

Minutes of 895th Meeting -Wheulton Parish Council, Monday 2nd June 2008

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

Also Present Borough Councillor I Smith and PC C Evans

Minutes of Meeting held on 12th May 2008

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence

Councillor S Monaghan

Matters Arising

80/06/08 – Clerk to include an additional person to the Tree Warden appointment to assist him

Clerks Report

81/06/08 – Dog Fouling – The Clerk read out a reply from British Waterways concerning the Councils request for a waste bin placing on the canal side of the Whins Lane footpath which unfortunately was not encouraging however Borough Councillor S Smith informed the members that an extra bin was available from Chorley Council and he would contact either Councillor R Wheale or S Monaghan to establish the best location for the bin

82/06/08 – Victoria Mill Planning Application – The Clerk read the reply from Chorley Council-on the question of why this application was not determined at Development Control Committee – which stated the Development Control Chairs Brief and consultation with The Vice-Chair it was decided that the application could be dealt with under delegated powers

Borough Councillor I Smith volunteered to speak to the Council to clarify the facts of this

83/06/08 – 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

84/06/08 – PC Evans reported that there was only one recorded crime in the area during May that being the attempted theft of a security light in Withnell Fold PC Evans also informed the meeting that Inspector Roberts was now responsible for Policing matters in this area

Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the Public

Financial Report

85/06/08 - The Annual governance statement for the Annual Return of Accounts required for external audit purposes was signed by the Chairman after approval of all members

86/06/08 – *Councillors R Scamber and K Berry declared an interest for S Berry account*

Maintenance Fee account approved for payment – An additional account for WM electricity for £15.05 was also approved for payment

Traffic Issues A674

87/06/08 – The Parish Council agreed that the draft proposals on traffic calming supplied by Lancashire County Council at the last meeting would be a good starting point and requested that the Clerk to convey this to the Officers concerned. There was one query raised which concerned the signs on the footpath which the members thought may not be viable as the path may be not be wide enough to accommodate the structure.

No members of the residents group attended the meeting and would therefore need to forward their observations directly to the Highways Section.

The Clerk also to check with Councillor S Smith to clarify the situation with regards to the Smiley Face on whether it is for Wheelton only and not shared.

Enhancing Wheelton Project

88/06/08 – The members were requested to consider what type of screening should be used to replace the trees that were felled on the Playground which will be considered at the next meeting. The Clerk was also requested to contact the Maintenance Contractor for his observations.

89/06/08 – The Clerk showed the members a selection of “No Dogs” signs one of which was considered the best suited after the text was enlarged. The Clerk was instructed to see what costs would be involved in having the signs manufactured in plastic.

90/06/08 – The members discussed what was required to maintain the Land on Victoria Street and decided to bring ideas to the next meeting – The Clerk to ask the Maintenance Contractor for his thoughts.

It was agreed that at least a litter bin should be located there and both Councillors N Hayes and I Smith would pursue whether the Local Traders or Chorley Council would provide one.

Planning Matters

91/06/08 – The Clerk introduced the following Application for consideration 08/00477/FU1- Conversion of barn dwelling at Close Gate Farm-Buckholes Lane which the members had no objections.

Items for Information

92/06/08 - Councillor T Dickenson informed the meeting that the ribbons for the commemorative medals for the Villages Race anniversary will carry the names of the Parishes.

93/06/08 – All other items of information were noted.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th July 2008