

Minutes of 899th Meeting -Wheleton Parish Council, Monday 3rd November 2008

Present – Councillors R Wheale (Chairman) T Dickenson R Scambler, K Berry J Fowler N Hayes

Also Present – Borough Councillor I Smith and PC Chris Evans

Minutes of Meeting held on 6th October 2008

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence

Councillor S Monaghan

Matters Arising

142/11/08 – Clerk was requested to contact Chorley Council regarding leaves blocking gullies on Whins Lane

143/11/08 – Clerk asked to report to Lancashire County Council that the road sign on Victoria Street had not yet been repaired. The members also requested the Clerk keep a log of the number of times this had been reported during the last few months

Clerks Report

144/11/08 – Parking Restrictions on Victoria St – The Clerk reported that he had contacted all parties involved and had received replies from all except the Police Lancashire County Council was having a Road Safety Forum meeting on the 7th November which Councillor Pat Case asked Alan Capstick from LCC to bring the matter to their attention. She also informed the Clerk that failing any positive response she would report to the next Lancashire Local meeting

It was also stated that refuse bins on Albert Street were causing an obstruction - not moved before and after emptying - and that Councillor Hayes would speak to residents to check whether they were having problems moving them and inform them if they wished they could receive assistance

The Clerk was also asked to check whether the parking bay lines at the Furniture shop on Blackburn Road were painted legally by the Highways Department

Police Report

145/11/08 – PC Evans stated there had only been two recorded crimes in the village during October both relating to vehicle damage – one on Meadow Street being scratched on the side – the other on A674 where a windscreen wiper was snapped off

Councillor Dickenson thanked the police for all their help during the race on Sunday

Financial Report

Councillor T Dickenson declared an Interest in accounts referring to Village Hall

146/11/08 - All accounts were approved and authorised for payment. The Village Hall donation was increased to £2000.00 to accommodate 2007/8 and 2008/9 agreed donation amounts. There was one additional account passed for payment that being £28.20 to EON for war Memorial electricity

147/11/08 – The members discussed the suggestion by Heapey Parish Council to add an extra £150.00 to the Christmas tree lights budget but decided that as there was still a surplus of lights there was no need to purchase any more

Budget/Precept 2009/10

148/11/08 – The Clerk went through the current budget situation and the proposals for the Parish Precept requirements for 2009/10 bearing in mind the garden Maintenance contract was due for review in 2009 and the rising costs of goods and services. The members debated the figures in detail and unanimously agreed that due the current situation regarding financial restrictions the 2009/10 precept should remain the same as 2008/9 and that any increase in costs should be met from the reserves fund therefore the 2009/10 precept would be £10815

Sand Quarry

149/11/08 - 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

Heapey&Wheelton Playground Trust

150/11/08 – Councillor Dickenson stated that the Trust were still waiting a meeting to discuss the trustee situation which will hopefully be concluded before the next meeting

Enhancing Wheelton Project

151/11/08 – The Clerk informed the meeting that the cost for stump grinding on the land on Victoria Street would be £50.00 which brings the total cost of tree felling and stump grinding to £200.00 .The members accepted this and requested that the Clerk now inform the affected residents of the Councils intentions to see if there are any objections to be considered before the work is carried out

Planning Matters

152/11/08 – The application for Agricultural prior notification for extensions to existing agricultural building at 500 Blackburn Road Wheelton was according to Chorley Council for information only and that the work would be carried out and that no comments would be necessary

Items for Consideration

153/11/08 – Councillor Dickenson will attend the Central Lancashire Preferred Core Strategy Consultation – Key document in the new planning system seminar
154/11/08 – The Clerk to check that Wheelton is registered with LCC – Review of the registers of Common Land & Town & Village Greens

Items for Information

155/11/08 – All items for information were noted

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 1st December 2008