

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 11 January 2011 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs J Berry (Chairman), M Allen, D Berry, C Grunstein, M Osborne, J Ross-Mills.

Also Present Borough Councillor M Gray and 1 Member of the Public.

11.01 Apologies for Absence

None received.

11.02 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

11.03 Minutes of Meeting held 1 November 2010

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

11.04 Public Participation

A representative of the Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee provided information in support of a grant request.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

11.05 Financial Matters

Resolved: the financial update be received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Councillors considered grant requests from, or donations to:

Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the purchase of rescue equipment.

Chorley Shopmobility to cover a shortfall in funding.

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall towards operating costs. A decision was deferred pending receipt of a schedule of proposed works.

Heapey & Wheelton War Memorial Trust towards operating costs.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Vitalise towards the costs of respite breaks for disabled people. A decision was deferred pending receipt of information regarding the benefit of the scheme to local residents.

Resolved: the following grants be awarded:

Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team - £150.00

Chorley Shopmobility - £100.00

Heapey & Wheelton War Memorial Trust - £350.00

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - £100.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£ 358.37	Ark Welding	Christmas Tree socket
£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 92.60	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 371.18	A Platt	Salary
£ 2350.00	Wheelton Parish Council	Play area improvements
£ 301.39	Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 100.00	DW Groundwork	Christmas tree fence
£ 17.50	Euxton Parish Council	Councillor training

11.06 Planning Matters

10/01063/FUL Erection of a first floor side extension at 11 The Dell.

Councillors had no comments to make in respect of the application.

11.07 Parish Precept 2011 - 2012

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year. Suggestions included a the provision of two grit bins for Heapey Chase and additional or replacement street furniture.

Resolved: the Precept for 2011 - 2012 be set at £8988, a reduction of almost 4% on last year's Precept figure.

11.08 Sites for Chorley Issues and Options Discussion Paper

Councillors considered the Discussion Paper.

Resolved: a request for the Gale Moss site to be redesignated for public open space/recreational use be submitted.

11.09 Central Lancashire Core Strategy

The consultation document was considered. Councillors had no comments.

11.10 Grit Bins

Councillors considered the provision of grit bins. Locations put forward to Lancashire County Council failed to meet the required site assessment criteria.

Councillors agreed to purchase two grit bins for Heapey Chase, and arrange for the supply of grit. The grit will be available for residents to spread on the highway.

Resolved: two grit bins, and supplies of grit, be obtained.

11.11 Community Engagement

Methods of engaging with residents were discussed. Suggestions were made to establish contacts with The Ryecroft/Ryefield Residents Group and community meetings could take place for residents of Heapey Chase. The Chairman requested Councillors give some thought as to how the Council may engage with residents and bring ideas to the next meeting.

The existing, shared, website is limited. A suggestion to contact Chorley Council for assistance was made.

11.12 Heapey and Wheelton Parish Plan

It was felt this had been covered under the previous item.

11.13 Reports from Outside Bodies

Lancashire County Council's Parish and Town Council Bus Shelter Grants Scheme was discussed as a possible means of obtaining funding towards bus shelters.

11.14 Date of Next meeting

Councillors considered rescheduling the March meeting due it coinciding with a Chorley Council meeting.

Resolved: the meeting be held on Tuesday 8 March 2011 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

..... (Chairman)