

The Chairman to formally Introduce Mr Docherty who will act as the Parish Councils Mentoring Officer

Minutes of 891st Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 4th February 2008

Present - Councillors T.Dickenson, R Wheale, K.Berry, R Scambler, S Monaghan
Also Present – Borough Councillors – I Smith and S.Smith – PC Chris Evans

Minutes of Meeting held on 7th January 2008

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence – Councillor N.Hayes

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman read out a letter of resignation from Councillor Janet Ross-Mills and asked the Clerk to reply thanking her for her assistance to the Parish. The Clerk was also requested to set in motion with Chorley Council the Parish Councillor Vacancy procedure

Matters Arising

17/02/08 – PC Evans stated that there were only two recorded crimes for December 2007 not four as reported earlier.

Police Report

18/02/08 – PC Evans reported that there were no reported crimes in the village during January 2008 although he stated that there were two reported in a nearby Parish for break ins of Industrial property and people should remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

Questions from the Public

19/02/08 – A member of the public reported that dog fouling in the alleyway between Millbrook Close and Victoria Street was becoming a major problem. The members discussed the matter and requested that the Clerk write to the Local Authority to give details of the problem with the following suggested measures to alleviate the problem. Patrols by CBC Officers – Dog waste bins – Signage
It was also pointed out that the Dog waste bins on Whins Lane either needed to be upgraded to larger ones or emptied more regularly.

Financial Report

20/02/08 – Both accounts were cleared for payment.

Budget/Precept 2008/9

21/02/08 – The Clerk presented various scenarios of the proposed Precept showing what the effect would be on the Council tax given the projects and costs required to implement them.

After lengthy discussions on the different scenarios it was agreed that the Parish Councillors had a responsibility to keep within the current inflation levels and therefore set the precept at £10815 which represents an increase of 3.49% on 2007/8

Parish Plan – Action Priorities

22/02/08 – The members were presented with a request for funding by the Heapey&Wheelton Playground Working Group which required each Parish Council to earmark £3000 to initiate the improvements and upgrade of the Playground to commence during 2008/9 financial year.

It was resolved that Wheelton Parish Council share would fund the project by earmarking the amount from the Parish Council reserves.

Planning Matters

23/02/08 – All planning consents were noted.

24/02/08 – The Clerk requested that a late Planning Application.

07/01345/FUL – Rear and side extension to recently approved house.

Bali Hai –Whins Lane

The members had no objections providing the structure was it keeping with the environment.

Items for Information

25/02/08 – The Chairman asked the Clerk to circulate the Chorley Council Ethical Decision Making Presentation to all members.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd March 2008