

1. Election of Officers for 2008/2009

Officers to be elected to fulfil the following posts:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

LAPTC Chorley Area Committee Representatives (2) with up to (3) substitutes

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee Representative

Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trustees (2)

Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust Trustees (1) plus (1) non-member

Village Playground Fund Representatives (2)

Tree Warden

Press Officer

Parish Newsletter and Website Co-ordinators (2)

Minutes of 893rd Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 7th April 2008

Present - Councillors R Wheale (Acting Chair) K.Berry, R Scambler, S Monaghan T Dickenson (Acting Clerk)

Also Present – Borough Councillor S Smith

Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd March 2008

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence – Councillor N.Hayes

Borough Councillor I Smith

E Patterson (Parish Clerk)

Matters Arising

40/04/08 – There were no matters arising

Clerks Report

41/04/08 – The Clerk reported that the tree felling at the Playground area had been carried out on Friday 14th March

42/04/08 – The Parish Councillor Vacancy had been advertised on Notice Boards and Website (Councillors were asked by a member of the Public if was still too late to apply as she was on holiday) It was agreed to advertise for a further period until weekending 3rd May 2008

43/08/08 - The Road Sign on Victoria Street once again reported to LCC – complaint ref no EN37696E – no further news as at 16th March 2008

44/03/08 - Still awaiting reply from CBC regarding extra dog waste bin for Whins Lane area

Police Report

45/04/08 – In the absence of a representative from the Police no report was available The members expressed concern regarding the lack of a monthly report with the more than likely demise on PACT in our area and requested that the Clerk contact the Police for them to supply a written report in their absence.

Questions from the Public

46/04/08 - Traffic Issues on A674: – CB Councillor S. Smith informed the Council that he had been working for a long time on this issue and had been able to obtain a “free interactive smiley speed sign”.

Councillors asked that we be kept informed of any activities undertaken regarding problems on A674 as we had already assigned £1000 from our reserves. Clarity was asked from CB Councillor S. Smith if this was an addition sign or instead of the one used by LCC – He would seek clarification. Sign was courtesy of Alan Capstick.

Lancashire locals have £40K for improvements but reading the criteria, what was required for A674 did not fall with its remit

S. Smith said that his main contacts at LCC were Paul Dunn / Alan Capstick –

The members asked the Clerk to invite Mr Capstick to a future meeting

A proposal from one of the residents was that we invite a representative from LCC down to a public meeting – Clerk to speak to Lancashire Council to explore the possibility of a meeting

47/04/08 - Councillor Dickenson to see the Howarth family regarding their traffic concerns and report back at next meeting

48/04/08 - Meadow Street access – double yellow lines to be re instated – Wheelton garage likely to be problematical – residents expressed concerns at the number of vehicles “spilling out” onto Blackburn Road

49/04/08 - Residents from Millbrook came to ask the council for its support against the re submitted proposals

Councillors to object on the following grounds-

1. Still issues about safety at the proposed access onto Millbrook
2. Little reduction in the overall footprint of the building given resubmission
3. Still issues of overshadowing neighbouring properties
4. Appeals Inspector already highlighted amenity value to residents – council concurred and could see no difference from original objection, thereby causing “tightness of access in cul de sac”
5. Parish Plan states quite clearly council’s aspiration to maintain as many business premises within village

Councils other observations- building is still used regularly for commercial activities whether by owner or others (residents have records of activities – they suspect car repairs are taking place there, but highlight the fact the gates are normally open at 8.15 am most days

In submission statement says consultation was widespread – Residents disagrees and believes consultation was selective

Residents query issue of land behind properties should they not wish to purchase – Who is responsible?

Financial Report

50/04/08 – It was decided not to forward a donation to Victim Support given the councils own priorities but would consider a request next year

51/04/08 - Accounts all passed and cheques sent as per briefing notes and end of year accounts approved

Parish Plan – Action Priorities

52/04/08 – It was agreed to replace trees at the Playground - with shrubs being a possibility which must be of “good quality”

53/04/08 – Councillor Hayes was requested to pursue the setting up of a Business Club

Traffic Issues

54/04/08 - This item was covered under questions from the public

Parish Councillor Vacancy

54/04/08 – To date one letter submitted by John Fowler for the vacancy it was suggested that a time limit be inserted – 4th May – to see if any other applications were received. Clerk was requested to arrange for notices and website to be amended to include this date. – Councillors and clerk to look to suitable questions for the interview. Acting clerk raised the possible legal issue of extending deadlines for submission

Planning Matters

55/04/08 – This item was covered under questions from the public

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th May 2008 following the Annual Meeting