

Minutes of 890th Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 7th January 2008

Present - Councillors T.Dickenson, R Wheale, K.Berry, N Hayes, S Monaghan
Also Present – CSO A Crow

Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd December 2007

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence – Councillors R Scambler and J Ross-Mills

Matters Arising

01/01/08 – There were no matters arising.

Police Report

02/01/08 – CSO Crow reported that there were four reported crimes during December 2007 which consisted of burglary, thief, wounding and neighbourhood dispute three of which were detected

CSO Crow also stated that Operation Shepherd which was designed to target troublesome youth behaviour proved to be a success.

Questions from the Public

03/01/08 – A member from Withnell Parish Council provided an article relating to the joint purchase of a smiley face speed deterrent showing various costs.

After discussion the members agreed that a further breakdown of costs was required before a decision to contribute was made

The Chairman said he would speak to the author to clarify certain issues and report to the members at the next meeting.

04/01/08 – It was reported to the members that the A674 had not been gritted on the 23rd December 2007 and the Clerk was requested to point this out to the Authority concerned.

Financial Report

05/01/08 – All accounts were accepted for payment with the following additions

A Wheale – Carol Service Refreshments - £43.12

R Smith – New Christmas tree Lights - £235.90

Councillors T Dickenson, R Wheale and K Berry declared an Interest in parts of the Financial Report

Budget/Precept 2008/9

06/01/08 – In view of potential further additional expenditure the Parish Council may have to find during the next financial year the Clerk was requested to provide scenarios to show what affect they would have on the final budget/ precept

The Clerk to circulate these to all members prior to the next meeting.

Traffic Issues

07/01/08 – The Chairman reported that he met with the Lancashire County Highways Officer regarding the traffic issues with the A674 Blackburn Road and that a report from them would be forwarded to the Clerk as soon as possible.

Parish Plan – Action Priorities

08/01/08 – The members listened to all the comments received by the Clerk from residents with regards to the removal of trees surrounding the Play Area.

It was decided that whilst the members valued the comments received from residents the members agreed that they needed to carry out its plans to have the trees felled in the interest of the safety and well being of the children and requested the Clerk to contact the residents again to inform them of their decision

It was also agreed that no felling would commence before all the residents affected had been notified

09/01/08 – A member of the Playground Working Group produced a sample plan of the proposed new playground layout which consisted of a similar layout to the current one with a few additional features.

It was agreed that the Working Group should produce proposed costs in writing to both Parishes for discussion at the next meeting.

Planning Matters

10/01/08 - 07/01289/FUL - Retrospective application for erection of shed/summerhouse 26 Meadow Street Wheelton

The members had no objections to this application

11/01/08 – All granted applications were noted without comment

Items for Consideration

12/01/08 - There were no questions asked regarding the Report on the Development Control & Probity meeting attended by Councillor Hayes

13/01/08 – The Biffa Action Group campaign was tabled and noted and it was decided that further discussion on the campaign would take place when all members were present (*The Chairman declared an Interest in this subject*)

14/01/08 – It was agreed that the replacement Parish Council Mentoring Officer for Wheelton would be acceptable to members

15/01/08 – Members agreed to lend their support to the SELRAP (Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership)

Items for Information

16/01/08 – .The Chairman will consider attending the Chairmanship Workshop 4th March 2008.All other items were noted

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th January 2008