

Wheelton Parish Council

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Clerk to the Council: Mrs Joanne Carr

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL will be held in the Small Hall, Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall, West View, Meadow Street, Wheelton at **8.00pm** on Monday 5 October 2026 for the transaction of the following business.

DATED this 27 September 2026

PARISH CLERK: Joanne Carr

A G E N D A

1. Apologies.
2. Declarations of Members' interests on any matters to be placed before the Council.
3. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 24 August 2026.
4. To consider the Police Report.
5. Public Forum.
6. Enhancing Wheelton.
 - (a) Traffic Issues – Finger Post
 - (b) Recreation Area
 - (c) War Memorial
 - (d) Benches & Notice Boards

7. To Consider the Parish Council's response to Planning Applications received from the Borough Council.

26/00743/FULHH Flashgreen Farm Cottage Jenny Lane Higher Wheelton
Single storey side extension and first floor rear extension (over existing ground floor rear extension) with associated alterations following demolition of existing side porch.

26/00755/FUL Land At West View West View Wheelton
Construction of two storey dwelling, external decking and parking following demolition of existing single storey garage.

8. To receive the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Expenditure against budget reports to September 2026.
9. To note that the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2026, had been approved by the Unions and had been backdated to 1 April 2026.
10. To note the ROSPA Play Inspection Report and agree any planned work.
11. To consider the Parish Council's response to a request from the Craft Shedquarters to install a knitted Community Christmas display in Higher Wheelton near the Garage/Notice Board again this year to collect money for charity.
12. To approve a 12ft or 15ft Christmas Tree at the War Memorial Gardens for December 2026.
13. To agree Parish Council Attendance at the LALC Area Committee on Monday 2 November 2026 at Chorley Town Hall and the Parish and Town Council Conference on 14 November 2026 which will include the LALC AGM.
14. To note the information received from Lancashire County Council regarding how they will work and communicate with Parish Councils.
15. To consider the Parish Council's response to the consultation from LALC whether to become a Company Limited by Guarantee.
16. To note that the Government has announced a review of its local government reorganisation programme which will mean that the timescales previously reported will be delayed.
17. To discuss and agree arrangement for the Remembrance Service on 8 November 2026.
18. To suggest articles for the Winter 2026 Newsletter.

19. To receive any Items for Information only.

- Chorley Council Liaison Meeting – Wednesday 21 October 2026 – 6.30pm
- Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group meeting at Chorley Town Hall
6.30pm on Wednesday 30th September, Wednesday 9th December 6.30pm and
Wednesday 31st March 6.30pm

20. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2 November 2026 at 8.00pm.

Members of the Public

Welcome to Wheelton Parish Councils meeting if there is a specific item on the agenda you wish us to consider we will endeavour to deal with it as soon as possible.

Please note that we will allow a spokesperson to outline your views but we will have to impose a time limit on the discussion which will be a maximum of 15 minutes.

If there is a personal "verbal" attack or otherwise on any member of the council or public, the Clerk will issue a warning that the meeting will be suspended until order is restored.

If the disturbance continues the offender/offenders will be asked to leave and the meeting will reconvene at another time.

**MINUTES OF THE 1088th WHEELTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24th AUGUST 2026
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Berry (Vice-Chair), Mrs France, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).
PCSO 7876

The Vice-Chair welcomed PCSO 7876 and thanked her for her attendance at tonight's meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Harper.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in ??/08/26 check for S Berry.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 6 JULY 2026

24/08/26 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk advised of the update for the crime statistics for the Parish as published on the Police website for April, May and June 2026.

PCSO 7876 reported the crime statistics for July and August 2026 and confirmed that the recent police activity in the village had been due to a concern for welfare.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillors reported the following blocked gullies –

- Bett Lane, just above Stoneycroft, this is now growing grass out of it.
- Whins Lane, there is a subsided gully and one that needs clearing near Whins Kitchen.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Repairs to the finger post. Councillor Hayes advised that the three directional signs had now been produced and required powder coating then the letters painting. The brackets will now need fabricating.

Councillors reported that two people had slipped on the cobbled path from West View to Victoria Street but noted that ownership of the land was unknown. Governors discussed Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council's response to cleaning the area.

25/08/26 It was RESOLVED that a working party should be set up who would sweep the
26/08/26 walkway. It was further RESOLVED that Councillor Hayes purchase a stiff brush should this be required which the Council would fund.

Councillors reported that there had been two accidents on the A674, one of which took the lamppost out and two accidents at the Moss Lane Junction this month. Governors discussed the speed limits on the A674 between Chorley and the M65 roundabout and noted that the previously requested traffic enforcement and improvements had not been actioned.

Councillors noted there are no dropped curbs with tactile surfacing to identify the crossing of the A674 from the Dressers Arms on Briers Brow to the top of Victoria Street. It was agreed to request that these be added.

It was reported that it looked like a bus had hit the wall on Victoria Street again because there was more blue paint on the wall and plastic light covers on the floor although no one had advised that they had witnessed it. Councillor Mrs Berry reported that the buses were struggling to get through the vehicles parked on either side of Victoria Street.

It was also reported that the fencing on the walkway between Whins Lane and Old Blackburn needs replacing with something that will not rot. The area is really badly maintained and needs someone to clear the undergrowth.

27/08/26 It was RESOLVED that these all be reported to County Councillor Clemson, and he be invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss these issues.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

28/08/26 Councillors discussed the surfacing on the play area and sustainability. It was noted that the Council had CIL monies which had to be used on capital projects.

The Parish Council RESOLVED that:

- The Clerk should investigate a different surfacing for the Meadow Street play area.

- Councillor Wheale should speak to the owners of the slate/chipped area on Whins Lane outside Foxes Folley/The White House, with the wooden railings behind it to establish whether they would be willing for a bench to be installed there.

c) War Memorial

Councillor Wheale reported that he was investigating setting up the agreement with the two Councils and the War Memorial Trust and requested that the Clerk deliver the previous deed to him.

Councillors Wheale and Hayes reported that the Clock had been serviced but had not been working afterwards so the Contractor has returned and restarted it.

d) Benches and Notice Boards

The Clerk advised that the font still needed to be agreed for the notice board header.

29/08/26 It was RESOLVED that the header for the notice board be supplied in the same font as the current board.

30/07/26 It being 9.30pm Councillors RESOLVED to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue until 10.00pm.

PLANNING MATTERS

31/07/26 The Parish Council considered the following planning applications and RESOLVED to make the following observations:

26/00687/FUL Land 50M South-West Of 1 Whins Lane Wheelton
Application for technical details consent for the erection of 4 no. zero carbon self/custom-build dwellings pursuant to permission in principle 26/00091/PIP.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to Object to this application on the following grounds:

- There is access on to an extremely fast and very busy main road – the A674 and is very close to a dangerous crossroads which will get busier with the development being built between the A674 and Millbrook Close. The crossroads have already seen a large number of accidents every year.
- This is green belt and part of the village feel of the area.
- This is not on the current or emerging local plan.
- There is already a large run off of water in the area across the A674 which is dangerous and building on a field will reduce the amount of water soak up.

26/00698/FUL Malthouse Farm Blackburn New Road Wheelton

Conversion of stone barn to form 2no. dwellings.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

26/00594/FULHH Wheelton Lodge Farm Harbour Lane Wheelton
Conversion of existing attached store and incorporation into two storey side extension, enlargement of existing entrance canopy and addition of rear dormers, following demolition of existing porch and outrigger.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

32/08/26 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary August - £520.00
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions August - £164.95
Mrs J Carr – Salary September - £520.00
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions September - £164.95
S Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £1125.00
Mrs J Carr – Replacement Printer - £199.99

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support August – £30.36
DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support September – £30.36
E-On – War Memorial Electricity - £10.00
E-On – War Memorial Electricity - £21.55
ICO – Data Protection - £47.00

ACCOUNTS

33/08/26 Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Income and Expenditure against budget and CIL reconciliation reports to June 2026 as circulated.

CHORLEY COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY UNDER THE LICENCING ACT 2003.

34/08/26 Councillors RESOLVED to note the Chorley Council's consultation on the Statement of Licensing Policy under the licencing act 2003.

TRAFFIC REGULATION

35/08/26 Councillors RESOLVED to note the traffic regulation regarding the temporary speed restriction on Harbour Lane to enable ducting for fibre provision.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Council Liaison Meeting – 21 October 2026 – 6.30pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 October 2026 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair
Dated

APPENDIX B

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 2026/27

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WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sep-26

BANK RECONCILIATION TO 31 MARCH 2027

B/F				
1/4/21	£28,558.72		Current Account	£36,580.01
Receipts	£29,723.46		Deposit Account	£14,735.74
Payments	£8,286.74		Total	£ 51,315.75
			Unpresented	£ -
			Cheque	£ -
				£ -
				£ -
C/F	£49,995.44			£ 164.95
				£ -
				£ -
				£ 1,125.00
				£ -
				£ -
				£ 30.36
		£		£ 49,995.44
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Spent to Year End

Sep-26

Income and Expenditure to March 2027.

Appendix D

Balance carried forward 28558.72

	Precept 26/27	Spent to	Expected to year end	Total
War Memorial				
Electricity	750	126	200	326
Insurance	250	210	0	210
Gardens	1600	800	800	1600
Sundries	500		500	500
Play Area/Village Green				0
Safety Inspection	150		150	150
Garden Maintenance	3000	1450	1450	2900
Tree Survey	250		250	250
Insurance	350	310	0	310
Equip Repair	50		500	500
Sundries	500		500	500
Administration				0
Clerk's Salary	9000	4110	4410	8520
Petty Cash	400		400	400
SLCC	160		160	160
Stationery & Postage	250	54	200	254
Insurance	750	445	0	445
Rent	400		400	400
Audit Fees	350		350	350
LALC	300	219	0	219
Newsletter	300		300	300
Membership Fees/Licences	200	144	200	344
Training	50		50	50
Xmas Tree & Lights	1500		1500	1500
Events	50		50	50
Computer	50	167	300	467
Web site	400	152	152	304
Donations				
W/M Trust	200		200	200
Grants	0		100	100
Misc Donations	100		50	50
VAT	400	100	200	300
Enhancing Wheelton				0
Benches New/Repair	0		0	0
Retaining Wall Repairs	0		0	0

Noticeboard Repairs	0
Election Costs	
Uncontested Election	0
Totals	22260
Balance to set budget	
CIL	0
Defibrillator	
War Memorial & Gardens	1300
Bench replacement	0
Play Area	1500
Interest	100
Grants/VAT	200
Total	3100
Precept	16521
Precept claimed	16089
(Parish Top Up Grant)	432

2025/26 carried forward	28559
2026/27 Budgeted c/fwd	25920
	0
	3000
	11876
	2500
	800
	400
	400
	600
	8983
	28559

	0	0
		0
	0	0
8287	13372	21659
		0
6068	0	6068
	0	0
1	1300	1301
730		730
100	1500	1600
44	35	79
6259	200	6459
13202	3035	16237
16521	0	16521

Balance brought forward	28559
2026/27	11099
Balance	39658
VH Rent	800
War Memorial Grant	200
Contingency	3000
CIL	17944
Tree Survey & Work	3000
Election	1000
Notice Board & Benches	2000
Defib	600
Computer Equipment	700
Play Equipment	10000
Estimated Carry forward	39244
Actual Carry forward	39658

Additional savings **414**