

**MINUTES OF THE 1069th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2024
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Harper (Chair), Mrs Berry, Dickenson, Scambler,

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).
County Councillor Cullens and two Members of the Public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs France, Hayes and Wheale.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest raised.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 4 NOVEMBER 2024

233/12/24 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that, due to the storm warnings, the Chorley Council tree event had been postponed. The Trees would be available to collect in the new year.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the Public questioned whether there would be a decorated tree in the memorial gardens this year. It was confirmed that there would still be a tree and lights erected as previous.

A member of the Public advised that there was water running from Scotsons Cottage across Blackburn Road and down Bridge Street. Members requested that this be reported on the love clean streets app.

Councillor Dickenson advised that he had reported the Millbrook Close Road sign which was missing from the junction with Victoria Street. The Clerk was requested to report this to Chorley Council.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillor Hayes had reported that work on the finger post was still ongoing.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

Councillors noted the email regarding children accessing the private garden next to the recreation ground. Health and Safety was considered.

234/12/24

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should investigate the boundary through land registry.

c) War Memorial

Councillors noted the email regarding a memorial shrub in the Memorial Garden and plaque. Councillor Berry provided a copy of the minutes from 4 June 2001 which stated, "permission would be given to scatter the ashes on the War Memorial flower beds but no plaque should be erected".

235/12/24

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the emails quoting the resolution as recorded.

PLANNING MATTERS

236/12/24

The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

24/00925/FUL Little Harbour Farm Harbour Lane Wheelton
Demolition of Equestrian Building and Erection of 2 Dwellings, and Temporary Static Caravan for The Period of Construction

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

- Unsuitable access – sight line onto Harbour Lane is not good with the hedge blocking vision to the right.
- Could lead to other development.
- The Council warned about the danger of overdevelopment when the initial application was submitted.

24/00992/FUL 4 Victoria Terrace, Victoria Street, Wheelton
Excavation works in order to facilitate the provision of an area of level hardstanding/garden area, erection of new steps and retaining stone wall, and the change of use of land to domestic garden (retrospective).

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to make no object to this application.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

237/12/24 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary December – £449.31
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions November - £112.40
CPRE – Annual Subscription - £36.00
Mrs J Carr – New Printer, Postage and Stationery - £340.35
S. Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £920.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support November – £30.36
DD – A-On – War Memorial Electricity - £93.08

ACCOUNTS

238/12/24 Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments, Income and Expenditure, CIL Reconciliation and War Memorial reports to December 2024 as circulated.

PRECEPT

239/12/24 It was RESOLVED to defer setting the Precept for the 2025/26 year until the January Parish Council meeting.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

240/12/24 It was RESOLVED to defer consideration of whether to tender for new period or extend the Grounds Maintenance contract until the January Parish Council meeting.

WEBINAR REGARDING THE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY BILL

241/12/24 The Parish Council RESOLVED to note the webinar regarding the Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Bill

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSAL REGARDING SPEED LIMITS ON BLACKBURN ROAD, BLACKBURN NEW ROAD AND THE MILLENNIUM WAY

Councillors noted the information regarding Lancashire County Council's proposal regarding speed limits on Blackburn Road, Blackburn New Road and the Millennium Way. County Councillor Cullens advised that this follows the National Guidelines and reminded the meeting that everyone needed to report all accidents even if they did not require the reporting because they were logged for road safety.

242/12/24 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should include an article in the Summer Newsletter regarding the reporting of all accidents on the A674. It was further RESOLVED that the Parish Council should advise the Planning Team that in certain places on the A674 the speed limit should be 40 or roundabouts installed due to accidents and problems crossing the road.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL REGARDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BETT LANE AND BLACKBURN ROAD

Councillors noted the information regarding Lancashire County Council's proposal regarding parking restrictions on Bett Lane and Blackburn Road.

243/12/24 It was RESOLVED to advise that the Parish Council are in favour of the proposed parking restrictions on the grounds of road safety.

CLERKS PERFORMANCE REVIEW

On the Clerks return, she was informed that she had had a successful performance review and was doing very well ensuring that the Council was running lawfully and efficiently. Councillors noted that the Clerk had been at the top of her scale for a long time and requested that it be investigated whether this was the correct scale for her to be on.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Liaison meetings – 22 January 2025 and 19 March 2025.
- Rivington & Brinscall Local Advisory Group – 4 December 2024 and 5 March 2025.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6 January 2025 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated