

**MINUTES OF THE 1067th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2024
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Carr (Parish Clerk).
County Councillor Cullens.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Harper and Scambler.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest raised.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 2 SEPTEMBER 2024

213/10/24 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

Councillor Hayes reported that it had been highlighted at the Brinscall and Rivington Local Advisory Group meeting that the crime statistics can be found online. The Clerk was requested to review this report before each meeting.

The Police had also advised that under Operation Defender, every burglary must be attended by a Police Officer and under Operation Centurian, every report of anti-social behaviour must be attended by a Police Officer.

214/10/24 The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that this information should be included in the winter Parish Council newsletter.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Dickenson advised that the new trustee for the Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust and the Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust had been set up. Councillor N Hays was requested to pass his details on to Councillor Dickenson to

be able to be set up as a trustee.

Councillor Dickenson advised that he had attended the Climate Change Webinar and that there were two more sessions to be held. Councillor Dickenson advised that he felt that it would be useful to discuss this at a future Parish Council meeting. It was also suggested that the agenda includes a discussion on streets getting involved in recycling and having a day where people can put things out on their drives for people to collect if they want them.

Councillors Hayes and Mrs Berry reported that:

- The Drain on Meadow Street and Bett Lane/Buckholes Lane have been cleared.
- The drain on Whins Lane has had water bubbling up from it.
- The prickly hedge on the footpath alongside Prospect House is now overgrown and causing a danger to walkers.

The Clerk was requested to report these items on Love Clean Streets.

The Clerk advised that there would only be daffodil bulbs available this year but that she had agreed to collect them when they are available.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

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

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

The Clerk reported that the project to install the handrail on the walkway from Victoria Street to West View was progressing and that Chorley Borough Council had approved that the work could go ahead.

c) War Memorial

Councillor Berry reported that the Gate had been left open on the Memorial Gardens again and that children had been seen playing with sticks in the grounds. Councillor Berry had spoken to them, and it was agreed to monitor the situation.

PLANNING MATTERS

215/10/24 The Parish Council make the following comments on planning applications received:

24/00809/FULHH, Old Mill Race, Brinscall Mill Road, Wheelton
First Floor side extension.

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection to this application but to comment that there is very limited information available on the plans with this application.

24/00830/FULHH Overlook Barn, South Miry Fold Farm, Briers Brow, Wheelton.
Single storey front/side extension.

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection.

24/00697/FUL The Croft, Lower Simpson Fold, Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton.

Section 73 application to vary condition nos. 3 (approved plans) and 6 (landscaping) of planning permission ref. 23/00410/FUL (Section 73 application to vary conditions nos.3 (approved plans) and 6 (landscaping) attached to planning permission ref.21/01166/FUL (Demolition of an existing dwelling with detached garage, and construction of 1no. self-build eco-home) to change the design of the approved dwelling) and as amended by minor non-material amendment ref. 23/00912/MNMA, to relocate the dwelling further west and relocate the site access.

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection:

24/00812/FUL Hillview Stables, Buckholes Lane, Wheelton
Erection of a building comprising equine tack and feed store (retrospective).

Wheelton Parish Council RESOLVED to make no objection.

Councillor Hayes reported that he had put in a retrospective application for work to change his garden.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

216/10/24 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – Salary October – £400.00
Inland Revenue – Salary Deductions October - £100.00
SLCC – Annual Membership - £144.00

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

ACCOUNTS

217/10/24 Councillors RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation, CIL Reconciliation, Receipts and Payments and Income and Expenditure against budget reports to June 2024 as circulated.

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE EVENT

Councillors noted the email from a resident and discussed the complaints received regarding the previous year's Carols Around the Tree event. It was noted that the parking last year had meant that the bus could not get along Victoria Street and Councillors were aware that had there been any emergency vehicles called out either to the event or any of the residents in that area it would have been unable to get to where it needed to. It had been reported that some of the people parking had been abusive when asked to park considerately and that people were on the road and stood outside the Pub in dangerous positions.

Councillors advised that the event had started in 1982 as Dickensian Carol Singing moving around the village and in 1989 had moved from the War Memorial to the Church. Councillors felt that the problems showed that the event was a victim of its own success and that it was now attended by people who had no ties to the village. Councillors were reminded that there was currently no band to play and that the Parish Council had to be mindful of health and safety of all residents as well as all people attending the event. Councillors were aware that for the event to run smoothly road closures and Marshalls would be required and that there would need to be a louder PA system because it had been reported that people outside of the War Memorial Garden could not hear what was happening. The Clerk also advised that there had been no budget set for the event so funds would have to be vired from other pots of money.

218/10/24 The Parish Council, reluctantly, RESOLVED that the Carols around the Tree event would not be run for the next two years due to concerns raised about the safety of the event, although this would be reviewed next year. The Clerk was requested to contact previous supporters and put notices in the notice boards regarding the cancellation of the event.

The Clerk circulated some quotations received for the Christmas Tree and lights but noted that it had not been possible to find anything similar to what was currently installed at the War Memorial Gardens.

219/10/24 It was further RESOLVED that Councillor Wheale would approach G Fox's for a tree for this year and would installing it tree and the decorations with a team of volunteers again this year. Further enquiries would be undertaken to obtain quotations for a 12 ft real tree with lights on it from a contractor who would install and decorate the tree.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Councillors noted responses from the attendees at the Remembrance Service to advise that they were able to attend. The Clerk advised that Father Mark and Reverend Clayton had not responded yet.

220/10/24 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should laminate fifty orders of service.

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES.

212/09/24 The Parish Council RESOLVED to advise that Parking was an issue at the Village Hall and advise that residents, particularly from Higher Wheelton, would need to use private transport to be able to vote.

LANCASHIRE PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL CONFERENCE.

Councillors noted the previously circulated information regarding the Lancashire parish and town council conference.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would not attend the Lancashire parish and town council conference.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chorley Liaison meetings – 16 October 2024 and 22 January 2025
- Rivington & Brinscall Local Advisory Group –4 December 2024 and 5 March 2025.
- Lancashire Parish and Town Council Conference will take place on Saturday 2 November 2024 in The Exchange at County Hall, Preston beginning at 9.30am

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 November 2024 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct.

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Chair

Dated