

**MINUTES OF THE 1007<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Berry, Dickenson, Fowler, Harper, Scambler and Wheale  
Borough Councillor Mrs M France.

**Clerk:** Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Hayes.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Berry and Scambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 43/09/18 Cq for S. Berry.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 2 JULY 2018**

**35/09/18**

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.

Borough Councillor Mrs M France joined the meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Councillor Dickenson reported that he had received no response from Mr Wharburton regarding the PA System for the Remembrance Service. The Hall had been booked to serve refreshments after the service. Councillors were advised that a further meeting would be held on Monday 17 September 2018 which Councillors were invited to attend.

The Clerk advised that Heapey Parish Council would be arranging the Silent Soldier Silhouette. The Clerk was requested to ensure that the War Memorial Trust had been consulted to ensure that they were happy for it to be erected.

## **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

### **a) Traffic Matters**

Councillor Dickenson reported that the "Meadow Street" street sign had been replaced.

The Clerk advised that she had been copied into emails from LCC Highways advising they were working to re-establish historic drainage systems on Bett Lane that appear to have deteriorated with time and had received funding to replace culverted watercourse to alleviate standing water and flooding issues at Bett Lane, Buckholes Lane and Jenny Lane.

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

#### **i) Meadow Street Fencing**

The Clerk reported the Meadow Street Fencing and gate had been completed by Chorley Borough Council.

The Clerk advised that she had received a telephone call from the resident at 9 Mill Street complaining that the hedge on the Meadow Street recreation ground had been cut and that everyone was now looking into her garden and windows.

Councillors discussed the issue noting that the hedge had been cut to enable it to grow thicker and was still over 8 foot high. The hedge was top heavy and was being managed to enable it to grow safely and make sure that the bottom of the hedge did not die off. The gap where the tree was removed, at residents requests, was still very slow to grow.

The Clerk was requested to respond to advise that the hedge would continue to be allowed to grow but would be managed to ensure that it continued to grow in a healthy way that would not blow over in bad weather.

**36/09/18**

Councillor Dickenson reported that he had challenged a dog walker who was using the recreation garden grass to exercise his dog. Councillor Dickenson had requested that the dog not be allowed on the recreation grounds, but the owner had become abusive. The Clerk advised that temporary signs had been erected stating that this was a no dog area and was requested to obtain some costings for permanent signs.

**37/09/18**

The additional Hand Grips on the climbing wall had been purchased by Chorley Borough Council and would be installed in the near future.

### **c) Defibrillator**

Councillor Dickenson reported that the Running Club had arranged for a cabinet for the Defibrillator at Higher Wheelton but that there would be ongoing costs for both of the defibrillators such as replacement batteries.

**38/09/18**

Following discussion, the Clerk was requested to contact both Withnell Parish Council and Heapey Parish Council to ascertain whether they would be willing to contribute to the upkeep of the defibrillators.

### **d) War Memorial Trees**

Councillor Wheale was organising the removal of the required trees and agreed to chase up the contractor.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

18/00535/FULHH – South Marl Pits Farm, Briers Brow, Wheelton.

**39/09/18**

The Parish Council RESOLVED to question whether this was within the permitted percentage increase of the original property and an encroachment on a green field area.

18/00735/FUL- Land Opposite Harbour Farm, Harbour Lane, Wheelton.

**40/09/18**

The Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds of inadequate access. There is a very limited sight line when leaving the field.

Councillor Dickenson gave an overview of the planning meeting that had considered the Botany Bay Development and circulated the background documents. Councillor Dickenson explained the questions raised at the meeting and the answers given. Councillors highlighted that when the A674 was being upgraded, the Parish Council had raised concerns about access from both Wheelton and Higher Wheelton onto the A674. The Councillors felt that roundabouts should be provided to enable traffic to access and exit the villages. Members discussed developments of the local areas.

The Planning Officer had advised that he had had no option but to recommend approval of the application.

**41/09/18**

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk:

- Request that Lancashire County Council Highways department provide a copy of their survey data and the dates that it was

undertaken.

**42/09/18**

- Request that Chorley Borough Council consider installing mini-roundabouts at the junctions at Bett Lane, Victoria Street and Chapel Lane, Heapey.

Borough Councillor Mrs France reported that Chorley Borough Council were currently requesting that any sites for proposed development were identified and that anyone can advise of a site.

### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

**43/09/18**

All accounts were authorised for payment:  
Mrs J Carr – September Salary - £332.97  
Inland Revenue – September Deductions - £83.40  
Chorley Borough Council – Elections - £354.74  
Heapey Parish Council – Silent Soldier - £125.00  
Playsafety Ltd – ROSPA Report - £92.40  
S Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £920.00

DD – Easy Websites – Website hosting and support September - £27.60

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from CPRE asking the Parish Council to contribute to a fund to right the Governments proposals on Fracking.

**44/09/18**

Following discussion Councillors RESOLVED not to contribute to the CPRE fund.

### **ACCOUNTS**

**45/09/18**

Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Budget to Spend reports to September 2018 as circulated.

### **R.o.S.P.A. REPORT**

Members noted the previously circulated R.o.S.P.A. report on the Meadow Street Play Equipment. None of the items had more than a medium risk and the Clerk advised that the highlighted eyebolts had been received and could be installed when required.

**46/09/18**

Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk should purchase a sign to advise that the play area was for children 13 years old or under.

### **CHORLEY COUNCIL ELECTORAL REVIEW**

Councillors noted the information circulated regarding the Electoral Review and discussed the options. The Borough Councillor advised that there had been two proposals from Officers and gave an overview. Councillors

noted that the review did not take account of any of the new developments in the area and felt that the different areas had significantly different needs and priorities.

**47/09/18** Following discussion, the Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the consultation advising that the Parish Council would prefer to join with the Pennine Ward because they felt that they had the same characteristics as the rural community of Pennie and had historically been connected with Pennine through Heapey Parish Council. The Parish Council felt that they did not fit with Clayton ward as they did not have similar characteristics with the area.

**LALC AGM**

The Parish Council noted the information circulated regarding the LALC AGM on 17 November 2018.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- LALC Chorley Area Committee Meeting – Thursday 20 September 2018
- Wheelton Post Office would open a temporary outreach service in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7 September 2018 from 9.15am to 11.15am.
- Rivington and Brinscall local Advisory Group, 6.30pm Monday 10 September 2018
- Chorley Borough Council have advised that they are looking for land to set up Community Orchards.
- Chorley and South Ribble Clinical Commissioning Group Annual General meeting Wednesday 26 September 2018.
- Shaping Health and Care Service across central Lancashire meeting Wednesday 19 September 2018.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday October 2018 at 8.00pm.  
The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated .....

