

**MINUTES OF THE 1019th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2019
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Hayes and Scambler. Two members of the public.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 157/10/19.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 2 SEPTEMBER 2019

153/10/19 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Clerk reported that two anonymous letters had been received by the Parish Council but, under previous resolutions, as they were anonymous, they would not be considered.

Mr Williams reported that he had responded to the Planning Application at Prospect House on behalf of himself and 4 local residents and gave an overview of the points raised in his recent correspondence with Chorley Planning Department;

- Whether the change of use was covered in this application?
- The application is contradictory – the application talks about the remodelling of the land in one place and bringing in soil in another.
- The amount of soil brought in is vastly underestimated
- The Application states that no trees are in the area. There are a large number of trees in the area and 7 or 8 trees have been felled or lopped recently
- There is no information included in the application regarding the surface water

drainage. The local area had only flooded once in 45 years, during storm Desmond but over the summer there have been three instances of flooding which had meant that properties were in danger and the public footpath has been impassable. Gullies in the road have been blocked by sediment and water was regularly seen poring under the fence and down the footpath after short bursts of heavy rain. One resident has advised that he was unable to leave his property if rain was forecast so that he was there if his house was in danger of flooding.

- The vehicles working the soil have compacted the clay rich soil which has also stopped the original natural drainage.
- The area used to have a large number of bluebells, which are a protected plant, but these are now covered by a huge depth of soil and are very unlikely to have survived.

Mr Williams advised that he and the residents represented in the correspondence did not expect anything to happen with the huge quantity of soil brought into the property as it was already in situ but were requesting that a professional drainage system be included as a requirement in part of any planning permission.

Mrs Monaghan reported that she lived opposite the driveway of Prospect House and that at one point they had recorded 6 lorries per hour entering the property. An accurate number of loads was not available, but it was estimated that between November and April when the stop notice was put in place, approximately 30,000 tonnes of material was brought onto the premises. This has been reported to Chorley Borough Council.

Councillors reported that Councillor Mrs M France had been working very hard to come to a mutually acceptable solution. Councillors supported the residents in their efforts. Councillor Dickenson agreed to discuss the issue and the problems with planning at the next Borough Liaison meeting.

Mr Williams and Mrs Monaghan left the meeting.

Councillor Berry reported that there were blocked grids on Blackburn Road, near the Golden Lion, weeds on the footpath outside the cottages next to the Golden Lion and the Lamp post by 22 Bett Lane was not working. The Clerk was requested to report these matters.

Councillor Hayes questioned whether there could be additional play area designated for older children on the green for example a scooter track. The Clerk was requested to put this on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

There were no new items of traffic matters to discuss.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

Works to trees

154/10/19 The Clerk advised that Myerscough Collage has not responded to requests regarding the works to trees. The Parish Council RESOLVED to wait until early spring to revisit the tree surveys.

155/10/19 ROSPA Play Equipment Inspection

Members noted the previously circulated R.o.S.P.A. report on the Meadow Street Play Equipment. None of the items had more than a medium risk and the Clerk advised that the highlighted eyebolts had been received and could be installed when required.

c) War Memorial

156/10/19 Councillors reported that reports had been received regarding members of the public exercising dogs in the memorial garden again and even having a picnic in the grounds. Members discussed the matters and the impact and possible actions. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

PLANNING MATTERS

19/00602/FUL Prospect House Whins Lane Wheelton Chorley PR6 8HN
Re-modelling and landscaping of garden following the deposition of soil.

157/10/19 The Parish Council RESOLVED to make the following observations:

From the Parish Councils observations and local knowledge, the Parish Council is fully supportive of the resident's issues raised and raise concerns about the amount of soil brought onto the site. Councillors are concerned about the way this application has been progressed and request that the application addresses the flooding issues. It was agreed that the area now requires a proper professional drainage scheme installing to mitigate the flooding that this work may have caused and a system of regular cleaning of the gullies on Winns Lane be implemented.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

158/10/19 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary – October - £343.24
Inland Revue – Salary Deductions – October £85.80
SLCC – Annual Membership - £106.00
ALCC – Annual Membership - £40.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support September £27.60
DD E-on – Electricity, War Memorial - £56.45

ACCOUNTS

- 159/10/19** Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Budget to Spend reports to September 2018 as circulated.

GRANT PAYMENTS

The Clerk reported a request had been received from Chorley & South Ribble Shopmobility asking the Parish Council to contribute to maintaining the fleet of scooters and wheelchairs made available in Chorley town centre. The Clerk highlighted that the only grants budgeted for were for the Village Hall and the War Memorial Trust.

- 160/10/19** Following discussion Councillors RESOLVED not to contribute to the Chorley & South Ribble Shopmobility request for a grant because the Parish Council did not have a budget for additional grants. It was further RESOLVED to pay the two grants budgeted for the Wheelton and Heapey Village Hall and the War Memorial Trust next month.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Councillors noted that Councillor R. Snape, who had recently passed away, had usually read out the "We will remember them" words.

- 161/10/19** Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Brownies/Guides be asked whether they would have anyone who would be able to take on the role. It was further agreed that Councillor Berry would suggest that the Brownies/Guides and the Scouts be asked to alternate who leads them into the gardens.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Clerk circulated a draft of the winter newsletter and advised that the Table Tennis club had been offered a page. Councillor Berry agreed to remind the Guides that they needed to send the Clerk their article.

Councillor Dickenson left the meeting.

5G MOBILE COVERAGE IN RURAL AREAS

Councillors noted the information received regarding the NALC consultation of the 5G Mobile Coverage in Rural Areas.

- 162/10/19** Councillors RESOLVED to note the information but to make no comment.

NEW CODE OF AUDIT PRACTICE

- 163/10/19** Councillors DEFERRED this item to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Clerk advised that there were no items for information.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 November 2019 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated