

The Chairman to formally introduce the new Parish Councillor – John Fowler

Minutes of 894th Meeting -Wheulton Parish Council, Monday 12th May 2008

Present – Councillors T Dickenson R Wheale R Scambler, S Monaghan N Hayes K Berry

Councillor T Dickenson having vacated the Chair the meeting opened with the election of Officers for 2008/9

Chairman – Councillor R Wheale

Vice-Chairman – Councillor T Dickenson

LAPTC Chorley Area Committee representatives - Councillors N Hayes T Dickenson (Substitutes – Councillors S Monaghan and K Berry)

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee representative – Councillor S Monaghan

Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trustees - Councillor R Wheale and Mrs D Gorton

Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust Trustees - Councillors R Wheale and T Dickenson

Playground Working Group Representatives- Councillors S Monaghan and R Wheale

Tree Warden – Parish Clerk

Press Officer - Councillor T Dickenson

Communications Co-coordinators - Councillors T Dickenson and S Monaghan

Wheelton Web Site Co-coordinator – Parish Clerk

Minutes of Meeting held on 7th April 2008

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies received

Matters Arising

56/05/08 – There were no matters arising

Clerks Report

57/05/08 – Dog Fouling – Chorley Council informed the Clerk that they had successfully issued a fixed penalty on a dog fouler on Kenyon Lane. They also wanted to confirm the location of the extra waste bin required on Whins Lane. The members asked the Clerk to contact British Waterways to explore the possibility of locating a bin on the area adjacent to the Leeds Liverpool Canal before they reply to the Council

68/05/08 – Traffic A674- the Clerk reported that Alan Capstick was now the Councils liaison Officer at Lancashire County Council and that he would be willing to attend a public meeting regarding traffic an issue providing his line manager approves. Prior to the meeting a representative from LCC supplied draft plans for traffic calming on the A674 which copies were distributed to all members for their comments. It was also decided that that a copy should be placed

on the website, Notice boards and in the next newsletter. Councillor Dickenson will also give a copy to the A674 residents group

69/05/08 – Police – The clerk informed the meeting that PC Evans had replied stating PCSO Andy Crow had left he is covering the area on his own so attendance at the meetings would depend on shift patterns. To address this he will forward monthly newsletter to the Clerks giving the crime statistics for each Parish and it is his intention to attend parish meeting whenever possible. The members asked the Clerk to write to Sgt. D Brown to inform him that although this is an improvement on no report each month face to face contact for parish members and the residents who attend is beneficial for all parties.

Police Report

70/05/08 – The Clerk informed the meeting at there two serious crimes reported in Wheelton during April 2008 these being stolen power tools and lead flashing from property on Whins Lane and a quantity of forced bank notes were passed at the newsagents in Higher Wheelton

Questions from the Public

71/05/08 – It was decided that the Clerk to reply to letter received from resident regarding these items – cleaning of pavements-location of business signs – tyre storage and general litter

The Clerk was instructed to also to speak to Chorley Council regarding the pavement cleaning and litter – check with Lancashire County Council on the up to date situation regarding the business signs and write to the garage regarding the old tyre storage

72/05/08 – The clerk was requested to follow up the question raised about the railings on Blackburn Road to determine the exact statement made by Lancashire County Council

Financial Report

73/05/08 – All accounts were approved and signed

74/05/08 – It was requested that the Clerk should also show the committed expenditure when stating the balance at the bank

Parish Councillor Vacancy

75/05/08 – It was agreed that Mr Fowler being the only applicant should be invited to join the Parish Council. Councillor Dickenson will conduct an informal induction with assistance from the Clerk on the formal requirements.

Standards Board – Register of Members Interest

76/05/08 – The Clerk distributed the new forms to each member and requested they return the completed forms to him at the next meeting. It was also agreed that the ‘Declaration of any Interests’ paragraph used by Chorley Council should be

adopted and will appear on the agenda front page for future meetings. The members were informed of the date and venue of further training on this subject

Land on Victoria Street

77/05/08 – It was decided to decline the proposals from local residents to maintain this piece of land as this is covered under the Enhancing Wheelton Project. The Clerk was instructed to include the item on the next Parish meeting agenda and to also check the lease with Chorley Council to establish what the area of land is included in the lease

Planning Matters

78/05/08 - 08/00324/FUL – Harbour Farm Harbour Lane The members recorded that they had some concerns over the extra volume of traffic this may create and whether there were any line of sight problems

79/05/08 - 08/00258/OUT- Former Victoria Mill Building SW of 23 Millbrook Close – Although outline planning permission had been granted the members still have concerns over this application including the parking issues and instructed the Clerk to obtain further information from the Borough Council Planning Officer dealing with this application

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd June 2008