

**MINUTES OF THE 964th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6 OCTOBER 2014
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT:

Councillors Berry, Fowler, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.

Borough Councillor Mrs M France

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dickenson and Stewart, County Councillor Snape and the Police.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 1 SEPTEMBER 2014

45/10/14 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

POLICE REPORT

No report had been received from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following matters were reported:

- The Clerk advised that an email had been received regarding footballs being kicked from the Recreation Ground on to cars parked on Meadow Street. Following discussion the Clerk was requested to advise; that the matter had been raised by a previous resident in Spring/Summer 2012, the cost of fencing, maintenance and associated costs had been prohibitive, not all residents on Meadow Street had been in favour of a large fence along the Meadow Street boundary and that the fence would also need planning permission.
- Councillor Wheale advised that concerns had been raised about the Red Lion being sold for development in the future. The Clerk advised that she had received two telephone calls

- 47/10/14 regarding the issue and that the resident had requested that the building be registered as having historical importance. Following a discussion the Clerk was requested to investigate the matter with English Heritage.
- Councillor Scrambler reported that the road was sinking opposite the Red Lion although it had been repaired a number of times. It was noted that this was in Heapey Parish and the Clerk was requested to advise Heapey Parish Council.
- 48/10/14
- Councillor Hayes reported that the cut through from Victoria Terrace to Malthouse Farm is getting overgrown and the road surface is breaking up. The Clerk was requested to write to the Borough Council to question who was responsible for the maintenance of the area.
- 49/10/14
- Councillor Wheale advised that a number of complaints had been raised regarding the Music Festival at the Dressers Arms. Borough Councillor France advised that the music had been heard in Brinscall. Councillors were concerned that this was the second, three night event organised in very close succession. Councillor France advised that residents have to report any problems to the Police, Environmental Health and also to the Licensing Department of the Borough Council themselves, although it was noted that there were no restrictions applied to the Dressers Arms entertainment licence. The Clerk was requested to inform the Chair of the Licensing Committee that complaints had been raised regarding the level of noise and the time that the event finished on three consecutive nights.
- 50/10/14
- Borough Councillor France reported that the Planning Inspector had investigated the mobile home that had been installed on land on Buckholes Lane and had advised the owners that planning permission would be required. A septic tank has also been installed and Councillor France had reported that as well.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

1) PARKING

There were no new parking matters raised although it was noted that there were 5 cars parked on double yellow lines at the Meadow Street/Blackburn Road junction tonight.

2) SPID TRAILER

It was agreed to defer this item to the November meeting of the Parish Council.

3) PLAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

The Clerk advised that the contractor had advised that the repairs to the play equipment had been delayed due to the sub-contractors son being in hospital but that they would be undertaken on Thursday/Friday of this week. The Clerk advised that she would

51/10/14 continue to progress the repairs.

4) SEATING AREA CONSULTATION

Councillors noted the new plan that had been received and noted that the Borough Council were requesting that the Parish Council undertake further consultation for the project. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Newsletter should be produced by the end of November and include an article relating to the proposal, requesting comments by the January Parish Council meeting.

5) ROSPA REPORT

Councillors noted the annual ROSPA report and discussed any recommendations. The replacement of the small multiplay was discussed and the Clerk advised that she would investigate funding avenues. It was further noted that the climber unit needed some replacement end links.

Chorley Borough Council had also quoted for replacement bark at a cost of £420.00 + VAT.

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It was RESOLVED that:

- Replacement end links be purchased for the climber unit
- Chorley Borough Council be requested to install play bark at a cost of £420.00 + VAT.

PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications to consider.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

54/10/14

All accounts were authorised for payment:
Mrs J Carr – Clerks Salary October - £313.36
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions - £78.20
Playsafety – RoSPA report - £88.80
BDO – 2013-14 Audit - £120.00
SLCC – Annual membership - £109.00
E-on – War Memorial Electricity DD - £43.43

AUDIT REPORT

Councillors received copies of the Audited Return, signed by BDO Auditors and noted the recommendation contained within.

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It was RESOLVED that the Precept amount would be split between Precept received and grant income. The Grant income being the amount received under the Council Tax support scheme.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS TO SEPTEMBER 2014.

Councillors noted the income and expenditure and Receipts and Payments reports to September 2014.

NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA MEETING

56/10/14 The Parish Council noted the minutes of the Neighbourhood Area Meeting relating to the resurfacing of the walkway between the Village Hall and Victoria Street. It was agreed that the issue should be raised again at the next neighbourhood area meeting.

VETERANS IN COMMUNITIES

44/09/14 It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

The Clerk advised that letters of invitation have been sent out. Replies had been received as follows:

- Councillor Ralph Snape had confirmed that he will be willing to attend and undertake the same roll as last year
- Mr Shorrocks had advised that he was willing to provide the same service as he has done in previous years for both the Remembrance Service and Carols around the tree.
- Father Crowther had advised that there was a new Parish Priest at St Chad's. The Clerk advised that a letter has been sent to Father Robinson inviting him to the service.
- The Police had emailed to confirm that they would be laying a wreath this year and to request confirmation of a road closure. Councillors discussed the issue of the parade and the road closure.

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Berry should speak to the guides and request that the guides do not parade to the Memorial Gardens which would negate the need for a road closure.

It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk should inform the Police that there was to be no road closure as the parade by the Guides had been cancelled.

NALC's AMENDMENT TO THE 2013 MODEL STANDING ORDERS

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should note the NALC's amendment to the 2013 Model Standing Orders.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE CUERDEN STRATEGIC SITE CONSULTATION

It was RESOLVED to make no comment to South Ribble Borough Council's consultation on the main modification to the Cuerden Strategic Site.

LANCASHIRE FAIRNESS COMMISSION

It was RESOLVED that Councillors should advise of any comments on the Lancashire Fairness Commission consultation to the Clerk who would forward them on to the Commission.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- The [Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\)](#), which advises on and enforces the Data Protection Act 1998 (the DPA) and the Freedom of Information 2000 (the FOIA), is organising free DPA and FOIA workshops specifically for parish councils. 27, 28 or 29 January 2015 – Wilmslow, Cheshire.
- Information about the rollout of Fibre Broadband, including the line checker, Business Support and Digital Inclusion plus lots of videos about the Big Build and business support tasters is on - <https://www.superfastlancashire.com/home>. The team are willing to come and talk through the programme should this be considered suitable.
- Armstrongs Aggregates Ltd are holding a community clinic at Wednesday 8 October 2014 at 7.30pm to engage the local community regarding future planning applications for the extraction of known mineral resources.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3 November 2014 at 8.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated