

**MINUTES OF THE 986<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 2016  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Hayes, Harper, Scambler and Wheale.  
County Councillor K Snape.

**Clerk:** Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fowler and Borough Councillor M France.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dickenson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 267/10/16 Grant for Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial trust as he is the treasurer.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 5 SEPTEMBER 2016**

264/10/16 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record with the following amendment: Comments from the public, paragraph two should say; "Councillors" asked how often a booking.....

Councillor Dickenson advised that during the Cuadrilla part of last month's meeting it had been noticed that the Village Hall car park had not had enough space due to cars parked by people who were not at the meeting. This issue was not unique and the Village Hall Committee had advised that they may have to consider putting a barrier across the car park entrance. It was noted that the original planning permission had a requirement that the car park was for the use of the Village Hall only. It was agreed that an article could be included in the Newsletter about the situation.

Councillor Hayes reported that United Utilities had undertaken a site visit to investigate the water leak outside Victoria terrace. The contractor had advised that this was a drainage issue so would arrange for the drainage team to attend but that had not happened yet.

**POLICE REPORT**

Councillors noted copies of the September and October "In Touch" magazine. The Clerk highlighted that there had been a large number of vehicles crimes in the parish.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman advised that photographs had been taken of gullies in Victoria Street that were blocked or had grass growing from them. The Clerk confirmed that these had been forwarded on to LCC Highways. The Clerk reported that the County Council had shared their gully emptying schedule and that there were only two roads in Higher Wheelton on the annual cleansing rota and a number of roads in Wheelton on an 18 month emptying rota but not Victoria Street which was had the majority of grids that needed reporting were only on reactive visits.

Councillor Dickenson reported that there were comments being repeated that investigations were ongoing around a new development hospital being created to replace Chorley and Preston Hospitals. Discussions were had regarding recruitment and future provision. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for further meetings. Councillors were requested to talk to residents to get their views on the situation.

## **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

### **a) Traffic Matters**

Discussions were had regarding the SPiD trailer noting that there had been no interest in the purchase of it.

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It was RESOLVED that:

- The Chairman investigate the sale of the batteries.
- The trailer be offered back to John McGloughlin.

### **b) Temporary Traffic Lights**

Councillors noted the four-way traffic lights at the junction of Kenyon Lane, Victoria Street and Blackburn Road which were due to a collapsed sewer.

### **c) Recreation Area Enhancement**

#### **i) Victoria Street Access from the Play Area**

There was no update on this item. Councillor Wheale had agreed to produce a specification for work.

#### **ii) Walkway Lighting**

Councillors noted that solar lighting had been installed on the walkway and agreed that the project could be signed off as having been completed.

### **iii) Funding**

266/10/16 Councillor Wheale advised that there was funding left over from historical fund raising in the village and that this had been agreed to be transferred to the Parish Council. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the fundraisers to advise that this funding would be ring fenced for playground equipment.

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to report. The Clerk advised on planning applications that had received conclusions.

### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

267/10/16 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary October - £323.37  
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £80.80  
SLCC – Annual Subscription - £103.00  
Heapey & Wheelton Village Hall – Grant - £700.00  
War Memorial Trust – Grant - £200.00

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Data Protection – Annual charge - £35.00  
E-on – War Memorial Electricity - £56.16

### **EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT.**

Councillors noted the recommendation from the external auditor – that the date of the Chairman's signature was missing and were advised that this was an omission that had been rectified.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Parish Council noted the income and expenditure, bank reconciliation and receipts and payments reports as circulated.

### **PARISH COUNCIL TRAINING.**

Councillors noted the training sessions as circulated.

268/10/16 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should attend the SLCC's Data Protection and Freedom of Information training in October 2016.

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Clerk reported that letters of invitation had been sent out. The following had confirmed their attendance:

- Councillor Snape
- Councillor Kim Snape
- Father Simpson
- Reverend Hogarth
- Mr Shorrocks

Councillor Wheale advised that there had been a request that the Brownies were escorted from St Chads to the Memorial. The Chairman advised that this wasn't possible as that would require road closures and all the associated costs.

## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items were noted for information:

- The Villages Race will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016, volunteers were requested.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 November 2016 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated .....