

Minutes of 922nd Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 6th December 2010

Present:

Councillors (Chair), Dickenson, Wheale, Berry, Scambler, Fowler, Hayes, Wood
Borough Councillors A Hansford & C France

PC Evans & PCSO

Also present – Susan Carroll – Village Hall Committee representative.

Minutes of Meeting held on 1st November 2010

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence

None

Matters Arising

471/12/10 – There were no matters arising.

The Chair introduced Debra Platt –the Standards Board Mentoring Officer who then asked the members if they had any concerns they wanted to address.

The Chairman asked the members if the Police Report could be dealt with first to enable them to leave early this was agreed.

Police Report

472/12/10 – Pc Evans reported that there had been one recorded crime in November which was a robbery in Albert Street which was of a serious nature and investigations are still on going. He also reminded the members to not leave ignition keys in the car whilst de-icing due to the number of incidents of cars being stolen and to point out that you are not covered by insurance if this happens

473/12/10 – *After the Police had left the meeting* The Chair raised the subject of the fate of the PCSO's following news reports and different stories of what will happen in the future. It was decided to write to the Chief Constable (copy to MP) to clarify the situation and to point out that the community of Wheelton fully support the work the PCSO's have done for the village with their presence and hope to have in the future

Presentation by Chorley Council

474/12/10 – Alison Marland and Helen Smith from Chorley Councils Planning Policy and Urban Design Partnerships, Planning and Policy Unit outlined the Sites for Chorley Issues & Options and the key issues appertaining to Wheelton Village. The members looked at the proposals and given the amount of information decided to discuss the issues –in detail – at the next meeting and to promote the proposals throughout the village.

The Chair thanked Alison and Helen for the presentation and stated any comments on the proposals would be delivered to them before the deadline date of 31st January 2011.

Clerks Report

475/12/10 – Parking Restrictions - The clerk informed the meeting that LCC have agreed that the H bars proposed for Victoria Street are still under consideration
The clerk also told Cllr Hayes he would forward a copy of the message he received from the Highways Engineer

476/12/10 – A674 – The traffic survey on this road had now be carried out by the Highways Department and we should receive a report sometime in January 2011

477/12/10 – CAB Posters – The clerk showed the members three posters from the Citizens Advise Bureaux who have requested them to be placed on the Parish Notice board – This was agreed.

Questions from the Public

Cllr Wood declared an interest in this item

478/12/10 – Susan Carroll from the Village Hall Committee stated that the heating system in the Village Hall was in need of refurbishment and this would obviously come at a cost and asked if the Parish Council could assist in any way. The members decided after a short debate that because of the significance of the issue an item should be put on the next meetings agenda to enable a full appraisal of the situation could be made. Susan was also invited to attend the meeting in January 2011.

Financial Report

Cllrs Berry and Scambler declared an interest in this item

The account for S Berry was approved for payment and the deposits into the Parish account noted.

Parish Precept 2011/2012

480/12/10 – The members looked again at the proposals for the Precept for 2011/12 produced by the Clerk and commented that more could be saved if some of the reserves were used to cover some of the costs. It was pointed out to members that the reserves were in place to cover unforeseen expenses that may occur during the financial year. It was agreed that further discussions should take place at the next meeting – The Clerk to produce a breakdown of approximate balances at the end of the Financial year.

H&W Playground Trust

481/12/10 – Councillor Dickenson informed the meeting that the finance for the refurbishment to the Playground had now been finalised by Chorley Council and the plans can now go ahead.

Chorley Council will initially fund the project and the Parish Councils will pay their share when requested

Councillor Dickenson thanked all those involved in seeing this project through

Planning Matters

482/12/10 – The clerk informed the meeting that a planning application for 10/00977/FUL - Erection of a two-storey side extension to create additional living

space - South Marl Pits Farm Briers Brow – had been objected on the grounds of over development – under delegated powers owing to the deadline for comments was prior to the meeting

483/12/10 – By a majority vote there were no objections to planning application 10/01013/FUL - Erection of two storey rear extension to create additional living space - 4 Lawton Close Higher Wheelton.

Items for Information

484/12/10 – The War Memorial Bulletin was passed to Cllr Wheale.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10th January 2011