

The 852nd meeting of Wheelton Parish Council was held on Monday 7th June 2004

Present: Councillor R Wheale – Chairman
Councillors K Berry, T Dickenson, N Hayes, A Mohamet and R E Scambler

Minutes of Joint meeting held on 5th April 2004

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.
The meeting arranged for 7th June had been postponed. An alternative date will be arranged shortly.

Minutes of Annual Parish meeting held on 10th May 2004

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Apologies for absence

Councillor S Monaghan
Borough Councillors C Howard and Mrs I Smith
PS D Brown – Lancs Constabulary

Matters Arising

74/6/04 Councillor Dickenson reported that there had been 32 walkers at the Mayor's Charity Walk on Sunday 30th May.

75/6/04 Summer events will be arranged for young people in association with Chorley Borough Council.

76/6/04 It was reported that legislation will shortly be introduced to de-criminalize car parking offences.

77/6/04 It was agreed that Chorley Borough Council should be approached about the possible purchase price of the piece of land in Victoria Street so that it remains in public ownership.

Police Report

78/6/04 Sgt Brown sent his apologies. He was unable to attend the meeting due to operational requirements. He reported that May had been another quiet month for the Wheelton area with only two crimes recorded. One being the theft of a pedal cycle overnight from a rear yard on Victoria Terrace and the other being theft of some parts from a vehicle that had already been crashed into a field off the A674.

In relation to issues raised at the previous meeting, car parking is clearly an ongoing issue which patrols have been asked to keep an eye on and vehicles for sale on the roadside is being monitored and any appropriate action will be taken.

Questions from Public

79/6/04 Councillor Dickenson reported receiving an anonymous letter from "Observant Ramblers" about the condition of the retaining wall on Whins Lane. Copies of the letter have been sent to Lancashire County Council and the Chorley Guardian. It was agreed that the wall should be examined and a report sent to LCC.

Financial Report

80/6/04 The financial report was approved with the following additional accounts:

Powergen – WM electricity - £21.78 + VAT £1.09 = £22.87

JJ Bennett – Garden maintenance – WM £44.00 + VG £93.00 = £137.00

81/6/04 The Statement of Assurance with respect to the Council's statement of accounts for 2003/04 was approved by the Council and it was agreed that the Chairman should sign it.

82/6/04 It was reported that Chorley Borough Council was running courses for staff required to carry out playground inspections. Clerk to make enquiries about the cost of this course.

Planning Matters

83/6/04 The report on Planning Matters was agreed.

Old Sand Quarry

84/6/04 A meeting was held on 3rd June 2004 as arranged. A copy of the minutes is attached.

Parish Plan

85/6/04 Work is still proceeding on preparations for the Launch Events.

Wheelton Web Site

86/6/04 Councillor Monaghan will up-date the meeting.

Parish Newsletter

87/6/04 Though only two Parish Newsletters have been published over the past year, enquiries will be made to find out if a combination of Parish Newsletters and the Web Site would qualify towards becoming a Quality Parish Council. Consideration will be given to re-naming both as "Parish News". Councillors Hayes and Monaghan will oversee the content of the Newsletter and Web Site but this will have to be approved by the full Parish Council. It was agreed that the Web Site would not replace the Parish Newsletter completely as there was still a need for hard copy to meet the needs of those Parishioners who are not on the internet.

Chorley Partnership - Focus Group Meeting – Wheelton Village Hall – 6th July

88/6/04 The following Councillors agreed to attend the meeting on 6th July:
Councillors Dickenson, Hayes, Mohamet and Monaghan.

Items for Consultation

89/6/04 Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme

After discussion, it was agreed that the questions posed in the paper should be answered as follows:

1. yes
2. yes (just starting)
3. no
4. yes

90/6/04 Local Development Framework

Councillor Dickenson agreed to notify Chorley Borough Council of events taking place in the Parish during September and October.

Items for Information

91/6/04 Noted with the following additional items:

Hardwicks Solicitors – Transfer of Licence – Dressers Arms

Chorley Ramblers – Walks programme

Martin Keyes – Damage to footbridge No. 87

Shaw – Catalogue

CPRE – Newsletter

Lancs Playing Fields Association – AGM 18th June

CVS – Newsletter

Green Centre – Parish Christmas cards

A complaint has been received about used tyres being stored on the flat roof of Wheelton

Garage. Clerk to pass on to Chorley Borough Council Environmental Health Department.

The footpath sign at the bottom of Stable Lane, Victoria Street is rotting away. Clerk to inform LCC.

The fingerpost at the War Memorial corner needs replacing. Councillor Wheale to inspect.

Date of next Meeting

Monday 5th July 2004 at 8.0pm