

**MINUTES OF THE 1068<sup>th</sup> WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024  
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).  
Five Members of the Public.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest raised.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 7 OCTOBER 2024**

**223/11/24** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Dickenson reported that the two new members had been added to the Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust and the Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust and that they would now be added as signatories to the bank.

**POLICE REPORT**

There was no report from the Police, but the Clerk reported the on-line crime statistics for September;

- One Burglary
- One Criminal damage and arson.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The members of the Public advised that they were not happy that the Carols around the Tree Event had been cancelled. Councillor Dickenson advised of the history of the event and highlighted that this had been discussed at the September and October meetings since the Parish Council had been advised that there would be no band, and a number of complaints/concerns were raised over the summer break. Discussions were had and the Council was advised that there

was a band available. Councillors advised that the Council had to be aware of the Health and Safety of people attending the event and the legal responsibilities that the Council had to comply with. The Clerk advised that a resolution had been made and that the matter could not be re-considered for six months unless it was called for by three written requests. Discussions were had and the members of the public advised that there would be a meeting of interested parties in the Red Lion the following night.

A member of the Public questioned what was happening with the finger post in the village centre and Councillor Hayes explained what was happening and how.

## **ENHANCING WHEELTON**

### **a) Traffic Matters**

Councillor Hayes reported that work on the finger post was still ongoing. The paint had been stripped off and would be repainted. Councillor Hayes was still not getting a response from the company regarding the direction posts.

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

The Clerk reported that the closure on the gate would be investigated to see if it was able to be tightened.

### **c) War Memorial**

Members of the Public reported that the Gate to the memorial garden had been cable tied shut. The Clerk and Councillors did not know why this had been done but noted that it had been cut off since.

Councillors discussed funding for the War Memorial and were advised that the Parish Council pay for the gardens, and the trust pay for the clock and tower. It was noted that the door needs re-oiling/staining.

The Clerk was requested to produce a report showing the grant and monies outstanding.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

**224/11/24** The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

24/00875/TEL, Telecommunications Mast Harbour Lane Wheelton  
Prior approval application under Part 16 Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (As amended) for the removal and replacement of 3no. Antennas, installation of 1no. GPS node and 1no. cabinet, and associated works.

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

**225/11/24** Due to it being 9.30pm The Parish Council RESOLVED to suspend standing orders and extend the Parish Council meeting for a further half an hour.

### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

**226/11/24** All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary November – £595.96

Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions November - £148.80

Chorley Silver Band – remembrance Service - £50.00

RBL – Poppy Wreath - £25.00

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall – Grant Payment - £700.00

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

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT**

**227/11/24** Councillors RESOLVED to note that the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024, had been approved by the Unions and had been backdated to 1 April 2024

### **GRANT PAYMENTS FOR 2024/25**

**228/11/24** It was RESOLVED to make the budgeted for Grant Payments for Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall £700 and Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust £200.

### **CIL INCOME REPORT**

**229/11/24** It was RESOLVED to note the CIL Income report.

### **2025/26 PRECEPT.**

**230/11/24** Councillors discussed the precept and consideration of costs of a tree, lights, safety provisions for special events.

It was RESOLVED to consider the 2025/26 Precept at the next Parish Council meeting.

### **CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFER OF TREES**

Councillors noted the offer of trees and shrubs from Chorley Borough Council.

**231/11/24** It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would request a flowering cherry tree from Chorley Borough Council.

## **CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

**232/11/24** It was RESOLVED to note the invitation from Chorley Borough Council to attend the Remembrance Service on Sunday 10 November 2024.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Councillors considered the Winter Newsletter articles.

### **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 2 December at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated .....