

The 856th meeting of Wheelton Parish Council was held on Monday 6th December 2004

Present Councillor R Wheale – Chairman
Councillors K Berry, T. Dickenson, N. Heyes, S. Monaghan, R. E. Scambler.

Also present Sgt D Brown – Lancs Constabulary
Mr W A Geddes - retiring Clerk

Minutes of meeting held on 1st November 2004

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for absence

None

Matters Arising

171/12/04 – Councillor Dickenson reported that the “through the Villages” race raised £1100 for the Village Hall and thanked everyone for their assistance with special mention going to United Utilities and the Police.

Police Report

172/12/04 – Sgt Brown reported that there had been 5 crimes reported in November in the Wheelton area – Theft from vehicles, Stone throwing incidents and one of burglary

173/12/04 - Sgt Brown indicated that the problems with parking and yellow lines would be resolved before the end of December 04

Questions from the Public

174/12/04 – Three members of the public expressed concern that the siting of a bench on the newly acquired land on Victoria Street would lead to problems of litter and unruly behaviour by youths who congregate in that area. The Council agreed to consider their concerns when deciding on what form of outdoor furniture will be positioned there.

Financial Report

175/12/04 - Agreed with the following additions:

J. J. Bennett – Garden maintenance-WM.£70.00 + EC. £170.00 = £234.00

W.A. Geddes – Clerks salary- £1032.00

W.A. Geddes – Postal & Telephone expenses - £41.01

Budget/Precept 2005/06

176/12/04 – Agreed that the precept be increased to £9620 taking the Band D council tax to £24.35 an increase of £0.96 (+ 4.10%)

The additional precept was accounted for by the increase in the new garden maintenance of £500

Planning Matters

Councillor R Wheale declared an interest and left the meeting

177/12/04 – No. 04/01283/FUL – Erection of conservatory to rear – 9 Lawson Close Wheelton.

No objection providing the extension is in keeping with building regulations and the environment

178/12/04 – No. 04/1284/FUL – Erection of a replacement dwelling – 14 Bett Lane Wheelton.

No objection providing the new building is compliant with building regulations
However the council have a query regarding the intrusion on the neighbouring properties.

179/12/04 – No.04/1312/FUL – Two storey side extension – 23 Millbrook Close Wheelton

No objection providing the extension is in accordance with the planning requirements.

180/12/04 – No.04/1358/FUL – Proposed construction of a conservatory to the rear - 18 Lawson Close, Wheelton.

No objection to the conservatory – Clerk to check with Planning Officer regarding the full extent of the intended extension

18112/04 - Re: - Sitchcroft Farm

Clerk to write to Chorley Borough Council Enforcement Officer regarding the work being carried out at this property without planning permission.

Copies of the correspondence to Borough Councillors and local Member of Parliament

North West Air Ambulance – Appeal

182/12/04 – It was proposed by Councillor Dickenson that the Council donate £50.

This was unanimously agreed.

Sand Quarry

183/12/04 – Work is still proceeding on the preparation of the business plan. A further meeting with the new owner as yet to be arranged.

Parish Plan

184/12/04 – The first run of questionnaire will begin within 14 days

Wheelton Web Site

185/12/04 – Councillor Monaghan reported that she would value some assistance with the web site owing to losing her assistant web editor.

Consideration for a joint web site with Heapey Parish Council would be given when Heapey have appointed a new web editor.

Parish Newsletter

186/12/04 – Councillor Hayes requested information and content material for the next issue by February 2005 and that the council should decide on the publication dates for 2005.

Land on Victoria Street

187/12/04 – The list of items received from Chorley Borough Council were agreed. Clerk to respond to Chorley Borough Property Services Unit regarding the licence.

Items for Information

188/12/04 – Noted

A.O.B

189/12/04 – The council wished to thank Mr W A Geddes for his loyal service as Clerk to the council and to wish him a happy retirement.

Date of next meeting

Monday 10th January 2005