

**MINUTES OF THE 1077th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2025
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Scambler

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 7 JULY 2025

300/09/25 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Vice-Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

The Clerk gave an overview of the crime statistics for the Parish published on the Police website for April, May and June 2025.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillors had noticed that there had been no activities for young children over the summer holidays. Councillor Mrs France agreed to investigate whether anything could be offered from Chorley Borough Council through the youth zone.

Councillors reported that Woodruff Barn on Buckholes Brow have started a Caravan Park and questioned whether they required a licence. It was noted that they did not because it came under the Camping and Caravan Club licence. Councillors raised concerns about traffic entering and exiting the site. Councillor Mrs France advised that she had raised concerns with Chorley Borough Council who were investigating.

Councillor Mrs Berry advised that the bench on Buckholes Brow had been removed and advised that the Electric Company were working on the post and

had dug up the grass area as part of the work. The bin was still there but the bench had been removed. The Clerk was requested to ask Electric North-West and request that they reinstate the bench.

The Clerk reported that the Notice Board at Higher Wheelton had been screwed shut again, advised that the catches had been damaged and the posts were beginning to rot. Councillor Wheale agreed to undertake an inspection.

Councillors reported that there had been another accident at the Victoria Street/A674 road junction. Police and Ambulance had been called.

Councillors noted that it was disappointing that Chorley Borough Council had approved the planning permission for the seven houses off Millbrook Close with no consideration of the additional traffic exiting onto the A674. Councillors discussed the matter.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillor Hayes reported that there was nothing further to report regarding the work to the fingerpost.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk reported that the rubber on the toddler seat on the swing was beginning to break up so a replacement would be required in the future.

c) War Memorial

Councillor Berry advised that the gate was being left open again. The Clerk was requested to investigate a suitable sign asking for the gate to be kept closed and requesting that the memorial gardens are treated with respect.

PLANNING MATTERS

301/09/25 The Parish Council noted the following comments made on planning applications over the summer break:

25/00663/FULHH The Croft, Lower Simpson Fold, Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton
Erection of a timber outbuilding.

Wheelton Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds of over development.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

302/09/25 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary September – £611.70

Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions September - £204.92

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support September – £30.36

Aon – War Memorial Electricity - £69.00

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT

303/09/25 Councillors RESOLVED to note that the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025, had been approved by the Unions and had been backdated to 1 April 2025.

ROSPA PLAY INSPECTION REPORT

304/09/25 The Parish Council RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting due to the report not having been received yet this year.

CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS

The Clerk advised that three quotations had been received for the installation and removal of a Christmas Tree and lights over the Christmas period. Councillors considered the designs and costs.

305/09/25 It being 9.30pm, Councillors RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders and extend the end of the meeting until 10.00pm.

Councillor Dickenson left the meeting.

306/09/25 Following discussion and reviewing the quotations received the Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Richard Ryan Lighting for a lit 12 ft real Christmas Tree at a cost of £1,365.

Councillor Hayes reported that a local knitting group would like to install a knitted Community Christmas display in Higher Wheelton near the Garage/Notice Board.

307/09/25 The Parish Council agreed to support the request as long as there was no damage to the Bench and Notice Board and the group ensure that there were no objections from the County Council Highways Department.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Liaison - 16 July 2025
- Annual Lancashire Parish and Town Council Conference, Saturday 1

November 2025 in The Exchange at County Hall, Preston beginning
at 9.30am

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6 October 2025 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated