

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of Meeting held 15 January 2013 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also Present Borough Councillor M Gray.

### 13.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Berry, who was unable to attend due to family illness.

Resolved: Cllr Berry's reason for absence was approved.

### 13.02 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors Osborne, Allen, Fairhurst and Grunstein, as council tax payers resident within the parish, declared pecuniary interests in Agenda Item 7 (Precept 2013-14).

Councillors considered the granting of dispensations to all Members, in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, relieving them of restrictions contained within Section 31 of the Act referring to pecuniary interests to enable the setting of the precept for the parish of Heapey. Each Councillor submitted a written request for a dispensation, until the end of the current terms of office, to the Clerk.

Resolved: dispensations were granted to Councillors, with a pecuniary interest, enabling participation in the setting of the precept until the end of their current terms of office.

### 13.03 Minutes of Meeting held 13 November 2012

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

### 13.04 Public Participation

No members of the public were present. Councillors reported the receipt of complaints from residents regarding the colour of paint used to repaint the bus shelters on Blackburn Road.

### 13.05 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered a suggestion, initially raised at the November meeting, to award prizes for Christmas lights displays. The suggestion was for 6 prizes of £20 in vouchers from a local garden centre, with 1 prize to be awarded per Councillor's newsletter delivery area.

Resolved: the purchase of garden centre vouchers to the value of £120 was approved.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments were approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 371.18	Employee 1	Salary
£ 92.60	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 307.80	J H Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 100.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation
£ 180.00	Marie Curie Cancer Care	Donation
£ 60.00	DWG North West	Christmas tree fence

### 13.06 Planning Matters

12/01168/FUL Creation of off street car parking space, dropped kerb and vehicular access at 137 Blackburn Road.

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

### 13.07 Precept 2013- 2014

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year.

The Council Tax Base, has been reduced by around 6% as a result of the impact of the localised council tax benefit support scheme which will be partially offset by a grant from Chorley Council.

Resolved: the Precept for 2013 - 2014 was set at £8661, a reduction of almost 4% over the previous year, resulting in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

### 13.08 Neighbourhood Working Arrangements

Information was provided on revisions to Neighbourhood Working arrangements which will include a representative from each parish council. Heapey will be in the Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area comprising the Borough Wards of Brindle and Hoghton, Pennine and Wheelton and Withnell. Councillors considered the nomination of a representative.

Resolved: Cllr Grunstein be nominated.

### 13.09 Register of Interests

Information was provided on the new Register of Interests and Councillors were supplied with a new form.

### 13.10 Pumping Station

Councillors considered a request from Anglezarke Parish Council for representation regarding the installation of a pumping station in the vicinity of the Cricket Ground, which appears not to have been installed according with the planning application.

Resolved: Chorley Council's Enforcement Officers are to be asked to investigate.

### 13.11 Bus Shelters

Information was provided on complaints made by a number of residents regarding the repainting of local bus shelters. The complaints centred on the colour of paint used, which Chorley Council had advised represents the corporate colours of the Council. Councillors were in agreement with residents that the colour is not in keeping with a rural environment

Resolved: a request for the shelters to be painted green is to be submitted to Chorley Council.

### 13.12 Trees

Councillors discussed trees within the parish which appear to be in need of works. Councillors are to provide details of any potentially dangerous trees which will be reported to Lancashire County Council if there is a danger to the highway, pavements and public rights of way and Chorley Council for any others.

### 13.13 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting - information was provided on a review of Neighbourhood Working, Public Realm work now undertaken by Chorley Council, including grass cutting and overgrown hedges, an Open Space Study, the new Code of Conduct. The colour of paint used in repainting of bus shelters in rural areas was also discussed

### 13.14 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 5 March 2013.

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

Heapey Parish Council

Budget 1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014

	Salaries	2900
	General Administration	325
	Room Hire	120
	Insurance	400
	Subscriptions/Entry Fees	200
	Audit fees	175
	Newsletter	120
	Training	200
	Grants/donations	2100
	Flowers/Planting	350
	Play Area maintenance	1000
	Street Furniture	1000
	War Memorial expenses	1500
	Parish Information	1000
	Grasscutting	900
	Christmas	350
	Sundries	750
	Earmarked Funds	1825
	General Reserve	4500
	Total	<u>19715</u>
	Balance as at 15.01.13	14000
Add:	Anticipated income to 31.03.13	<u>297</u>
		14297
Less:	Anticipated requirements to 31.03.13	3570
	Balance forward	10727
Add:	Proposed precept	8661
Add:	Proposed top up grant	<u>327</u>
		<u>19715</u>