

Minutes of 903rd Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 2nd March 2009

Present:

Councillors Wheale (Chair), Dickenson, Scambler, Berry, Fowler.
Also present Borough Cllr I Smith PCSO Mike Jones
Residents Group Members G Wood and M Ostick

Minutes of Meeting held on 9th February 2009

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence

Councillor N Hayes

Matters Arising

202/03/09 – Councillor Dickenson stated that the meeting with Mr Hodge – Community Futures – regarding Playground Trust matters would now be arranged for the end of March

Clerks Report

203/03/09 - Dog Fouling – Chorley Council are arranging for a representative to patrol the areas and will also arrange for a mobile CCTV van to cover when available

Councillor Fowler supplied a sample notice to be fixed to lamp posts regarding dog fouling and the members asked the Clerk to forward this to the local authority to check the legality of its contents before further action is taken

204/03/09 - Parish Councillor Vacancy – The Clerk informed the members that the official notices had been posted on website and notice boards and if no request for election was received by the local authority by 6th March the Parish Council can commence filling the vacancy by cooption

Police Report

205/03/09 – PCSO Jones reported that there had been four recorded crimes during February – a JCB was taken from a development site on Whins Lane and three vehicles had been broken into on Kenyon Lane and Victoria Street
He reminded the members to contact them if they see anything suspicious no matter how trivial

Questions from the Public

206/03/09 – The question from the public is covered under the A674 Traffic Management heading

Financial Report

207/03/09 – The accounts for payment were passed and the Clerk indicated that an item needed to be added to the income account for £170.29 from Lancashire County Council for Grass Cutting during 2008

The Clerk also pointed out to the members that the balance in the deposit account included £3000 which was earmarked for the Playground Trust Committee

A674 Traffic Management

208/03/09 – The Clerk and Cllr Dickenson stated that they had not received any further information from Lancashire County Highways Department

The residents group stated they were frustrated at the lack of action from this department after agreeing that the basic plan suggested by the Highways Department had been accepted and that according to them the funding had been allocated to this project

Borough Cllr I Smith suggested that the Clerk write to the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group to see what pressure can be applied and Cllr Dickenson stated he would contact the County Councillor responsible for this area

Sand Quarry

209/03/09 - This item was of a confidential nature as agreed in May 2006 and therefore the public and press were excluded – report for members at the back of the agenda

Garden Maintenance Contract

Councillors Scambler and Berry declared an interesting this matter and left the meeting

210/03/09 – The Clerk reported that he had received three quotations for the 2009/11 contract. The Clerk outlined the quotations from the three contractors and it was unanimously decided that S.Berry would be awarded the Garden Maintenance contract for the period 2009/11

The Clerk to write and offer the contract to S Berry and also to the unsuccessful contractors

Village Parking Issues

211/03/09 – Cllr Dickenson outlined the history of parking issues that have been a problem for many years and now it is getting worse.

The Police stated that they were also looking into the problem and would be monitoring the situation closely. Meanwhile it was decided that the Clerk should write to the Local Area Committee via Cllr P Case to officially highlight the problem which have been published in the Parish Plan and Wheelton Business Plans submitted to LCC in 2004

Planning

212/03/09 - 09/00067/FUL Erection of a stable building, sand paddock and relocation of existing field shelter (resubmission of 08/324/FUL)

Land Opposite Harbour Farm Harbour Lane Wheelton

The members have no objections to this application providing the temporary stables are removed. They would still have reservations on traffic/pedestrian issues but otherwise no objections

213/03/09 - 09/00081/FUL Erection of a post and panel shed to the rear of the village hall - Heapey & Wheelton Village Hall West View Wheelton

The members have no objections to this application

214/03/09 – The Clerk introduced an additional application for –

09/00130/FUL - Erection of two detached dwellings and one detached single garage - Former Victoria Mill Building 10m South West Of 23 Millbrook Close Wheelton The members asked the Clerk to contact the Planning Section to verify that this application was in accordance with the outline planning permission in so far as the garages being one external and the other internal and to also check whether the owners would be responsible for the maintenance of the land leading to Blackburn Road

Items for Consideration

215/03/09 – All items were noted

216/03/09 – The Clerk was asked to clarify with the local authority whether the contractors working on Whins Lane were responsible for cleaning up as the road was becoming very untidy in that area

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th April 2009