

**MINUTES OF THE 1044<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Harper, Mrs Berry, Dickenson, Hayes and Scambler.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor A Cullens and one member of the public.

**Clerk:** Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Wheale and Borough Councillor Ms Whiffen.

**DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE**

Councillor Harper declared a non-pecuniary interest in 34/09/22 Planning application as the owner is known to him.

Members agreed to take item 5 Public Forum next in the meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mrs E ??? advised that there had been a huge increase in the amount of traffic, particularly HGV's, using the A674 since the road had been used as a diversion during the closure of the M65 overnight. There had been two concrete lorries during more than the speed limit most days and residents were reporting that it was difficult to cross the road. There had now been a second fatality on the road.

County Councillor Cullen reported that there had been an issue with lorries using car SAT NAVs which don't show the weight restriction. County Councillor Cullen advised that the County Council had bought some portable average speed cameras and agreed to refer the matter to the Director of Transport. Councillors advised that the speed camera in Higher Wheelton had been damaged. County Councillor Cullen agreed to investigate repair of the camera.

The Clerk advised that she had received the County Council Slow Down Toolkit. Councillor Hayes agreed to install the banner and the Clerk would distribute the wheelie bin stickers.

## **MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 4 JULY 2022**

**29/09/22** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk advised that an email had been sent advising that the spikes were still on the fence around Prospect House and requesting that the enforcement be progressed. The Todds Hall Cobbled Footpath passed the property was now overgrown with the prickly bushes that had been planted alongside the footpath. The Clerk was requested to report this and to copy Councillor Mrs France in because she had been dealing with the matter last year.

### **POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk reported that there was no report from the Police this month.

### **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

#### **a) Traffic Matters**

Councillor Harper advised that he was arranging for a new metal collar to repair the fingerpost and that it would then be re-painted.

#### **b) Recreation Area Enhancement**

**30/09/22** The Clerk provided a quotation for the repairs to the gate on the Meadow Street side of the play area. Following discussion, The Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Urban Fencing Ltd.

The Clerk advised that the Lancashire Environmental Fund had awarded the Parish Council £30,000 less a £3,300. Fee for the refurbishment of the Meadow Street Play Area.

Quotations had been received from three providers to remove the obsolete pieces of equipment and replace with new equipment. Councillors considered the cost of replacing the bark flooring but felt that this was too expensive because it would more than double the cost of the project. Councillors noted that the Public had been consulted on the options and reviewed the comments received.

Councillors discussed the quotations, lifespan of the equipment, suitability, play value, look and maintenance of the new equipment.

Councillor Dickenson left the meeting.

**31/09/22** Following discussion, The Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Kompan Ltd for the Blue Tractor and Inclusive Twister, bench and refurbishment of the swings. The Clerk was also requested to complete the paperwork from the Lancashire Environmental Fund.

**32/09/22** Councillors noted and accepted the previously circulated ROSPA Inspection report.

**c) War Memorial**

There was nothing to report regarding the War Memorial.

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**33/09/22** The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the following planning applications and observations made by the planning committee during the summer break:

22/00458/FULHH Panorama Harbour Lane Wheelton  
Decking in rear garden extending from existing higher level garden above existing built structures and incorporating steps to lower level garden and a 1.1m high balustrade (retrospective).

The Parish Council made no objections to this application.

22/00751/FUL Laneside Farm Brown House Lane Higher Wheelton  
Erection of two detached dwellings and detached garages following demolition of existing buildings

The Parish Council make the following objections to this application:

- Site access issues re traffic increase – very minor access road.
- Change from agricultural use - Converting agricultural buildings into dwellings doesn't seem appropriate
- We warned Chorley that this was the intention all along to develop the site for housing- this is the applicants modus operandi
- Overdevelopment in Green Belt

**34/09/22** The Parish Council considered the following planning applications and RESOLVED to make the following observations:

22/00890/FULHH Delf Farm, Briers Brow, Wheelton  
Two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension, replacement of existing windows (following demolition of existing conservatory).

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

Councillors noted the letter from Roxford Ltd regarding land adjacent to Millbrook Close that had been passed to the Parish Council.

Councillors noted that this area was not on the Chorley Council development plan and felt that the tone of the letter was aggressive and had incorrect reports in it. It was felt that it would not be suitable to connect drainage to a single property and

**35/09/22** RESOLVED to monitor the situation should a planning application be raised.

### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

**36/09/22** All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary September – £366.12  
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions September - £191.40  
Chorley Council – Election Costs - £404.24  
ROSPA – Equipment Report - £96.60

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support September – £27.60  
A-On – War Memorial Electric - £68.49

**37/09/22** It being 9.25pm, Councillors RESOLVED to suspend standing orders until 10pm.

### **COMMUNITY LITTER PICK**

**38/09/22** Councillors RESOLVED to defer the consideration of a community litter pick event to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### **LANCASHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL FUND**

**39/09/22** The Parish Council RESOLVED not to send anyone to the Lancashire Environment Fund Annual Event 2022.

### **LANPAC**

**40/09/22** The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the information regarding the LANPAC collaboration.

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- The next meeting of the Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory group is on 7 September 2022.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 3 October 2022 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated .....