

Minutes of 927th Meeting -Wheulton Parish Council, Monday 9th May 2011

Present:

Councillors Dickenson (Chair) Wheale, Berry, Scambler, Fowler, Hayes
Borough Councillors C France and A Hansford

Councillor Dickenson having vacated the Chair the meeting opened with the election of Officers for 2011/2012

Chairman – Councillor T Dickenson

Vice-Chairman – Councillor R Wheale

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee representative – Councillor R
Wheale and T Dickenson – on an interim basis

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

(Change for next AGM to Playground Trust)

Communications Co-ordinators –Councillors T Dickenson and J Fowler

Press Officer - Councillor T Dickenson

Tree Warden – Councillor J Fowler assisted with Parish Clerk

Minutes of Meeting held on 4th April 2011

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Apologies for Absence

None.

Matters Arising

546/05/11 – Borough Councillor A Hansford apologises omitted from minutes.

Clerks Report

547/05/11 – The Clerk reported that the Annual Accounts for 2010/11 had been internally audited and sent to the external auditors and there were no matters arising from the internal audit.

548/05/11 – The clerk reported that the 20mph was still on the agenda at the Highways Department – However the Borough Councillors questioned whether this was only for certain periods during the day and asked the Clerk to confirm the situation with the County Council.

549/05/11 – The Clerk informed the meeting that there was no obligation for the Parish to advertise for his replacement only that they had to employ a Clerk
It was decided to discuss the issue of advertising at the July meeting.

Police Report

550/05/11 – In the absence of Police presence the Clerk read out the report as follows.

Although not directly in the Parish - On the 9th April cash was stolen from an unattended handbag on the towpath of the canal nr to the Top Lock. Please be cautious with personal possessions when out during the summer.

Questions from the Public

551/05/11 – The Clerk read out a letter received from the Children of Higher Wheelton requesting a playground – The members obviously had sympathy with the children and decided that if a plot of land was found to be suitable they would look into this for a play area – regarding their other request of a Fish & Chip shop was unfortunately outside the Parish Councils powers.

552/05/11 – The Clerk was asked to contact British Waterways regarding their policy of providing dog waste bins on the tow path.

553/05/11 – The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department regarding the latest position with the H bar restriction lines for Stable Lane.

Financial Report

554/05/11 – All accounts were authorised for payment with an additional account for EON – War Memorial Electricity - £52.09 was also authorised.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Precept for 2011/12 for £11130.00 had been deposited into the Parish account.

Three Tier Forum

555/05/11 – The Chair outlined the need for equal representation on the Forum as proposed by Charnock Richard Parish Council – this was agreed and the Clerk asked to reply to the LALC accordingly.

H&W Playground Trust

556/05/11 – The Clerk stated he was still waiting for a reply from Heapey Parish regarding the official opening of the Play ground and it was therefore agreed to raise the matter again at the next meeting.

Planning Matters

557/05/11 – The members had no objections to the three applications and noted that the Golden Lion application had been withdrawn.

Items for Information

558/05/11 – The Clerk was asked to circulate the Chorley Councils Residential Parking Provision – Proposed Interim Policy to all members for comment

559/05/11 – The Letter from the Royal Bank of Scotland regarding the sale to Santander was noted.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th June 2011.