

Minutes of 926th Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 4th April 2011

Present:

Councillors Dickenson (Chair) Wheale, Berry, Scambler, Fowler, Hayes
Borough Councillor C France
Also present three residents from Higher Wheelton.

Minutes of Meeting held on 7th March 2011

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Apologies for Absence

Cllr N Hayes

Matters Arising

532/04/11 – There were no matters arising.

Clerks Report

533/04/11 – The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks from the Air Ambulance had been received for the donation.

534/04/11 – He was still trying to ascertain the ownership details of the Village Hall for the Asset Register.

535/04/11 – The PAYE situation regarding Parish Clerks was being dealt with.

Police Report

536/04/11 – In the absence of Police presence the Clerk read out the report as follows.

A vehicle was damaged overnight 14/03, currently there are no lines of enquiry regarding this incident.- no address given.

On 16/03 a vehicle was set on fire on the owners driveway, CID are currently dealing with this any information would be greatly appreciated.

A hanging basket was taken from outside a property in Higher Wheelton overnight 25/03. No lines of enquiry at this time.

A large amount of copper piping was taken from Logwood Stables overnight on the 16th March.

Questions from the Public

537/04/11 – Councillor France was asked to look into a Fence/Rail could be erected on Millbrook Close to deter the Grassed area being constantly damaged by vehicles.

Financial Report

538/04/11 – All accounts were authorised for payment with an additional account for Chorley Council Dog waste bins service - £215.37 also authorised.

The following had been deposited into the Parish Account from Heapey PC
Play Area £414.33

War Memorial £355.31

539/04/11 – The Annual Governance Statement for audit purposes was discussed and agreed for the Chair to sign.

Enhancing Wheelton Project

540/04/11 – The Clerk informed the meeting that the letters regarding the A boards had been sent – the members asked the Clerk to monitor the situation
541/04/11 – The Clerk stated he was still awaiting costing for the shrubs for Victoria St and that the item should be on the agenda for the next meeting – Agreed.

H&W Playground Trust

542/04/11 – Councillor Dickenson informed the meeting that the Playground had received favourable comments from residents and put it to the meeting that an official opening should be arranged with a child from each parish asked to open the Playground – all members agreed and asked the Clerk to contact Heapey to obtain their comments with a view to an opening in May.

Planning Matters

543/04/11 - 11/00195/FUL – 3 detached dwellings at the rear of the Golden Lion Public House Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton.

The application was debated with residents giving their views and agreed that the previous objections still held firm which were

1. *Over development, 1 house would be sufficient*
2. *The proposed demolition of the garages puts additional car parking pressure on residents who rent them, and they will be forced to park on main road*
3. *The increase footprint of the Golden Lion with its new extension would suggest greater usage, yet car park would be significantly reduced under these proposals (LCC recommend a lot more)*
4. *Access to main road is on a poor bend with limited site line (which would be further reduced if cars are forced to park on the main road)*
5. *it will not really provide community housing*
6. *its setting a pattern for further infilling of land within the village*

Items for Consideration

544/04/11 – the Clerk informed the meeting that he would be retiring on 31st December 2011 – The Chair asked him to look into the procedure regarding his replacement

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9th May 2011