

**MINUTES OF THE 1025th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2020
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs M Berry, Dickenson, Mrs M France, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale. Two members of the Public.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence. Councillor Harper subsequently sent his apologies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in any item of the meeting.

226/10/20 MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 7 SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Councillors advised that the road that was breaking up was Meadow Street not Victoria Street. The Clerk was requested to report it.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Clerk advised that she had received an email complimenting the Council on the wildflower planting this year. The Clerk had responded that it was a Chorley Council scheme and that Councillor France had sown a large amount of the seeds. Councillors added their thanks and advised that they had been especially impressed this year.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Councillors were advised that letters had gone out to advise that the remembrance service would not be taking place this year and that a rota was being set up for one person from each organisation to lay a wreath. Councillor Dickenson agreed that his email and telephone could be passed on to the organisations.

The Clerk reported that the Bugler had replied to the cancellation letter to say that he was happy to play for a group laying their wreath if that would be required. Councillors

227/10/20 RESOLVED that:

- the Clerk should write to Mr Walmsley to thank him for his offer but to comply with guidelines and to protect his wellbeing we would not be taking him up on the offer to play for a group during the wreath laying.
- The Clerk should write to Reverend Hogarth to ascertain whether the British Legion wished to lay a wreath at the memorial.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

There were no new issues raised.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

Councillor France advised that she had raised the issue of funding with Chorley Council who had advised that the best option would be to put forward the play area for a neighbourhood preferred project.

228/10/20 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would be requested to forward a copy of the R.o.S.P.A. report to Chorley Council.

c) War Memorial

The Clerk reported that BBC North West Tonight had contacted her to request that the Memorial Gardens be used for two projects. The first a Children in Need event where two children from the same household would be filmed singing. The event would be linked to a local school. Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that permission would be granted.

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The second event was the filming of a poem which had been written to celebrate the Key Workers' contribution and hard work during the Covid 19 lockdown and recognise the 8pm clap for the NHS that residents had taken part in. The Producer had advised that for the purposes of filming the clock would need to be re-set to 8pm. The Poet was in attendance and gave an overview of the project. Councillor Wheale explained that the clock was electric powered and would have to be stopped and then reset. Councillors discussed the logistics, and it was RESOLVED that if the project could be organised to fit in with Councillor Wheale's arrangements that permission would be granted.

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PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications to review.

Councillor France gave an overview of the Planning in Practice session run by Chorley Town Council. Chorley, South Ribble and Preston Council's had had an understanding around the allocation of new houses, but it was not known whether this would continue

after the new White paper was brought in. The Councils will have to have five years' worth of allocation in hand or the planners can insist on having their land included.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

221/09/20 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – October Salary - £598.22
Inland Revenue – October Deductions - £149.40
S Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £920.00
SLCC - Annual Subscription - £109.00
ALCC – Annual Subscription - £40.00
RBL – Poppy Wreath - £25.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support October – £27.60
DD E-On – War memorial Electricity - £64.00
DD Easy Websites –Accessibility Update – £360.00

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items were noted for information:

- The Race Around the Villages Event had been Cancelled this year.
- Carols Around the Tree would be cancelled this year. The tree would still be installed. Councilor Wheale agreed to arrange as usual.
- There had been reports around the 24-hour A&E re-opening at Chorley Hospital. The facility will originally open for 12 hours but there had to be two separate teams to ensure that it was Covid Safe. It was still not known whether there will be enough staff for the two A&E's to open for 24 hours.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2 November 2020 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated