

Minutes of 905th Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 11th May 2009

Present:

Councillors Wheale (Chair), Dickenson, Berry, Fowler. Wood
Also present - Various members of the public

Councillor Dickenson informed the meeting that he had taken up the post of Moderator for Assessment and Qualification Alliance

Councillor R Wheale having vacated the Chair the meeting opened with the election of Officers for 2009/10

Chairman – Councillor R Wheale

Vice-Chairman – Councillor T Dickenson

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

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee representative – Councillor R Wheale

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 N Hayes and R Wheale
Tree Warden – Councillor J Fowler – assisted by the Parish Clerk

Press Officer - Councillor T Dickenson

Communications Co-coordinators - Councillors T Dickenson and G Wood

Wheelton Web Site Co-coordinators – Councillor G Wood and the Parish Clerk

Minutes of Meeting held on 6th April 2009

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence

Councillors – N Hayes and R Scambler

Matters Arising

233/05/09 – There were no matters arising from the minutes

Clerks Report

234/05/09 – The Clerk informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee will hold their Annual General meeting on 17th June 2009 and that a meeting with Heapey Parish council should be arranged for July 2009 to discuss future donations based on the financial statement from that meeting

The member agreed that the clerk contact Heapey with a view to arranging a joint meeting prior to the Wheelton Parish meeting on 6th July 2009

235/05/09 – Dog Fouling – The Clerk asked the members to clarify which areas required Chorley Borough Council's No Dog Fouling posters and if there was any other Dog Waste bins required. The members gave the following areas for targeting- Whins Lane – Millbrook Close – Victoria Street and Blackburn Road and that we should explore whether a waste bin should be sited in Higher Wheelton either adjacent to the notice board or corner of Jenny Lane/Bett Lane

Police Report

236/05/09 – In the absence of a representative from the police there was no report available

Questions from the Public

237/05/09 – The questions posed by the public involved Parking Issues and Enhancing Wheelton Project which will be dealt with under separate heading below

Financial Report

238/05/09 – The Annual governance statement for the Annual Return of Accounts required for external audit purposes was signed by the Chairman after approval of all members

239/05/09 – All accounts presented for payment were approved

Village Parking Issues

240/05/09 – Councillor Dickenson reported on the recent meeting between members and residents on the proposals Lancashire County Council were putting forward for consultation

It was agreed that the proposals for the major part of Victoria Street would be acceptable the other areas would need further consideration

It was pointed out to the members that there had been instances where the buses using the route through the village – especially Victoria Street had been over the speed limit at various intervals

The members asked the Clerk to contact the bus companies using this route to inform them of the parking proposals and to make them aware of the speeding incidents

Enhancing Wheelton

241/05/09 – The Clerk read out a letter from Chorley Council regarding the Land on Victoria Street stating that they would prefer the tree on the site be pruned /lopped instead of removing and that they would like to see the plans for the refurbishment showing the location of the bench

The Clerk was instructed to forward the sketch drawn up by Councillor Dickenson and to also explain why we wanted the tree removed

A resident who had a business adjacent to the site stated that they were against having a bench in the area on the ground that its use may be abused

The members pointed out that this was on a trial basis only and would be monitored at regular intervals

242/05/09 – Councillor Dickenson stated he had finally met with Mr Hodge from Community Futures regarding the plans for the upgrade of the Playground and that funds could be available but we must first register as a charity trust and to try and involve more of the community.

If funding was acquired then the Parishes would not need to donate anything Councillor Dickenson stated that we need to confirm the Playground Working Group members for Heapey following recent changes in members and that the deadline for any funding would be October 2009

Planning

243/05/09 – There were no applications to be consider at the time of the meeting and the granted applications were noted

Items for Consideration

244/05/09 – The Clerk informed the meeting that in future any items deemed to be of a confidential nature must be the last item on the agenda and must state the relevant section of the Local Government Act to which the item refers

The members will then pass a resolution as to whether the press and public need to be excluded

Councillor Dickenson declared an interest in this item

245/05/09 – The members were asked to consider what we could do to promote the Digital TV changeover in the autumn

Digital Outreach through Age Concern is providing grants for associations who are prepared to organize an event to promote this.

Councillor Dickenson would provide literature about the subject at the next meeting for consideration

Items for Consideration

246/05/09 – All items were noted

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 1st June 2009