

## **The 849<sup>th</sup> meeting of Wheelton Parish Council was held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004**

Present: Councillor R Wheale – Vice-Chairman  
Councillors K Berry, N Hayes, A Mohamet, S Monaghan and R E Scambler  
Also present Borough Councillor Mrs I Smith  
Mr Steve Scott – Assistant Contracts Manager, Waste Management Group, LCC.

### **Household Waste Recycling Centre Permit Scheme**

29/3/04 Councillor Wheale introduced Steve Scott to the meeting. Steve then gave a detailed account of the reasons for the introduction of the permit scheme. The 3 main reasons were:

- i. Prevention of illegal deposits of commercial/trade waste
- ii. Reduce congestion at HWRC's
- iii. Increase safety at HWRC's.

He stressed that commercial or trade waste is not accepted at any HWRC.

Any van, commercial type vehicle (eg pickup, flatback etc) or twin axle trailer requires a permit to access a HWRC. Only one visit a month (per household) is permitted for any waste type other than "kitchen" recyclables. A re-usable permit is permitted for "kitchen" recyclables which include green garden waste, cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles, cardboard and newspapers/magazines.

Questions were asked about the available methods of disposal of small quantities of commercial or trade waste. The lack of facilities was causing hardship to small businesses. Steve explained that there were a number of commercial sites, but some of these had minimum weight restrictions. He offered to forward a list of all local sites for general information. Councillor Wheale thanked him for attending the meeting and giving a very interesting talk.

### **Minutes of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2004**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **Minutes of Joint meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2004**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record with the following amendments and insertions:

Top of page 1 should read 2<sup>nd</sup> February not 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Page 1 – Old Sand Quarry – line 6 – after Funds insert – from Heapey and Wheelton Charitable Trust.

### **Apologies for absence**

Councillor T Dickenson  
Borough Councillor C Howard  
Sgt K Evans – Lancs Constabulary

### **Matters Arising**

30/3/04 None.

### **Police Report**

31/3/04 PS Evans sent his apologies but would be unable to attend the meeting. There was little crime in the area to report. Inspector Edmondson has put in a bid for a Community Beat Manager for the Wheelton area. Sgt Evans will shortly be leaving the Wheelton area and Councillors sent their thanks for his co-operation and assistance during his stay and best wishes for the future. Clerk to write to Inspector Edmondson about future representation at Parish Council meetings as it was quite some time since any police representative had been present.

32/3/04 Concern was expressed about the spate of recent accidents at the junction of the A674 and B6228. These were due to the uncertainty about which movement has priority at this junction. Representations had been made in the past for this crossing to be replaced by a roundabout and in the light of recent accidents it is felt that this would be the best possible solution. Clerk to write to LCC.

### **Questions from Public**

33/3/04 A request has been received for a traffic sign "No Through Road" to be exhibited on Blackburn Road, Wheelton at the junction with Meadow Street. Difficulties are being caused by an increasing number of vehicles entering the road and having to reverse out for quite a distance. There is already a "No Through Road" sign at the junction with Victoria Street but this is not very prominently displayed and is often missed by drivers. Clerk to request LCC to provide an additional sign.

### **Financial Report**

34/3/04 The financial report was approved with the following additional items:  
Credit – Chorley Borough Council – Amenity grant - £1400.00

#### Accounts

Lancashire Youth Association – donation - £25.00

Best Kept Village Competition – fee - £10.00

35/3/04 In June 2003, Chorley Borough Council Leisure Services wrote to say they had some funds available for the development of Parish amenities. An application was submitted but nothing further was heard. Clerk to enquire what the current position is.

### **Planning Matters**

35/3/04 There were no objections to the following planning applications providing the work is in keeping with the local environment:

No. 9/04/00088/FUL – Erection of conservatory – Ryebank House, 2 Whins Lane.

No. 9/03/00320/FUL – Two storey side extension – 8 Briers Brow

No. 9/04/00158/FUL – Erection of rear conservatory – Lower Simpson Fold Farm.

No.9/03/00896/FUL – Demolition of existing workshops and construction of building to house games room, gymnasium and storage areas – Sitchcroft Farm, Brown House Lane. Clerk to query with Chorley Borough Council Planning if the work is being carried out in accordance with the planning application granted.

36/3/04 Clerk to write to Chorley Borough Council planning expressing the Parish Council's concerns about the affects of the Windfall Housing Developments – Interim Supplementary Planning Guidance, on small builders and developers.

### **Old Sand Quarry**

37/3/04 No further progress to report.

### **Parish Plan**

38/3/04 A meeting to form a steering committee was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February. It was agreed that Tammy Smith, Community Futures would be invited to the next meeting which will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8.0pm in the Village Hall. A programme for the setting up of a questionnaire will be purchased from the Green Centre, Eccleston and amended to meet our needs. Members will be circulated with a list of possible methods to reach all parishioners so that this may be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Wheelton Web Site**

39/3/04 Despite all efforts, the site is not yet up and running. The latest date has been set for the end of March.

### **Buckingham Palace Garden Party 13<sup>th</sup> July 2004**

40/3/04 It was agreed that Councillor Hayes would be nominated to LAPTC for inclusion in the ballot for invitations to the Royal Garden Party.

### **Lancashire Youth Association – Appeal**

41/3/04 It was agreed that a donation of £25 would be made.

### **Items for information**

42/3/04 Noted with the following additional items:  
Standards Board – Local investigation of allegations of misconduct  
Chorley Borough Council – Windfall Housing Development guidance  
LCC – Parish Partnership on Highway issues  
Best Kept Village Competition – entry forms  
Ron McCombe – notice boards  
Record – playground equipment  
CPRE – literature and raffle tickets  
Chorley and South Ribble Voluntary Services – literature  
Chorley Borough Council – Reports for Council meeting 24/2/04

43/3/04 The joint newsletter is almost ready for publication. It is hoped to have it ready for distribution before the end of March.

44/3/04 As the Parish Council is to enter the Best Kept Village Competition this year, sponsors are needed to provide hanging baskets in the village to supplement those already provided by members of the public. Kim Wisdom to be approached for sponsorship from the LWT.

45/3/04 Enquiries are still being made for suppliers of suitable bark for use as a safety surface in the children's playground.

### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2004 after joint meeting with Heapey PC at 7.30pm.