

**MINUTES OF THE 1063rd WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2024
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Berry (Vice-Chair), Dickenson, Hayes, Scambler and Wheale.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).
Seven members of the Public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs France and Harper and County Councillor Cullens.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of office.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

175/05/24 Following discussion, Councillor Harper was elected Chairman for the 2024-25 Year.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

176/05/24 Following a Discussion, Councillor Mrs Berry was elected Vice-Chairman for the 2024-25 Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2024/2025

177/06/24 Following a Discussion, the representatives were agreed as follows: -

Chorley Liaison Meetings – Councillors T Dickenson
LAPTC Chorley Area Committee representatives – Councillor R Wheale
(Substitute – Councillor Mrs K Berry)
Chorley Council Easter parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting – Councillor M Harper
Chorley Council Equality Forum – Councillor Mrs M France
Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee representative – Councillor Mrs K Berry
Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trustee Representative - Councillor R Wheale
Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trustees –Mrs D Gorton, Mr T Dickenson

and Mr R Wheale
Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust Trustees Representative - Councillor R
Wheale
Tree Warden – Councillor M Harper
Press Officer - Councillors T Dickenson. Any emergency press release should be
a bland statement produced in consultation with Councillors.
Communications (Newsletter) Co-ordinator – Parish Clerk – assisted by
Councillor M Harper
Wheelton Website Co-ordinator – Parish Clerk
Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group – Councillor Hayes.

In view of there being a number of residents in the meeting it was agreed to take
the public participation part of the meeting first. The meeting was closed to allow
public to speak.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Residents advised that they were concerned about the impact of the planning
application 24/00247/FUL, Erection of nine number dwellings with associated
roads, car parking, landscaping and access on Land between the A674 Wheelton
Blackburn New Road, Wheelton and Millbrook Close, Wheelton.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Parish Council were only consultees on
the Planning Application and that Chorley Borough Council would make their
decision but may not agree with comments that the Parish Council may make.

Residents raised their concerns about the volume of traffic on Millbrook Close,
Victoria Street and the A674, flooding due to building in this area, covenants on
the land, accidents on the A674 junction, the impact on current residents' mental
health and parking. Residents requested that the Parish Council produce
notices on letter headed paper that they would deliver advising residents in the
rest of the village that there was this planning application that they should send in
their objections to if they had them.

The residents questioned a number of areas of the application but were advised
that the Parish Council only had the same information that they had so could not
confirm any details so were referred to Chorley Borough Council.

The Parish Council advised that they would consider the residents requests when
they discuss the planning application and the residents left the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 8 APRIL 2024

178/05/24 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the
Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk advised that there was no report from the Police although they had responded to emails and had offered to produce a report for the net meeting.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

Councillor Hayes advised that work was going well to remove the metal work on the finger post before being able to send it off for report. Councillor Hayes reported that a number of residents had been interested to see the work commence and had requested that the post be repaired back to the original four fingers, the missing one having been removed when Blackburn Road was turned into a footpath only for part of the distance.

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Following discussion, Councillors RESOLVED to:

- Request a quotation for all four fingers, including on stating "Higher Wheelton, Footpath Only".
- Councillor Wheale would pass the key to the Memorial Tower so that Councillor Hays be able to access the electricity supply.
- The Clerk should investigate whether the CIL money can be used to repair the finger post and if not whether there was nay heritage funding that could be used.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The work to the trees from the tree survey would be started at the end of the week.

Councillors noted the letter from a resident next to the Recreation Grounds reporting that children had been accessing the play area through part of his garden. Councillors reported that the area between the wall and the fence was in fact the Parish Councils and the previous owner of the property had been given permission to use that part of the land as part of their garden.

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The Clerk reported that the top gravel board was loose and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Wheale would investigate and advise the Clerk whether the posts needed to be replaced.

c) War Memorial

- Councillor Wheale reported that the War Memorial Clock service had been undertaken and that the Clock was still repairable and did not need replacing yet.

Councillor Berry reported that the gate to the memorial garden had been left open on a number of occasions. It was agreed that this would be monitored.

Councillor Berry reported that the grass had not been cut due to the temperature being too hot which would scorch the grass but would be resumed when the weather was more suitable.

Councillor Dickenson left the meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

181/05/24 The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

24/00300/PIP – Land between 494 and 500 Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton
Permission in principle application for the erection of 1 no. dwelling.

Wheelton Parish Council felt that there was not enough information to comment on this application but raise the concern that access is not suitably safe due to being on an extremely busy road, A674, on a congested part of the road.

182/05/24 It being 9.30pm, Councillors RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders and extend the meeting until 10.00pm.

24/00328/PIP - Land Between Trigg Barn and 4 Fishwick Lane, Fishwick Lane, Higher Wheelton.
Permission in principle application for the erection of 1 no. dwelling.

Wheelton Parish Council felt that there was not enough information to comment on this application but raise the concern that Fishwick Lane is not a suitable safe access due to already being a large number of houses accessing onto a very main road with a lot of parking at the entrance.

24/00346/FUL - Delf Farm, Briers Brow, Wheelton
Section 73 application to vary condition no.3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission ref: 23/0130/FULHH (Two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension and replacement of existing windows (following demolition of existing conservatory) (resubmission of 22/00890/FULHH)

Wheelton Parish Council make no objection to this application.

24/00247/FUL – Land on the A674, Blackburn new road, Wheelton.
Erection of 9 No. dwellings with associated roads, car parking, landscaping and access.

Wheelton Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds:

- Access to the site would be via Victoria Street which was already very congested due to parking on both sides of it, the bus stop and access out of the village. Access to the first property is less than 5 metres from a busy

junction (Millbrook Close and Vicotria Street). This area has double yellow lines highlighting safety issues in the area.

- The bins from one of the properties being left on Victoria Street next to the bus stop which is a narrow space with parking alongside. This would make access to the bus stop more hazardous than it already is especially for children and elderly.
- There is historical flooding in the area around the Thirlmere Aqueduct and culvert.
- Drainage is via the existing Victorian sewage system which is also prone to flooding. Nine additional houses on current land that provides a soakaway will only exacerbate the problem.
- Loss of green space in the area. This is not an area for housing development in the local plan. The village would like to keep the village as a village and not merge into a suburb of Chorley.
- Local services including schools, primary and secondary and health care services area already above capacity, increasing the demand for these services will make access to them more difficult.

183/05/24 Wheelton Parish Council Resolved to offer to produce a leaflet for residents to deliver advising that there was an application in for the land and that anyone wishing to comment should do through Chorley Borough Council's website.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

184/05/24 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary May – £400.00
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions May - £100.00
Clear Insurance – Annual Insurance - £774.39
LALC – Annual Subscription - £216.61

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support May – £30.36

YEAR END ACCOUNTS

185/05/24 Councillors RESOLVED to approve the signing of the Audit Exemption Statement 2024 and book and approved the Internal Auditor as Ms J Ainsworth.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Road closure of Harbour Lane from 8.00am to 6.00pm on Friday 28 June 2024 to Thursday 25 July 2024 or until completion within these dates.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3 June 2024 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated