

**MINUTES OF THE 1018th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2019
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Dickenson, Harper, Scambler and Wheale.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Berry, N Hayes and Borough Councillor Mrs M France.

The Clerk reported that Councillor Fowler had confirmed that he had resigned from the Parish Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Scambler declared an interest in item 148/09/19 as he is related to the Grounds Maintenance Contractor.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 2 SEPTEMBER 2019

144/09/19 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. Councillors informed the meeting that there had been a recent incident in Meadow Street where the Police had been in attendance. There had also been an unexplained death on Albert Street.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint from a Heapey resident regarding the number of motorhomes parked on Blackburn Road. The Clerk had advised that because this was in the Heapey Parish, Wheelton Parish Councillors had no jurisdiction over the matter so had passed the complaint on to the Clerk at Heapey Parish Council.

Councillors reported that the village event had been very good and that all feedback relating to the event had been positive.

Councillor Dickenson reported that he had received two complaints regarding incidents at the Red Lion on the 31 August 2019. Both incidents had been reported to Chorley Council.

145/09/19 Councillors reported that there were blocked grids opposite 20 Meadow Street, at the front of St Pauls Close and at the end of Blackburn Old Road. There was also a large pothole opposite Compass Cottage on Briers Brow.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillor Dickenson reported that the lines had been repainted on Millbrook Close, but the Village centre white lines had still not been actioned by the County Council.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

146/09/19 The Clerk circulated two quotations for the work identified in the tree survey as being required and Councillors discussed them. The Clerk was requested to enquire whether Myerscough Collage undertook this work and whether they would be interested in quoting for the work.

c) War Memorial Trees

Councillor Dickenson reported that he had been unable to source the types of trees that had been recommended for the replacement trees for the Memorial Grounds but would contact Myerscough College to see whether they would be able to assist.

PLANNING MATTERS

There were no plans to consider.

DEVELOPMENT WORK AT PROSPECT HOUSE, WINNS LANE, WHEELTON.

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council had advised that the owners of Prospect House had not been required to apply for change of use from agriculture because the land had not been used for that purpose for more than ten years. Councillor Scambler advised that he had in fact been using the land for agriculture until he sold the land to the current owners a couple of years ago.

147/09/19 The Clerk was requested to respond to Chorley Borough Council to advise that the land had been used for agricultural purposes until it had been sold a couple of years ago.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

148/09/19 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary – September - £343.24
Inland Revue – Salary Deductions – September £85.80
Playsafety Ltd – Annual ROSPA Inspection - £94.80

S. Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £920.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support September £27.60

ANNUAL AUDIT

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.

149/09/19 The Councillors accepted the Internal Auditors report and congratulated the Clerk for her hard work throughout the year.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parish Council noted that Chorley Council had advertised the vacancy left by Councillor Fowlers resignation and that they had not received a request for an election therefore the Parish Council were able to co-opt to the position.

150/09/19 It was RESOLVED that the vacancy should be advertised on the Parish Council website and notice boards with a closing date of 11 October 2019. Parish Councillors should also encourage anyone that they knew were interested to contact the Clerk by that date.

LALC AGM

151/09/19 Councillors noted the information regarding the LALC AGM and RESOLVED not to send attend the meeting or to put forward any items for discussion and decision by Delegates.

LLAF / CROW ACT

152/09/19 Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the Lancashire Local Access Forum's response to the 2026 cut-off date in the CROW ACT.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Area Committee Meeting – Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 7.00pm
- Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group – Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 6.30pm.
- Heapey & Wheelton Village Hall Committee – Tuesday 10 September 2019 at 8.00pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 October 2019 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated