

Minutes of 888th Meeting -Wheelton Parish Council, Monday 5th November 2007

Present - Councillors T.Dickenson, R.Wheale, K.Berry, R.Scambler N Hayes, J Ross-Mills
Also Present – One member of the Public

Minutes of Meeting held on 1st October 2007

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Apologies for Absence – Councillors S.Monaghan and
Borough Councillor I Smith

Matters Arising

137/11/07 – The Clerk informed the members that Chorley Council were donating 500 Daffodil Bulbs to each Parish as a gesture of goodwill

Police Report

138/11/07 - In the absence of a representative from the Lancashire Constabulary who was called away prior to the meeting the Clerk read out PC Crow's message that there was a serious incident of theft at the Village Disc event held at the Village Hall last month and an attempted theft of a Caravan in Jenny Lane

Questions from the Public

139/11/07 – It was reported that the Dog Fouling Signs located in the passage between Victoria Street and Millbrook Close were in need of repair or renewal

The Clerk was requested to contact Chorley Council to either repair or replace the signs

Financial Report

140/11/07 - All payments were accepted and signed by members who had no personal interest in the accounts

Budget/Precept 2008/9

141/11/07 – The Clerk outlined the proposals to the members giving recommendations of both budget increases and savings and the breakdown of the required Precept for 2008/9

A number of items were discussed mainly the future donation to the Village Hall and the Clerk was requested to contact the Village Hall Committee asking them to submit their Financial Statements to the members to enable them to discuss future funding

Depending on the outcome the Budget and Precept would be amended and presented to the members for further discussion

Traffic Issues

142/11/07 - The Clerk stated that he had received a reply from the Highways Section stating that because of the non appearance of the original report on the issues concerning the A674 it was suggested that we start again from the beginning

Although the members and the residents were bitterly disappointed in the response it was decided that the problems were of such importance that we agree to meet with their officer to outline our concerns

The members and residents would be attending the next meeting of the Lancashire Local Meeting later this month to air their concerns

143/11/07 – The members discussed the proposals issued by Lancashire County Council of traffic lights on the A674 between Wheelton and Whittle - le - Woods

and came to the following conclusions: - They had concerns that there would be congestion especially in the morning and evening "Rush Hours"

That the Villages side roads would be used more and create a "rat run"

The Clerk to inform the Authority of these observations and the misleading direction lines on Millennium Way

Parish Plan – Action Priorities

144/11/07 - The Clerk produced two quotations for the removal of trees on the Playground which the members discussed. It was agreed to award S.Croniken Professional Tree Care Ltd the contract providing various Health and Safety measures are strictly adhered too. The Clerk was to contact the Arboriculture Officer at the Borough Council for information that will be required of the contractor prior to any work being carried out

145/11/07 – The Playground Working Group informed the members that negotiations regarding the improvement scheme are continuing

Planning Matters

146/11/07 – The members had no objections to Application 07/01064/FUL - Delf Cottage Briers Brow – but suggested that there should be extensive negotiations between the parties over the retaining wall

147/11/07 – The members had no objections to Application 07/01100/FUL – Millbrook Close providing there would be no natural light intrusion

148/11/07 – The Clerk was requested to Check with The Planning Officer regarding the public rights of way on applications for Miry Fold Cottages

Items for Consideration

149/11/07 – The members decided that there were no further comments to add on the Local Development Framework – Sustainable Resources Submission development Plan Document and that the Clerk would hold the documents during the consultation period if anyone wanted to view them

Items for Information

150/11/07 – The LAPTC representative was given the LAPTC – Newsletter

All other items were noted

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd December 2007