeting regarding the Local Government Boundary Review and how it may impact on parish and town councils on 6 December 2017 at 6.30pm.

398/11/17 Councillors RESOLVED that the Parish Council should request two places at the Local Government Boundary Review meeting.

BUCKHOLES LANE SPEED LIMIT CONSULTATION

Councillor noted the information from the County Council regarding the proposed speed limit on Buckholes Lane.

399/11/17 It was RESOLVED to support the proposal for a 40 mile per hour speed limit on Buckholes Lane, Wheelton.

CHORLEY COUNCIL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADES

Councillors noted the invitation from Chorley Borough Council to attend the Remembrance Sunday procession, service and wreath laying.

ROYAL AIR FORCE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS FOR 2018

Councillors noted the information from the Royal Air Force Spadeadam regarding the Centenary Celebrations of the Royal Air Force which are being planned to run from April 2018 to September 2018.

400/11/17 It was RESOLVED not to hold an event to celebrate the Royal Air Force Centenary.

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

The Clerk reported that Mrs Wheale had questioned whether the Tea Rooms would be providing refreshments for the Carols around the tree evening and if so how much Sherry and Mince Pies the Parish Council wanted to provide.

401/11/17 Following Discussion, it was RESOLVED that:

- The Chairman would contact the Tea Rooms to establish what if any refreshment they would be offering for the Carols around the Tree evening.
- The Chairman would agree with Mrs Wheale the quantities of Sherry and Mince Pies that the Council would provide.
- The Clerk should email Mr Perkins who had offered assistance with the music and request that he contact the Chairman to discuss matters.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE WINTER NEWSLETTER

Councillors were reminded to advise the Clerk of any articles that they wanted in the Winter edition of the Parish Council newsletter.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 12 November 2017 at 12.30pm.
- Carols around the Tree will take place on Sunday 24 December 2017 at 5.30pm.
- The Parish Council had been offered bulbs again from Chorley Borough Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 December 2017 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated