

**MINUTES OF THE 933RD WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2011
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Dickenson, Wheale, Hayes, Berry, Scambler, Fowler.

Also present: Borough Councillor France

Clerk: Parish Clerk Eric Patterson and New Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

621/12/11 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

PC Appleton apologised for her absence, which was due to the fact that she was dealing with an incident.

622/12/11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Berry declared an interest in item 632/12/11

623/12/11 **MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 7 NOVEMBER 2011**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

624/12/11 **MATTERS ARISING**

619/11/11 Councillor Vacancy.
The Clerk advised that no interest had been shown regarding the vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

CLERKS REPORT

625/12/11 No further quotations had been received for the retaining wall repairs on Victoria Street and it was agreed that two quotations would be sufficient. The Clerk was requested to investigate whether it would be possible to use Community Service to undertake the repairs.

626/12/11 The Clerk advised that the cost to repair the notice boards would be £150.00 each. Councillors discussed the matter and it was agreed to remove the notice boards to indoors and allow them to be dried out and then they would be re-stained in house.

627/12/11 Thanks were given to the Bugler, Reverend Hogarth and Councillor Snape for the Remembrance Service. The Clerk advised that comments had been received regarding the different Churches and Councillors requested that the Clerk liaise with Heapey Parish

Council to discuss preparing a rota for the Churches to undertake the Remembrance service in future.

Letters of invitation have been sent out for the Carol service and the police have been notified.

628/12/11 POLICE REPORT

Due to the police being called away on an incident, there was no report given.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

629/12/11 Councillors discussed that proposals by the County Highways Department regarding the Traffic Regulation Order and noted that the county had attended to paint an "H" bar but had been unable to proceed due to a vehicle parked on the road. The Chairman advised that a number of schemes had been mentioned and that there was some confusion regarding the consultation process.

The Clerk was requested to:

- Write to the County Council to ascertain why the Parish Council were not sent any amended plans for consultation or advice
- Question why the H bar was not installed at the end of Stable Lane
- Forward copies of correspondence to Councillor France.
- Invite residents living in Victoria Terrace, Stable Lane and Victoria Street to the January Parish Council meeting to advise Councillors of their views on the traffic scheme.

630/12/11 Lamp Number 4 on Milbrook Close is permanently lit. The Clerk agreed to report the lamp.

631/12/11 Concerns have been raised regarding the speed of Buses on Victoria Street. The Clerk was requested to:

- Write to the County Council requesting that they ensure that bus companies observe the speed limit on Victoria Street and drive with care considering other vehicles on the street.
- Write to Stagecoach to advise that concerns have been raised regarding the speed of their buses driving along Victoria Street.
- Forward copies of the letters to the police

632/12/11 There is a pot hole on Meadow Street opposite number 25 and 26. The Clerk agreed to report the pot hole.

633/12/11 FINANCIAL REPORT

All accounts were authorised for payment
E Patterson – Clerks final Salary Oct/Dec 2011 - £1032.00
S Berry - Garden Maintenance Oct/Dec 2011- £910.00
S. Berry – Supply of Shrubs/Trees etc - £580.00

634/12/11 **BUDGET/PRECEPT 2012/2013**

The members looked again at the proposals for the Precept for 2012/13 produced by the Clerk and were amended as attached at appendix A.

Councillors thanked Mr Patterson for producing the budget.

It was RESOLVED to accept the precept for £11130 as attached at appendix 1.

632/12/11 **PLANNING MATTERS**

11/00970/FUL – Full application for erection of a detached dwelling. Methodist Church, Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton.

Decided by delegated powers that there were no objections.

11/01005/FUL – Demolition of existing garage, erection of two single storey side extensions, extension to rear dormer and erection of chimney to side. Sundale, Buckholes Lane, Wheelton.

It was RESOLVED to make no objection to this application

11/01008/FUL – Conversion of garage to Games/Store Room including building up existing garage door opening to form 2 No. Windows openings (permitted development) and conversion of existing flat roof into pitched roof. The Croft, Lower Simpson Fold, Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton.

It was RESOLVED to make no objection to this application although concerns were raised regarding further development for a replacement garage and increase of footprint of the property.

11/01011/FUL – Erection of a single storey garage extension approximately 11.5m wide x 6m deep. Malthouse Farm, Blackburn New Road, Wheelton.

It was RESOLVED to make no objection to this application

633/12/11 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Carols around the Tree at the War Memorial on Christmas Eve at 5.30pm.

633/12/11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9 January 2012 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

The Chairman thanked Mr Patterson for his hard work during his time as Parish Clerk and wished him and his family a happy retirement. A presentation was made to Mr Patterson.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated

Appendix 1

	2011/12 Est/Actual	Receipts	Net Totals	2012/13 Precept
<i>War Memorial</i>				
Caretaker	100		100	100
Electricity	170	85	85	170
Insurance	770	385	385	385
Gardens	1280	640	640	680
Sundries	50		50	50
<i>Play Area/Village Green</i>				
Safety Inspection	72	24	48	50
Garden Maintenance	2360	785	1575	1660
Dog Bin	215		215	230
<i>Administration</i>				
Clerk's Salary	4330		4330	4130
Petty Cash	50		50	50
Stationery	50		50	60
Insurance	1352		1352	1400
Village Hall Rent	360		360	375
Audit Fees	135		135	150
LAPTC	225		225	230
Newsletter	40		40	40
Training	0		0	500
Interest	-50		-50	-50
<i>Donations</i>			0	
W/M Trust	350		350	350
Village Hall	500		500	720
Misc Donations	100		100	100
VAT	0		0	-100
<i>Enhancing Wheelton</i>			0	
Benches New/Repair	75		75	150
Bulb Planting etc.	500		500	100
Retaining Wall Repairs			0	900
Noticeboard Repairs				100
<i>Election Costs</i>			0	
By Election			0	300
Totals	13034	1919	11115	12830

This represents no increase from the 2011/12 precept

Predicted spending for 2012/13

12830

Deduct receipts & payments

1919

Proposed Precept

11130