

## **The 847<sup>th</sup> meeting of Wheelton Parish Council was held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2004**

Present: Councillor T Dickenson – Chairman  
Councillors K Berry, A Mohamet, S Monaghan, R E Scambler and R Wheale

### **Minutes of meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **Apologies for absence**

Borough Councillors C Howard and I Smith  
PS K Evans – Lancs Constabulary

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing all present a Happy and Prosperous New Year. He thanked Councillor and Mrs Wheale for organising the refreshments on Christmas Eve for the "Carols around the Tree".

### **Matters Arising**

1/1/04 Councillor Mohamet reported on the "New Councillors and Clerks" course he attended on 6<sup>th</sup> December. He gained some very useful information, but was disappointed that two speakers covering risk assessment and audit did not turn up. They only dropped out at the last minute when it was too late to cancel the course. The Clerk was instructed to complain to the organisers and ask for a refund on the £50 fee paid.

### **Police Report**

2/1/04 Sgt Exans sent his apologies as he had to attend a course. A letter has been received from Inspector Edmondson informing the Parish Council that she would be making further bids to place additional Community Beat Managers in other Parishes throughout Wheelton and Coppul sectors in the next financial year subject to funding.

### **Questions from Public**

3/1/04 Mr P Archer, 1 West View, still wishes to build a garage at the rear of his property which would encroach on the right of way to the rear of the village hall. He approached the Chairman who informed him that as custodial trustees, the Parish Council had a duty to protect the access rights of the village hall and would oppose any building that did so. Mr Archer insists that he does not need planning permission and we are awaiting a decision from the Planning Officer at Chorley Borough Council.

### **Financial Report**

4/1/04 The financial report was agreed with the following additional items.  
Credits – Royal Bank of Scotland – interest - £18.27  
Account – CPRE – membership fee - £25.00

5/1/04 The Chairman reported that Chorley Borough Council had approached him about future projects funded by "Awards for all". He will consult with local young people before a decision is made.

6/1/04 Parish Precept 2004/05 – The additional annual amount to be added to a Band D Council Tax for properties in the Parish is £23.429. This represents an increase over 2003/04 of 5.26%.

## **Planning Matters**

7/1/04 No. 9/03/01326/FUL – Erection of stables – Marlpit Hillock Farm, Harbour Lane, Wheelton.

The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds of vehicle access to the site. This is just off a dangerous bend and horses and vehicles would be at risk leaving the site. The proposed stables would also block the sight lines to the adjacent property. This stretch of road has been the subject of numerous complaints of speeding in the past.

8/1/04 No. 9/03/01132/FUL – Provision of stable block and sand paddock – Land opposite Jacobs Farm, Buckholes Lane, Wheelton.

This application has been approved by Chorley Borough Council Planning. The Parish Council noted the decision but are still opposed to the application on the grounds of the size of the development and on vehicle access and safety. Clerk to inform Chorley Borough Council planning of the Parish Council's continuing objections and also point out the inconsistency of the decision as other similar applications have been refused.

9/1/04 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, Wheelton.

This application has been approved by Chorley Borough Council Planning. It has been pointed out that the existing workshops have not been demolished and the other building has already been built.

## **Old Sand Quarry**

10/1/04 Councillor Dickenson reported that after speaking to Mr Handscombe, he is arranging meetings with Borough Councillors Cath Hoyle, John Wilson and Eric Bell to clarify the Executive Cabinet's decision and ensure they are in possession of all the facts. If, after the meetings, it is still needed, a business plan can be prepared. Representatives from Heapey and Whittle-le-Woods Parish Councils will be invited to attend.

11/1/04 Further complaints have been received about motorcycling on the quarry site. These have been passed on to the Police.

## **Parish Plan**

11/1/04 So far there have been four volunteers from Wheelton Parish to form a Steering Group. Councillors Dickenson, Mahomet and Monaghan and Mr Downes. A meeting with volunteers from Heapey Parish will be held shortly.

## **Wheelton Web Site**

12/1/04 The web site has not yet come on line. Delays are due to the holidays and some technical difficulties. It is hoped to be up and running before the end of January.

## **Boundary Committee – Draft Recommendations**

13/1/04 After discussion, it was agreed unanimously that in the event of a "yes" vote for a Regional Assembly, as there can be no "status quo" option that would leave the present two-tier structure in place, Wheelton Parish Council's preferred option is option iii.

## **Items for Information**

14/1/04 Noted.

Chorley Community Health Council – final report

Chorley Borough Council – Street Scene

Lancs Partnership – Draft strategic vision for the future of Lancashire

CPRE – Newsletter

Teece Solicitor – Transfer of licence – Off licence 412 Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton

#### LCC – Winter Gritting Routes

Bennett – Quotation for garden maintenance 2004 season – Quotation accepted. This will be their last season before retirement so a new contractor will be needed for the 2005 season.

Borough/Parish Council meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January. Councillors Dickenson and Mohamet to attend.

Dog Waste Bins – Councillor Dickenson to contact Leisure Services.

Christmas tree – Thanks to Mr & Mrs Trafford, 20 Deerfold, Astley Village for providing Christmas tree for War Memorial garden. Clerk to send a bouquet of flowers in appreciation.

A street light on the bypass has been lit all over the Christmas holidays – Clerk to report to LCC.

It has been reported that there is a lot of litter in Harbour Lane – Clerk to ask Chorley Borough Council to send the “hit squad” to clean it up.

It was reported that the wall in Blackburn Road towards the pedestrian access is collapsing – Clerk to report to LCC.

Complaints have been received about parking on Kenyon Lane in the vicinity of the Boatyard and the absence of street lighting – Clerk to request LCC to provide an additional street light.

The Mayor’s Ball will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2004. Clerk to book six tickets.

The Village Hall Committee are having problems with members of the public using the car park and village hall users not being able to gain access. They would like to hold a joint meeting with the Police and Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils as any decision to block access to members of the public will have an effect on nearby residents. It was agreed that a joint meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2004 at 7.30pm. Agenda items will be Village Hall Parking, Old Sand Quarry and Newsletters.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Joint Meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2004 at 7.30pm before the normal monthly meeting.