

Minutes of 896th Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 7th July 2008

Present – Councillors R Wheale (Chairman) T Dickenson R Scambler, S

Monaghan K Berry J Fowler

Also Present Borough Councillors I Smith and S Smith

Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd June 2008

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies received

Matters Arising

94/07/08 – LAPTC have recommended to District Councils that planning applications which have a contentious nature should automatically be forwarded to the full council committee for consideration and not be debated under delegated powers. The Clerk was asked to acquire a fully explanation of the decision to debate the Victoria Mill application under delegated powers and also to write to the developers to express the views of the Parish Council and residents

Clerks Report

95/07/08 – Advertising Boards – The Clerk again wrote to Lancashire County Council asking for an update regarding the A Boards but was still awaiting a reply

96/07/08 – Sand Quarry – 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

Police Report

97/07/08 – In the absence of a representative from the Police the Clerk reported that he had been informed by them that there were no recorded crimes in Wheelton during July

Questions from the Public

98/07/08 – It was reported that an area of land behind Millbrook Close was being sold for property building purposes and the Clerk was asked to check the validity of this statement

Financial Report

99/07/08 – The members approved the purchase of the ‘No Dogs Allowed’ signs and requested the Clerk increase the quantity to five

100/07/08 – The additional payment of £660.00 for the renting of the Village Hall for 2006 and 2007 was accepted and approved for payment

Traffic Issues A674

101/07/08 – Councillor S Smith informed the meeting that the traffic calming signs were being funded by the Lancashire County Council

102/07/08 – It was agreed that a public meeting would be beneficial to all parties regarding the LCC Highways draft proposals on traffic calming measures for the

A674 Blackburn Road. The Clerk was requested to speak to the County Council to arrange this on the 26th August at 7.00pm. The Clerk was to invite County Councillor Pat Case

103/07/08 – The Clerk was also asked to check with the Highways about the repainting of yellow lines not carried out after recent resurfacing work

Local Postal Services

104/07/08 – The members were informed that the postal services in the village have been affected by Royal Mails rotation programme and mail was only being delivered very late in the day. Councillor Dickenson had written to Lindsay Hoyle MP informing him of the problem who in turn wrote to the Chief Executive of Royal Mail. The members agreed that they as a Parish Council should also write to the Chorley Royal Mail Depot Manager with copies going to the Chief Executive and MP stating their dissatisfaction of the service being provided and instructed the Clerk to follow up with letters to all

The LAPTC would also be expressing their views to all concerned

Enhancing Wheelton Project

105/07/08 – It was decided that the screening of the Playground where the trees have been removed should wait until the refurbishment of the Playground had been carried out

106/07/08 – The members referred comments on the Victoria Street plot of land until measurements of the area had been completed

Heapey&Wheelton Playground Trust

107/07/08 – The Playground Working Group reported that they had applied for Charity Status and Banking facilities had been set up They also reported that a substantial amount had already been raised and that further funds may be forthcoming after the promotion at the Village Fete from interested parties. The Clerk was requested to draw up a document stating that the donation of £3000.00 agreed by the council would be returned to the Parish Council in the event of the project not being successful.

Planning Matters

108/07/08 – The members had no objections to the following applications

08/00551/LBC - Listed Building Consent for a porch to the side elevation

Flash Green Farm Cottage Jenny Lane Higher Wheelton

08/00503/FUL - Erection of two storey rear extension

15 Victoria Street Wheelton

08/00617/FUL - Erection of ground floor bay window extension to front

Glendale 24 Bett Lane Higher Wheelton

109/07/08 – ***Councillor J Fowler declared an interest in this item***

The members had concerns regarding this application and requested the Clerk point this out to the Planning Services

08/00716/FUL – Demolish existing rear conservatory and erect a rear extension

10 Millbrook Close Wheelton

Items for Information

110/07/08 – Members noted the Code of Conduct Training

111/07/08 – It was agreed that Sue Carroll would be the Clerks liaison for the role of Tree Warden

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 1st September 2008