

**MINUTES OF THE 1066th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2024
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Harper (Chair), Mrs Berry, Dickenson, Mrs France, Hayes and Scambler.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Wheale and County Councillor Cullens.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in 206/09/24 because the payee is a relative.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 1 JULY 2024

201/09/24 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

Councillors reported that the mobile speed camera had been in Whins Lane checking speeds on the A674 twice last month.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Clerk reported that the litter bins were still overflowing on the Recreation Ground despite reporting them by telephone. The Clerk was requested to email Chorley Council to chase up the emptying.

Councillor Dickenson advised that he had received an offer from an Ex-Magistrate to join the trustees for the Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust and the Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust. Councillor N Hays also offered to become a trustee. The Parish Council agreed that both applicants should be accepted.

Councillors Hayes and Mrs Berry reported that:

- the walkway between Whins Lane and Blackburn Road needed cleaning and there was also a large puddle which needs some additional surfacing to fill it.
- The Gullys on Meadow Street are blocked again and water is running down the road.
- The drain on Bett Lane/Buckholes Lane is blocked and has grass/weeds growing out of it.

The Clerk was requested to report these items on Love Clean Streets.

Councillors noted that even though it had been reported that the dog waste bins on the canal were being removed and not emptied the bin on the Whins Lane bridge was still being emptied.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillor Hayes reported that he had stripped the old paint off the finger post but the quotations were still outstanding for the new “fingers/Fixings”.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

There had been no further information regarding the handrail on the walkway from Victoria Street to West View.

202/09/24 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to enquire if there was a time scale from the Borough Council for the work.

Councillors discussed the possibility of getting the tree stump carved. The Clerk advised that rough estimates for this work had been received at approximately £500. Councillors considered this not to be a feasible way forward.

203/09/24 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should request that the stump be cut down as originally planned.

The Clerk advised that the fence post that seemed to be moving had been inspected by the Grounds Maintenance Contractor and the concrete base-panel fence had been replaced by wooden panels for health and safety reasons.

c) War Memorial

There was nothing new to report.

PLANNING MATTERS

204/09/24 Plans considered by Committee during summer break and comments made:

24/00609/FUL, Laneside Farm Brown House Lane Higher Wheelton
Erection of stables building and associated works including construction of hard standing area and access track following the demolition of existing buildings and structures

The Parish Council resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:

- an increased volume of traffic trying to get into and out of the track leading down the side of the Golden Lion.
- Got 2 houses from demolishing previous stables / outbuildings. Now applying to replace stables! If they'd left the stables as they were and applied for 2 dwellings it most likely wouldn't have been passed
- the planning application clearly states that work has not yet commenced yet one of our Councillors has seen work already taking place.

205/09/24 The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

24/00697/FUL, The Croft Lower Simpson Fold Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton Section 73 application to vary condition nos. 3 (approved plans) and 6 (landscaping) of planning permission ref. 23/00410/FUL (Section 73 application to vary conditions nos.3 (approved plans) and 6 (landscaping) attached to planning permission ref.21/01166/FUL (Demolition of an existing dwelling with detached garage, and construction of 1no. self-build eco-home) to change the design of the approved dwelling) and as amended by minor non-material amendment ref. 23/00912/MNMA, to relocate the dwelling further west.

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application but to raise concerns around the number of changes being applied to the original application.

24/00733/FUL Wheelton Lodge Farm Harbour Lane Wheelton Chorley PR6 8JS
Erection of a detached bungalow following demolition of barn.

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application on the following grounds:

- Development of the Green Belt
- The detrimental impact on the openness of the green belt due to there being nothing in that area currently.
- The plans are for a totally different field than the actual barn.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

206/09/24 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary September – £400.00
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions September - £100.00
Play Safety Ltd – Play inspection report - £112.80
S Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £1230.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support September – £30.36
Aon – War Memorial Electricity - £133.61

CHORLEY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

207/09/24 Councillors RESOLVED to note the Chorley Council consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement.

NALC & SLCC SUPPORT CAMPAIGN FOR THE SAFETY OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES AND THEIR DISPOSAL

208/09/24 Councillors RESOLVED to note the information received about the campaign for the safety of lithium-ion batteries and their disposal and write to advise that the Parish Council support the campaign.

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE EVENT

Councillors noted the email from the Band Leader advising that she was retiring and would no longer be able to provide the music for the Carols around the tree event. There had also been problems with traffic and numbers of people last year.

209/09/24 Councillors RESOLVED that this needed to be discussed further at the next meeting particularly the health and safety aspect – road closures and barriers.

210/09/24 It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk should get quotations for installing a tree and decorations in the War Memorial Gardens.

Councillor Dickenson left the meeting.

TRAFFIC SPEED CONCERNS

Councillors noted the information from a resident regarding traffic speed concerns and the response from Lancashire County Council.

211/09/24 It was RESOLVED to put notices up in the noticeboards to advise residents how to report speeding concerns on the A674 and other roads in the parish.

LALC CONFERENCE

212/09/24 Councillors RESOLVED to note the information circulated regarding the LALC conference.

ROSPA PLAY INSPECTION REPORT

Councillors noted the previously circulated ROSPA report on the play equipment and discussed any areas highlighted for monitoring.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Liaison meetings – 16 October 2024 and 22 January 2025
- Rivington & Brinscall Local Advisory Group – 11 September 2024.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 October 2024 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated