

**MINUTES OF THE 1024th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2020
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Harper, Mrs M Berry, Dickenson, Mrs M France, Scambler and Wheale.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor's Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 221/09/20 Payments – cheque for S. Berry.

214/09/20 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Following a Discussion on the timing of the election due to the Corona Virus lockdowns, Councillor Harper was elected Chairman for the 2020-21 Year.

215/09/20 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Following a Discussion, Councillor Berry was elected Vice-Chairman for the 2020-21 Year.

216/09/20 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020/21

Following a Discussion, the representatives were agreed as follows: -

Chorley Liaison Meetings – Councillor T Dickenson
LAPTC Chorley Area Committee representatives – Councillor R Wheale (Substitutes – Councillors N Hayes and K Berry)
Chorley Council Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting – Councillor M Harper
Chorley Council Equality Forum - Vacancy
Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee representative – Councillor K Berry
Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trustee Representative - Councillor R Wheale
Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trustees – Mr B Mason, Mrs D Gorton, Mr T Dickenson and Mr D Berry
Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust Trustees Representative - Councillors R Wheale and T Dickenson
Tree Warden – Vacancy – advertise in the Parish Newsletter.
Press Officer - Councillors T Dickenson. Any emergency press release should be a bland statement produced in consultation with Councillors.

Communications (Newsletter) Co-ordinator – Parish Clerk – assisted by Councillor M Harper
Wheulton Website Co-ordinator – Parish Clerk
Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group – Councillor Dickenson.

217/09/20 MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 2 MARCH 2020

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 a complaint had been raised regarding the dangers caused by Wheelie Bins being left outside properties on the A674. This had been reported to Chorley Borough Council who had advised that they do not enforce putting bins away anymore. Councillor France had been consulted and advised that she had contacted Street Scene who would contact the residents and request that the bins were put away in between collections.

The following concerns were raised, and the Clerk was requested to report them:

- Cars are hanging around Whins Lane with youths in them for no apparent reason. The Clerk was requested to report this to the Police.
- The footpath on Victoria Street is uneven and breaking up
- Victoria Street road surface is breaking up
- The Grid on Meadow Street opposite number 20 is blocked.
- The walkway between Victoria Street and Millbrook Close is full of weeds.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

218/09/20 The Parish Council discussed the Remembrance Service with regards to the Corona Virus situation and current Government advice. Councillors noted that some areas in Lancashire had been put back into some level of lockdown restriction and that some schools who had re-opened in the last couple of days had already had to send classes/years due to the Corona Virus. Councillors discussed the difficulty of ensuring social distancing due to the limited space and numbers previously attending.

Councillor Scrambler reported that there had been a large number of people and cars in the village on Thursday with some of them looking to be having picnics in the War Memorial Gardens.

It was noticed that the same issues would affect the Carols around the Tree and that currently singing was not recommended.

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that:

- The Remembrance Service in 2020 and the Carols around the Tree 2020 would be cancelled.
- The Clerk would write to the people who were involved in the event to advise them of the cancellation.
- The Clerk would produce some posters to put in the notice boards.
- Councillor Dickenson would advise the Tea Rooms and the Grape and Grain of the cancellation.
- The Village Hall would be requested to publish the poster on their facebook page.
- Councillor Dickenson would draw up a rota for the laying of the Wreaths which would be done separately allowing for social distancing, which would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

There were no new issues raised but it was noticed that parking was still bad in the Village particularly while people were working from home and the re-painting of the lines in the village were still outstanding.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

219/09/20

RoSPA Report.

Councillors noted that previously circulated R.o.S.P.A. report and noted that none of the highlighted items were high importance. The majority of items highlighted had been previously identified and had not become concerns. It was noted that the units would need replacing in the future.

It was RESOLVED that Councillor France would raise the issue of funding when the neighbourhood meetings resumed at Chorley Borough Council.

Dog Signs

The Clerk reported that a member of the Public had requested a “no dog sign” be placed on the gate to the play area.

It was noticed that there had previously been a sign on the gate but atht this and the sign on the wall at the top of the Recreation Ground had been removed. Councill Harper was requested to put the spare signs up as soon as was possible.

c) War Memorial

The Clerk reported that the new trees had been planted on the War Memorial Garden by the Grounds Maintenance Contractor.

PLANNING MATTERS

220/09/20 It was RESOLVED to ratify the following comments from the Councillors to applications commented on during the lockdown:

20/00116/FUL Land Between 386 And 392 Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton
Erection of 4no. detached dwellings, including access to Blackburn Road

Wheelton Parish Council object to this proposal on the grounds of access being part of the layby indent (which would deprive existing residents of parking space where they are already at a premium). It would create a dangerous junction at a site which is already considered dangerous by residents, the junction of Bett Lane and the A674.

