

The 841st meeting of Wheelton Parish Council was held on Monday 2nd June 2003

Present: Councillor T Dickenson – Chairman

Councillors K Berry, N Hayes, S Monaghan, R E Scambler and R Wheale

Also present: Borough Councillors C Howard and Mrs I Smith

Minutes of meeting held on 12th May 2003

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Apologies for absence

PC K Evans – Lancs Constabulary

Matters arising

126/6/03 All minute books up to the year 2000 have been lodged in the records office in Preston.

Police report

127/6/03 As there was no Police presence at the meeting, this item was held over.

Questions from Public

128/6/03 Repairs to the road surface on Buckholes Brow have been carried out.

Financial report

129/6/03 Financial report approved along with the following additional account:

JJ Bennett – garden maintenance – WM £42.00, VG £73.50, weed spray £15.00 = £130.50

130/6/03 Awards for All – Details of the proposed Young People's Summer Scheme for Wheelton have been released:

DJ Workshop cost £960.00

Sports cost £750.00

Film Making cost £750.00

Total cost £2460.00

131/6/03 The date of the annual audit for the year ended 31st March 2003 has been fixed for 26th August 2003.

Planning matters

132/6/03 There were no objections to the following application:

No. 9/03/00500/FUL

133/6/03 An additional application from Lancashire County Council has been received:

No. 09/03/0536 – To construct a control kiosk within the existing pumping station with fencing around the new facility and an upgraded vehicular access onto Kenyon Lane with associated hedgerow removal and gate – Bridge Street pumping station, Bridge Street, Wheelton.

Though the Parish Council recognise the need for this work, concern was expressed about the construction of the access road and how it would be maintained the number of trees that would have to be removed how much of the tank would be above ground.

134/6/03 A letter has been received from the Environment Directorate, Lancashire County Council in response to our letters dated 30th October 2002, 26th February 2003 and 27th March 2003 about the proposed closure of Blackburn Road. Feasibility studies and preliminary design work is being undertaken in respect of a number of options but the scheme

may not achieve a sufficiently high priority rating to be included in the 2003/04 programme. There would be a presumption in favour of a low-cost scheme which retained the right of passage for cyclists and pedestrians but there would be no commitment that the original width of the road will be able to be restored. Partial closure therefore remains an option under consideration.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should notify LCC that the Parish Council's preferred option was that the road should be repaired and restored to its original width. The contents of the letter to be given to affected residents of Blackburn Road so that they could voice their opinions to LCC.

Old Sand Quarry

135/6/03 A meeting with Heapey and Whittle-le-Woods Parish Councils has been arranged to discuss the commitment required to acquire the Sand Quarry. This will be held on Tuesday 8th July at 7.0pm in The White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Change to Standing Orders (Hours of Meeting)

136/6/03 After discussion, a formal resolution that "future meetings should commence at 8.0pm and end at 9.30pm" was passed unanimously.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

137/6/03 It was agreed that a leaflet drop around the Parish asking for volunteers to fill the vacancy would be carried out within the next few days. Councillor Dickenson agreed to have the leaflet printed.

Parish Plan

138/6/03 It was agreed that the Parish Council would advertise for volunteers to serve on the Steering Group.

Wheulton Web Site

139/6/03 Work is progressing on setting up the site though there is still a lot of work to do. It is hoped a draft text will be submitted to Parish Councillors for approval within the next four weeks. The Borough Councillors were asked to submit their details for inclusion on the site.

Parish Newsletter

140/6/03 It was agreed that publication of the Parish Newsletter should be postponed until September.

Police Cells in Chorley

141/6/03 A letter was received from Lindsay Hoyle MP seeking the Parish Council's support in his campaign to have the police cells in Chorley re-opened. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Chief Constable supporting his campaign.

Items for Information

142/6/03 LAPTC Chorley Area Committee meeting – Wednesday 5th June 2003 at 7.30pm.

143/6/03 Parish Council Forum with MP – Friday 6th June 2003 at 7.0pm.
Councillor Wheale and the Clerk to attend.

144/6/03 Mayor of Chorley's meeting - Tuesday 10th June 2003 at 7.0pm.
Councillors Hayes and Wheale along with the Clerk to attend.

145/6/03 Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee AGM – Wednesday 11th June at 7.30pm

146/6/03 LAPTC Chorley Clerk' meeting – Thursday 12th June 2003.
Clerk to attend.

147/6/03 Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall BBQ – Saturday 14th June 2003 at 6.00pm.

148/6/03 It was reported that the litter bin on Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton has been removed. Clerk to inform CBC.

149/6/03 St John's School hedge needs cutting back as it is obstructing the sight lines of vehicles turning out of Harbour Lane. Councillor Dickenson will take this up with the School Governors.

150/6/03 A source of supply for bark as a safety surface for the children's playground has been located and it is hoped that it will be laid soon.

Date of next meeting

Monday 7th July 2003 at 8.0pm.