

## **Minutes of 911th Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

### **Present:**

Councillors Wheale (Chair), Dickenson, Berry, Fowler, Scambler  
Also present three members of the public

### **Minutes of Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

### **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr N Hayes

### **Matters Arising**

313/12/09 – The Clerk read out the notice regarding the conduct expected from the Public at Parish meetings for consideration which was accepted by all parties and will appear on the agenda sheet from January 2010

### **Questions from the Public**

314/12/09 – There were no questions from the public

### **Clerks Report**

315/12/09 - A674 – delay in completion of the work is due to adverse weather conditions and will continue as soon as whether permits. Lancashire County have no record of a traffic survey on this stretch of highway – The Clerk was asked to pursue the matter with the Highways Engineers who attended the public meeting earlier this year

316/12/09 - Millbrook Close Congestion – The Clerk stated that on 5 November 2009 Steve Aldous Planning Enforcement Officer went to the former mill site which was in a clean and tidy condition with no sign of the land being in use for heavy vehicle movement. I also noted that all spoil from the demolition works had been removed from the land.

317/12/09 - Land Ownership – The Clerk passed two plans received from Lancashire County Council showing the area of land they owned adjacent to the Dressers Arms to Cllr Dickenson

318/12/09 - Yellow Lines – the Clerk informed the members that the public notice for the painting of parking restrictions would be posted on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and any comments should be with the County Council by 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010

The Clerk would circulate the full notice to members prior to the January 2010 meeting for comments

### **Police Report**

319/12/09 – In the absence of a representative from the Lancashire Constabulary the Clerk read out the following report

During the hours of darkness, between 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November. A JCB has been broken into and a battery stolen. Any information from the public would be of great assistance at this time

### **Financial Report**

320/12/09 - Both accounts presented were approved for payment and the Clerk asked for an additional account – LA Wheale £53.80 for Refreshments at the Carol Service also be approved was carried

*Cllrs Berry & Scambler declared an interest in the Berry Account*

*Cllr Wheale declared an interest in the LA Wheale Account*

### **Precept 2010**

321/12/09 The Clerk informed the members that he had received information from the Elections Officer at Chorley Council that could affect the 2010 precept figure

After outlining the repayment structure now set up by Chorley Council and the Minister of Justice the Clerk suggested that the Parish could reduce the precept figure by £300.00 – This was accepted unanimously and the revised precept would be £11379 an increase of 5.1% which is due to inflated Election Costs

### **Landscaping of Victoria St Site**

322/12/09 – The Chairman asked the Vice Chair and Cllr Fowler to oversee this item as they were involved in the planning of the refurbishment of the site  
The three residents of Victoria Street outlined their concerns and proposals for the landscaping of the land leased to the Parish Council by Chorley Council.

After further discussions both parties agreed that a decision over the landscaping by the Parish Council should be taken when a full complement of members were available in view of the differences over the Tree and seating availability

It was hoped a final decision would be taken in January 2010 when members were asked to supply any alternative ideas for the site by then

### **H&W Playground Trust**

323/12/09 – Cllr Dickenson informed the meeting that the trust members hoped to finally get together for a meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2009 otherwise it would have to be in the New Year owing to other commitments of members

Cllr Dickenson also informed the meeting that he was in contact with Chorley Council regarding funding aspects

### **Parish Newsletter**

324/12/09 – Members have submitted items for the newsletter and the Clerk could now supply precept details to Cllr Wood for inclusion

It was envisaged that the newsletter would be ready for delivery in ten days

### **Planning**

325/12/09 - 09/00908/FUL Brown House Farm Brown House Lane Higher Wheelton - Members were concerned that there would be a traffic issue here and that there was also a commercial interest involved. They also disputed that the land belonged to Brown House Farm and asked the Clerk to verify this

326/12/09 - 09/00858/FUL - 09/00860/FUL - Both for Spout House Farm  
Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton members had no objections to these  
applications

327/12/09 – The Clerk asked for another application to be considered owing to  
the Christmas break approaching – at Highfield House Farm Buckholes Lane  
which the members had no objections

**Items for Consideration**

328/12/09 – The members note the visit of the Standards Board Mentoring Officer  
at the next meeting in January

**Items for Information**

329/12/09 – All items were noted

Cllr Dickenson led the members in thanking Cllr Kathleen Berry for her services  
to the community for the last 47 years

**Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010