

Minutes of 902nd Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 9th February 2009

Present:

Councillors Wheale (Chair), Dickenson, Scambler, Hayes, Berry, Fowler.
Also present Joan Geddes – Chair of the H&W Village Hall Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 5th January 2009

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Proposed by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor Scambler

Apologies for Absence

Councillor I Smith

Matters Arising

187/02/09 – The Clerk pointed out to the members that no decision was noted regarding a bench on the Victoria Street site and that permission from the Borough Council would be required beforehand

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Borough Council to seek the necessary permission prior to the landscaping of the site

Clerks Report

188/02/09 – The Clerk reported that the advertisement for the Garden Maintenance Contract for 2009/2011 had been entered on the website and notice boards and displayed in the local Post Office.

It was agreed that the cost of advertising in the local press would not prove cost effective bearing in mind two enquiries had already been received by the Clerk

189/02/09 – The Clerk stated that letters had been sent to Mrs Wheale and Mr Shorrocks expressing the gratitude of the Parish Council for all their help and support at the “Carols around the Tree” event on Christmas Eve

Police Report

190/02/09 – In the absence of a representative from the Lancashire Constabulary there was no report to consider

Questions from the Public

191/02/08 – It was again raised by a member on behalf of the public that the Dog Fouling issues throughout the Village had escalated

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Borough Council and Police informing them of the renewed problem to see what measures can be made to try and solve this growing problem

Financial Report

192/02/09 – The Clerk informed the members that the account for EON should be amended to read £42.94 which was agreed and passed for payment

All other accounts were accepted for payment

193/02/09 – Councillor Dickenson welcomed The Chair of The Village Hall Committee and outlined the situation regarding Wheelton Parish Councils donations to the Village Hall from 2002 to the present day
The Chair of the Village Hall Committee responded by outlining the need for donations from the Parish Councils quoting the need for a new heating system and storage facilities.

The Chairman stated that the Village Hall Committee needed to provide a budget statement to the Parish Councils each year so they can evaluate the situation and therefore determine what donations would be appropriate

It was also agreed that the Parish Councils together with the Village Hall Committee should arrange a meeting to discuss this and any other issues regarding the Village Halls future after the Village Halls next meeting in June 2009

It was agreed by a majority vote that the shortfall of £3400.00 over the period in question should be paid to the Village Hall Committee

Councillor Dickenson declared an interest and did not vote

A674 Traffic Management

194/02/09 – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had had no response from LCC regarding the issues the Parish Council and Residents group wish to discuss with them The members agreed that it was time to put pressure on the Authority and therefore Councillor Dickenson agreed to compose a letter via the Chairman to the Authority and to involve Borough and County Council Councillors together with local press in its circulation

Sand Quarry

195/02/09 - This item was of a confidential nature as agreed in May 2006 and therefore the public and press were excluded – report for members at the back of the agenda

Heapey&Wheelton Playground Trust

196/02/09 – The Vice Chairman agreed to set up a meeting with Mr Hodge from Community Futures and the Playground Trust members as soon as possible.
It was also agreed that Councillor Hayes will replace Councillor Monaghan on the Playground Trust Group.

The Clerk was asked to check with Heapey Clerk whether they had appointed a Councillor to act as trustee or whether the existing one was now in a position to sign the documents

Planning

197/02/09 – The members had no objection to the following re application
09/00034/FUL - Demolition of existing dwellings and erection of a replacement dwelling and detached garage (amendment to previous approval 06/00905/FUL)

Monks Hill Cottages Harbour Lane

Parish Council Vacancy

198/02/09 – The members reluctantly accepted the resignation of Councillor Sue Monaghan and asked the Clerk to write thanking her for all the loyal service she contributed to the Parish Council

The Clerk to carry out the formal procedure in advertising the vacancy via the Borough Council

Parking/Refuse Collection Albert Street

199/02/09 – Councillor Hayes reported that he met with the Borough Council and the Refuse Collectors representative last week to see whether an agreement could be reached on the problems regarding the collection of refuse on Albert Street
He would update the members when he receives further information

Items for Consideration

200/02/09 – Chorley Local Development Framework – Draft Sustainable Resources -Supplementary Planning Document was given to members who were interested

Items for Consideration

201/02/09 – The Clerk informed the members of the following items -Planning in Practice Training Day and Neighbourhood Action plans drop in Town Hall

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd March 2009