

**MINUTES OF THE 1020th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 2019
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Scambler and Wheale. Borough Councillor Mrs M France and One member of the public.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hayes and Harper and Borough Councillor Mr C France.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dickenson reported that his comments as part of the Comments from the Public item would be made as a resident and not a Councillor.

Councillor Dickenson declared that he and his wife had been presented with a gift in recognition of organising the Race around the Villages event for the 37th Year.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 7 OCTOBER 2019

164/11/19 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

165/11/19 Councillor Dickenson reported that he had attended the Chorley Liaison Committee meeting where there had been a presentation from the Chief Planning Officer. Councillor Dickenson advised that he had brought up the issue of flooding since the Winns Lane development and had been told that Chorley Borough Council had engaged a Specialist Consultant to review the drainage in the area. The Chief Planning Officer had advised that there was no procedure to monitor planning development. The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to Chorley Council to establish what the response had been from the Consultants. Councillors discussed retrospective planning applications, flooding issues and change of use of land.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Hodgeson reported that a bonfire and firework party was being advertised at the Red Lion on the 5 November 2019. A number of residents have raised concerns, based on the last two years' experience, about the lack of Health and Safety measures and size of fireworks being used in such a small area.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue had advised that they would visit the premises and offer advice although they had no power to stop the event. Two residents reported that they were concerned that someone would be injured and advised that the discharge from the fireworks had caused damage to cars in the area and the windows of their house. Previously no barriers had been placed between the public and the fire and there had been no emergency exits, the organisers choosing to use some beer barrels to mark a boundary. Mr Dickenson advised that he had spoken to the Manager to advise that residents would not have an issue with residential size fireworks, but it was felt that industrial sized fireworks in such a small space was intimidating to the immediate residents. Mr Dickenson explained that the Parish Council wanted the Premises to continue to serve the public but not to the detriment of the residents.

Mr Hodgeson left the meeting.

Councillor Wheale reported that the Post Office in the Village Hall had been closed for a couple of weeks. Councillor Berry advised that one week had been due to illness when there had been no cover and one week the door had been closed (possibly due to the Nursery School's Party) which the Post Office staff had been unaware of. Councillor Berry agreed to discuss this with the Post Office Staff.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

There were no new items of traffic matters to discuss.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

Councillors discussed the suggestion of the provision of teenage equipment or scooter track on the recreation area.

c) War Memorial

There were no items to discuss.

PLANNING MATTERS

Councillors noted that the Licence application for the Red Lion talks about public nuisance and felt that fireworks were a public nuisance.

Councillors discussed the Prospect House works, recent flooding and the costs and

implications of the surveyor's investigation. Councillors reported that there had been reports of a possible landslip in the area, but this had not been confirmed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

166/11/19 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary – November - £343.24
Inland Revue – Salary Deductions – November £85.80
War Memorial – Annual Grant - £200.00
Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall – Annual Grant - £700.00
Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath - £25.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support November £27.60

PRECEPT

Councillors noted the draft precept report which showed current years precept, estimated expenditure for the year and a projection for similar expenditure in 2020/21.

Expenditure was discussed and noted that the £13,150 estimated precept was a 3% increase on last year.

167/11/19 The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the 2020/21 Precept of £13,150.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk advised that there had been no applications received for the Parish Council vacancy and discussed ways of encouraging someone to apply that could be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

168/11/19 The Parish Council RESOLVED that the vacancy should be advertised in the Winter Newsletter.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Councillors were advised that a Young Leader from the Brownies would read the Ode.

The Clerk advised that she had not heard from Reverend Hogarth to confirm that he would be in attendance and Councillors discussed a suitable replacement if the Clerk was unable to contact Reverend Hogarth.

The Clerk shared advice from the SLCC regarding the Laying of Wreaths in the run up to a General Election and advised that Sargent Harrison had confirmed that the Police would be laying a Wreath at the service.

169/11/19 The Parish Council RESOLVED that:

- Councillor Dickenson should make a short speech at the beginning of the service in memory of Council R Snape, who had recently passed away.
- The Clerk should contact Richard Shorrocks and ask that he lead the service if Reverend Hogarth is not in attendance.

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Councillors noted the invitation to take place in Chorley Borough Council's remembrance Service on Sunday 10 November 2019. .

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

Councillors discussed the Christmas Eve Carols around the Tree event. The Clerk advised that Mrs Wheale had reported that she did not wish to continue with arranging the refreshments this year.

170/11/19 It was RESOLVED that:

- New Christmas Lights should be purchased for the Christmas Tree
- Councillor Wheale would contact Mr Fox to establish whether they had a tree to donate this year
- Councillor Harper and Mr Mahor would liaise with Councillor Wheale regarding the tree and decorations.
- Councillor Dickenson should contact the Tea Rooms to enquire whether they would be putting on refreshments for the evening.
- The Clerk should contact Mr Warburton to establish whether he was able to provide the PA System again this year.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Councillors discussed the articles for the Parish Newsletter.

NEW CODE OF AUDIT PRACTICE

Councillors noted the information circulated at the last meeting regarding the NALC consultation around the New Code of Audit Practice.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS CONSULTATION

Councillors noted the information circulated regarding Chorley Council's consultation around young people in rural areas.

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should advise that there were two known groups that catered for the Young People in the Parish, The St Chad's Guides and Withnell St Paul's Scouts. The Clerk was also requested to highlight that the Councillors were disappointed that the promised transport to the Inspire Youth Zone had not materialised.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items were noted for information:

- Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall AGM – 12 November 2019 at 7.45pm.
- Chorley Borough Council Planning in Practice session – Monday 10 February 2020 at 5.45pm at Chorley Town Hall.
- Chorley Neighborhood Area Meeting – Tuesday 11 February 2020 at 5.00pm
- A consultation had been received from the Central Lancashire Team regarding the Notice of Consultation on the approach for the Memorandum of Understanding and Statement of Co-Operation Proposals Regarding the Provision and Distribution of Housing Land. The Clerk advised that the Council had to reply by the 15 November so could not make a comment. The Clerk was requested to forward the consultation to the Councillors and Borough Councillor for them to comment on it.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2 December 2019 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated