

The 850th meeting of Wheelton Parish Council was held on Monday 5th April 2004

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

Also present Borough Councillor Mrs I Smith

Minutes of meeting held on 1st March 2004

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Apologies for absence

Councillor N Hayes
Sgt K Evans – Lancs Constabulary

Matters Arising

46/4/04 A supplier of suitable bark for use as a safety surface in the children's playground has not yet been found. The search continues.

Police Report

47/4/04 PS Evans sent his apologies but would be unable to attend the meeting. March has been a quiet month for the Parish - 4 reported crimes. 1 theft, 1 vehicle crime, 1 going equipped to steal and 1 burglary.

48/4/04 Inspector Edmondson wrote that Sgt Evans was being replaced by Sgt Dave Brown, who would ensure contact with the Parish Council is maintained. The complaints about the junction A674/B6228 will be passed to Traffic Management who will liaise with LCC.

Questions from Public

49/4/04 None.

Financial Report

50/4/04 The financial report was approved with the following additional items:
Credit – Royal Bank of Scotland – interest - £16.95

Accounts:

Best Kept Garden Village Competition – fees - £10.00

LAPTC – annual subscription - £276.75

W A Geddes – cutting keys - £5.65

S Monaghan – printing newsletter - £87.00

J J Bennett – garden maintenance March – WM £47.00 + VG £110.00 = £157.00

M Livesey – web site fees - £527.46

51/4/04 The annual audit has been fixed for 30th June 2004. Clerk to write to the auditors asking for a breakdown of the proposed fees.

Planning Matters

52/4/04 No.9/04/00245 – Erection of porch to front, erection of garage and single storey extension to side and alterations to rear elevation – 48 Millbrook Close, Wheelton.

No objections providing the work is in keeping with the rest of the property. Chorley Borough Council Planning to be requested to impose the condition that the garage is to be for personal use only and not for commercial use.

53/4/04 Representations have again been made about the development at Sitchcroft Farm. The plans have been examined again and the following points will be raised with Chorley Borough Council planning:

1. Overdevelopment of the site
2. The proposed building is close to the main dwelling and could be classed as a satellite building
3. The opinions and comments of the Parish Council and immediate neighbours have been ignored.
4. It appears that an inspection of the development to confirm that the work is in keeping with the planning permission has not been carried out.

Old Sand Quarry

54/4/04 This item was fully discussed at the joint meeting with Heapey PC earlier in the evening. A meeting with Roger Handscombe to discuss the business plan will be held shortly.

Parish Plan

55/4/04 This item was fully discussed at the joint meeting with Heapey PC. It was agreed that Wheelton would be the lead council for the preparation of the Plan and all finance would pass through the Council's bank accounts and be administered by the Clerk.

Wheelton Web Site

56/4/04 The web site is now up and running. There are a few minor items to be adjusted but it looks very impressive. Congratulations were extended to Councillor Monaghan and the team, M Livesey and D Charlton, for all their hard work.

57/4/04 Councillor Monaghan reported that local businesses were supporting the project and with the revenue raised by advertising and a grant that had been made there was sufficient funds to cover maintenance costs for the next year. Setting up had cost a total of £1136, of which £81.08 has already been paid. The due balance, £1054.92, would be shared between Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils. A payment to M Livesey of £527.46 was approved.

Parish Newsletter

58/4/04 The joint Parish Newsletter has been printed and is ready for distribution. Councillors agreed to deliver certain areas and the newsletters were divided up. The Chairman thanked Councillor Monaghan for all the hard work she had put into preparing this edition. It is hoped to start work on the next edition shortly.

Training Course (New Councillors and Clerks) 10th July 2004

59/4/04 There was no nominations for attendance at this course.

Chorley Partnership –Visioning Workshop 20th April 2004

60/4/04 Interest was shown by some Councillors who will attend the workshop.

Chorley Community Safety Partnership – Additional Street Lighting

61/4/04 As there were no areas in the Parish that met the criteria laid down, no action was taken.

Items for Information

62/4/04 Noted with the following additional items:

Chorley Borough Council – Greenspaces strategy (Councillor Dickenson agreed to complete the questionnaire)

HLB AV Audit – 2004 auditors briefing

HLB AV Audit – 2004 audit date set for 30th June 2004

CPRE – Newsletter

Councillor Dickenson agreed to serve on the Village Hall Committee as the Parish Council representative.

Councillor Monaghan outlined change of ownership of Wheelton Nursery which would take place in July 2004. Certain alterations to the Village Hall accommodation would have to be made to meet the requirements of the new owners. This was still being negotiated.

Date of next meeting

Monday 10th May at 8.0pm. (This will be the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting).