

Minutes of 892nd Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 3rd March 2008

Present - Councillors T.Dickenson, R Wheale, K.Berry, R Scambler, S Monaghan
Also Present – Mr A Docherty Parish Mentoring Officer and two members of the public (one resident and one visitor)

Minutes of Meeting held on 4th February 2008

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Apologies for Absence – Councillor N.Hayes

Borough Cllrs I Smith and S Smith

The Chairman introduced Andy Docherty who will act as Wheelton Parish Mentoring Officer

Mr Docherty explained the role of the Standards Board Committee and its functions. The members responded by requesting further training dates should be arranged which Mr Docherty said he would look into this and it would almost certainly be possible after the May Elections

Matters Arising

26/03/08 – The dog waste bins on Whins Lane have to be larger and an extra one will be required as requested - Clerk to pursue with Chorley Council.

Clerks Report

27/03/08 – Dog Fouling - Chorley Council has now received a supply of larger bins and will replace the necessary ones on the areas requested by the Parish.

They will also monitor the emptying cycle currently at twice a week.

Following the complaint from the Public at the last meeting CBC arranged a letter drop to residents and the Clerk was informed of two culprits who were given to CBC to act upon – I believe a personal visit was to be arranged.

28/03/08 – Traffic Issues A674 – Mr Clayton from LCC Highways Department reported that following a meeting at the Chorley Traffic Liaison in January it was decided that a local safety scheme for the whole of the 30mph stretch for the co-op bend be included for consideration in next years budget. He did however point out that such schemes are in competition with others and that successful funding could not be guaranteed.

29/03/08 – Tree Felling - I have now received the go ahead from CBC to carry out the felling – I will contact the contractor to firm up a date and then inform residents of Mill Street of when the work will be carried out.

Police Report

30/03/08 – In the absence of a representative from the Police no report was available.

Questions from the Public

31/03/08 – There were no questions from the public in attendance.

Financial Report

32/03/08 – The members decided not to enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition this year but did not rule out future entry into the competition when the Enhancing Wheelton Project was completed.

Councillors Scambler and Berry declared an interest in the Berry Account

33/03/08- The three accounts for payment were accepted.

Parish Plan – Action Priorities

34/03/08 – The Playground Working Group reported that they are to apply for Charity Status as well as requesting financial support from the Heapey & Wheelton Charity Trust. It was also proposed that they should arrange funding nights throughout the villages to assist with the financial commitment and advertise the proposals in the newsletter and on the website.

Advertising Signs – A674& Victoria Street Wheelton

35/03/08 – The members read the letter from the Lancashire County Council regarding the A signs and it was decided that whilst having no objections to local businesses advertising the council have the following reservations.

(a) That the A signs are maintained by the proprietors and taken down after close of business hours.

(b) They are secured correctly because there have been occasions when the signs have been blown over onto footpaths during strong windy days.

(c) What was the situation regarding planning permission for the boards and that LCC should confirm this when they communicate with the owners of the boards.

(d) That the Parish Council intends to monitor the situation over the coming weeks.

It was also requested that the members should look at setting up a Business Club which was part of the Parish Plan Priorities at the next meeting.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

36/03/08 – Following the Electoral Procedures with regards to the vacancy of a Parish Councillor there was no request for an election and therefore the Parish could go ahead and arrange to co-opt a replacement.

It was decided that the post would be initially advertised on the notice boards and prominent business premises in the newsletter and on the website.

Planning Matters

37/03/08 - 08/00083/TPO – Pruning of Oak Trees covered by TPO 10 Wheelton Flash Green Farm Cottage Jenny Lane.

The Council had no objections to make on this application.

Items for Consideration

38/03/08 – The members agreed that they are of a similar opinion to Euxton Parish Council regarding the S106 Agreements and requested the Clerk to convey this to the clerk of Euxton Parish Council.

Items for Information

39/03/08 – The C& S.R V S – Local Compact Event passed to Cllr Monaghan

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th April 2008