

Minutes of 908th Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 7th September 2009

Present:

Councillors Wheale (Chair), Dickenson, Berry, Fowler.Wood.Hayes, Scambler
Also present – Borough Councillor Iris Smith

Two Members of the public

Minutes of Meeting held on 6th July 2009

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence

None

Matters Arising

274/09/09 – Cllr Hayes pointed out that it was not in the minutes at the last meeting that he received a query regarding the litter on the A674 and the question of employing a lengthsmen.

Following this it was substantiated that the Borough Council do litter pick in the area and that the employment of a lengthsmen would prove to costly for the Parish

Clerks Report

275/09/09 – **Trees on West View** – The Clerk contacted the Borough Council following a complaint with trees in that area. The Tree officers reply was as follows.

The Elms have grown out of the old stumps of ones cut down during the Dutch Elm plague in the late 70's.They are not big enough yet to overhang anything, so I'm not sure what people are complaining about. There is some discolouration of the leaves, but that may be down to an early autumn for them. I honestly don't think they are a problem at the moment. Best thing would be to leave them until spring and see how they leaf up. That will tell you for sure if they are infected or not

The Clerk was requested to contact the residents with the report

276/09/09 – Dog Waste - The Clerk was requested to obtain feed back from the Borough Council on the recent initiative campaign on dog fouling conducted in June

Police Report

277/09/09 – There was only one reported crime in the village during August which On 16th Aug a male was arrested in Higher Wheelton for possession of a bladed article, he was charged with the offence and is due to attend court in the near future

Questions from the Public

277/09/09 – There appears to be hogweed growing near the Dressers Arms (A674) The Clerk to contact Chorley Council to have them check the claim

278/09/09 – The refuse disposal team employed in the Millbrook Close area have damaged refuse containers The Clerk to report the incidents to the local council

279/09/09 – The fence on Blackburn Road is in a state of repair and in Higher Wheelton the repaired railings need painting and in the same location weeds are in need of attention – also on the A674 piles of grass cuttings have been left on the verge and could be a danger to both road and pathway users

The Clerk to report all to the local authority concerned

Financial Report

280/09/09 - The accounts presented were approved for payment with the following amendment The account for EON was amended after a meter reading to £27.66

A674 Traffic Management & Parking Issues

281/09/09 – It was reported that the planned traffic calming scheme had now been started by Lancashire Council Council

All members agreed that this was good news but asked the Clerk to continue to press the Highway Authority on the progress and when the scheme will be completed

Enhancing Wheelton

282/09/09 – Two residents from the Victoria Street area expressed their concerns on the siting of a bench on the land leased from Chorley Council –They were all in favour of the refurbishment of the land but considered the locating of a bench would lead to a degree of nuisance from customers of the nearby shops who would abuse it

It was pointed out to the residents that the proposals were only draft proposals and agreed to submit two further draft plans for the land one with a bench and one without .It was also agreed that these would feature in the next newsletter for general comment

Planning

283/09/09 - The members had no objections to the following applications

09/00623/FUL – Single Storey Extension – Triggs Barn Fishwick Lane

09/00571/TPO – Tree Pruning – 2 St Paul’s Close Wheelton

Items for Information

284/09/09 – All items were noted and passed to interested members

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5th October 2009