Also, it is noted that none of the elevations for any of the 4 plots make any allowance or mention for energy self-sustainability by incorporating solar voltaics in the roof pitches, or grey water collection for sanitation services. If any such developments were to be allowed, we should comment that all currently available 'green' technologies need to be incorporated within the detailed plans.

20/00630/FULHH Kreen Akrore 20 Bett Lane Higher Wheelton Chorley PR6 8JH
Raising of eaves with new roof to create a first floor, new attached garage, rear extension, new exterior finishes and interior re-modelling

No objection but the Parish Council raise the concern that the increase in height and the increase in size makes it quite a large % increase and it is felt that it will have a detrimental effect on the neighbours either side.

20/00740/P3PAO Spout House Farm Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton Chorley PR6 8HS

Prior approval application under Part 3, Class Q (a and b) of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1no. dwelling

No objections to this application but raise the concern that it may encourage further development in that location.

20/00787/FULHH The Croft Lower Simpson Fold Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton Chorley, PR6 8HL

Building up of front and rear elevation walls to facilitate roof pitch alteration, replacement of existing roof, two storey rear extension, front porch and detached outbuilding (following demolition of existing garage).

No objections.

20/00635/FULHH Sundale Buckholes Lane Wheelton Chorley PR6 8JL
First floor side extension and rear balcony extension.

No objections.

20/00776/FULHH The Barn Lodge Bank Brinscall Chorley PR6 8QU
Erection of covered link between garage and stables building and elevational alterations (retrospective).

No objections.

20/00844/FUL South Marl Pits Farm Briers Brow Wheelton Chorley PR6 8JT
Section 73 application to vary condition 3 (approved plans) of planning permission ref: 18/00535/FULHH (Extension to side of existing property to form additional living space) to decrease the proposed extension from three storey to single storey.

No objections

Councillors considered the proposed diversion of part of the Footpath Heapey 27 and Footpath Wheelton 19 as circulated.

There were no objections to the proposals.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

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

April 2020

Mrs J Carr – Salary and Inland Revenue – April - £400.00

Mrs J Carr – Refreshments for Carols around the tree - £34.95

BHIB Ltd – Annual Insurance - £828.27

LALC – Annual Subscription - £310.44

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support April – £27.60

DD E-On – War memorial Electricity - £64.00

May

Mrs J Carr – Salary and Inland Revenue – May - £400.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support May – £27.60

June

Mrs J Carr – Salary and Inland Revenue – June - £400.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support June – £27.60

July

Mrs J Carr – Salary and Inland Revenue – July - £400.00

Beardwood Tree Services – Works to trees - £1,400.00

Mrs J Carr – Microsoft Annual Charge - £113.76

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support July – £27.60
DD ICO – Data protection registration - £35.00
DD – E-On – War Memorial Electric - £58.15

August

Mrs J Carr – Salary August - £400.00
S. Berry – Grounds Maintenance to June - £970.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support August – £27.60

September

Mrs J Carr – Salary September - £400.00
ROSPA Play Safety - Playground Inspection - £94.80
Mrs J Carr – Covid Supplies and Stationery - £180.07

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support September – £27.60

ACCOUNTS REPORTS

222/09/20 The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had completed the Audit of the Parish Council Accounts, had confirmed that they were correct and complete and that there were no recommendations to make the Parish Council.

Councillors APPROVED the Audit Statement 2019/20 for signature as circulated

INTERNAL AUDITOR

223/09/20 The Parish Council APPROVED Mrs Joanne Ainsworth as the Internal Auditor for the 2020/21 Financial Year.

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk confirmed that there would be some savings due to the Corona Virus lockdown, for example the Newsletter not being produced in the Summer and only being on line for the winter edition and not hiring the Village Hall for 5 months.

224/09/20 Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Budget to Spend reports to September 2020 as circulated.

NALC CONSULTATION ON THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGES TO THE CURRENT PLANNING SYSTEM

Councillors discussed the housing numbers allocated to the County and Councillor France gave an overview of information given at the Planning in Practice on line from Chorley Borough Council.

225/09/20 The Parish Council RESOLVED to respond to the NALC consultation on the Ministry of

housing, Communities and Local Government changes to the current planning system to advise that the Parish Council was opposed to the Government taking away the decision making from the local area Borough Council and Parish Council.

NALC consultation on the Ministry of housing, Communities and Local Government White Paper: Planning for the Future

Councillors noted the information received regarding the NALC consultation on the Ministry of housing, Communities and Local Government White Paper: Planning for the Future

NALC consultation on the Ministry of housing, Communities and Local Government call for evidence on data and land control

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ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items were noted for information:

- The Memorial Clock maintenance contractor was retiring, and a new person would be taking over.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 October 2020 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated