

Minutes of 906th Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 1st June 2009

Present:

Councillors Wheale (Chair), Dickenson, Berry, Fowler, Wood, Hayes, Scambler
Also present – Stella Walsh – Standards Board Mentoring Officer
Two members of the public

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th May 2009

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies received

Matters Arising

247/06/09 – Cllr Dickenson informed the meeting that Parish Councils do not qualify for grants under the Digital TV Switchover scheme but we could liaise with the Village Hall Committee to obtain a grant award.

He also pointed out that it is responsibility of the landlord to upgrade the system and not the tenant as many people especially the older generation believe and we as a council should endeavour to bring this to the attention of the villagers however we can

Councillor Dickenson was acting in his role for Age Concern and declared an interest in this item

Standards Board Mentoring Officer

248/06/09 – Stella Walsh the Standards Boards appointed Mentoring Officer for Wheelton introduced herself giving a brief narrative of her role and that the Standards Board was there for assistance to the Parish Councils

She gave the members a contact name for Chorley Councils Standards Board local officer for future reference.

The Chairman thanked her for attending the meeting and invited her to stay for the remaining agenda

Clerks Report

249/06/09 – Dog Fouling – The Clerk reported that Chorley Council will begin a dog fouling initiative campaign on Wednesday & Thursday 10th / 11th June 2009 They hope to be accompanied by a representative from the Neighbourhood Policing Team for the area and will be targeting dog fouling hotspots throughout the day. These areas will also be targeted throughout that week by Neighbourhood Officers

The Clerk also informed the meeting that we according to Chorley Council could not acquire another Waste bin for Higher Wheelton and offered a litter bin instead The Chairman pointed out that the bin promised for Whins Lane should still be available and requested that the Clerk contact the Council to have that one relocated to Higher Wheelton

The Clerk also to check whether it was acceptable for people to use litter bins for dog waste

Police Report

250/06/09 - In the absence of a representative from the police there was no report available

Questions from the Public

251/06/09 – The Clerk on behalf of Blackburn Road resident read a letter concerning the excessive noise in the early hours from the Red Lion Public House asking if the council could assist in any way. The members suggested that the Clerk forward the letter to Heapey parish Council as the resident was in fact not a Wheelton resident but to also write to the landlord making him aware that we have had complaints – *Cllr Dickenson declared an interest in this item*

252/06/09 – *Cllr Wood declared an interest in this item and acted for the A674 residents*

The A674 Blackburn Rd residents group wished to know the latest position with regards to the Highways proposals for traffic calming

The Clerk indicated that the officer responsible was on leave until the 11th June 2009 but would in the meanwhile contact his superior to establish the following – When is the work to commence & were the amendments agreed with residents taken on board – Could the members have as promised a large map showing the agreed proposals

Financial Report

253/06/09 – All accounts presented for payment were approved

Cllr Scambler & Berry declared an interest in the S Berry Invoice

With regards to declaring an interest in this item the members asked the Mentoring Officer whether there was a necessity to declare an interest every time an invoice was due for payment

She suggested that the Clerk contact the Standards Board Officer for clarification

Village Parking Issues

254/06/09 – The Clerk informed the meeting that the Highways Officer dealing with this issue was on leave until 11th June 2009 when he will then clarify with him the agreed amendment to the proposals

The Clerk was also requested to obtain the Police report from PC Evans which matches the proposals preferred

The Clerk read out a letter received from Stagecoach stating they were pleased about the proposals and would instruct their drivers to observe the speed limit

The Clerk was also asked to investigate the prospect of a 20mph limit throughout the village

Enhancing Wheelton

255/06/09 – The Clerk informed the members that he had forwarded the plans for the Land on Victoria Street to Chorley Council and was still awaiting a reply – Officer on leave until 2nd June 2009

Cllrs Dickenson and Fowler would submit final recommendations for the members and residents to view at the next meeting

256/06/09 – H&W Playground Trust – The Clerk passed the Charity Trust Application forms to Cllr Dickenson who declared that until Heapey Parish appointed another trustee we could not complete the application

The Clerk was requested to contact Heapey Clerk to confirm the name of that trustee

Planning

257/06/09 – The members had no objections to the following applications
09/00317/FUL - Change of use of existing office and granny annex to single dwelling with workspace (live work unit), formation of associated residential curtilage and erection of timber domestic storage building in place of existing stables building -Whins Farm 5 Whins Lane

09/00344/FUL - Single storey side and rear extension.

400 Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton

258/06/09 – With regards to the Application –

09/00327/FUL - Erection of 1 detached and two semi-detached dwelling houses with single garages including one detached garage

Former Victoria Mill Building 10m South West Of 23 Millbrook Close

The owner and his architect attended the meeting and outlined the changes made to previous applications after consideration of residents and other observations After listening and debating with the owner the members agreed that whilst they had no objections to the development they have concerns over access on Millbrook Close which is already congested and instructed the Clerk to forward their comments to the Planning Authority

Cllr Fowler declared an interest in this item

Items for Consideration

259/06/09 – The clerk asked members what items they would want to place on the agenda for a joint meeting with Heapey Parish Council – if arrangement were made

They agreed on the following items

Village Hall Donations – Parking and Traffic Issues – Playground Trust

Items for Consideration

260/06/09 – The Clerk read out the Letter of thanks for donation from Victim Support

261/06/09 – It was mentioned that the Playground wall – especially the walkway to the Village Hall was in need of repair

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th July 2009 after Joint meeting – if arranged