

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 14 January 2014 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present County Councillor K Snape, Borough Councillor M Gray and 2 Members of the Public.

14.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Grunstein.

14.02 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

14.03 Minutes of Meeting held 5 November 2014

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

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

14.04 Public Participation

Residents reported on the withdrawal of the planning application for the removal of the bank of the lodge in White Coppice. Discussions are under way between Chorley Council and the Environment Agency.

Residents complained about the surface of the road to the Cricket Ground. The residents were advised that the road is unadopted however there may be provision within Lancashire County Council's West Pennine Moors budget for grants.

Residents advised United Utilities contractors were believed to have broken into a spring and other complaints were raised, including damage to verges and the poor quality of the screening provided around the pumping station.

A resident had complained about the quality of the Christmas tree.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Agenda item 8 was brought forward.

14.05 Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Designation

Chorley Council had advised an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty designation would impact on planning applications submitted for properties in the area. With this in mind Councillors considered a suggestion to support a campaign to designate part of the West Pennine Moors as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Resolved: the Council's support of the status for part of the West Pennine Moors (including Abbey Village, Anglezarke, Heapey, Heath Charnock, Rivington and White Coppice) is to be submitted to Natural England.

14.06 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments were approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 374.66	Employee 1	Salary
£ 93.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 307.80	John Henry Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 66.00	DWG (NW)	Christmas tree fence

14.07 Planning Matters

13/01065/LBC Covered walkway to the rear of Warth Farm at Warth Farm, Coppice Lane.

13/01067/FUL Raising of roof height to create first floor extension and erection of single storey rear extension and front porch at 179 Blackburn Road.

13/0112/FUL Proposed driveway alterations to form improved driveway and turning area at 179 Blackburn Road.

Councillors had no comments in respect of the above applications.

14.08 Precept 2014- 2015

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year. Funding was included for Poppy seeds on verges to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of WW1 and the Heritage Signage project for a rolling programme of signage together with an information leaflet covering walks in the area.

Resolved: the Precept was set at £8493 (£8820 inclusive of Chorley Council's top up grant), resulting in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

14.09 Subsidised Bus Services Budget Proposals

Councillors considered a response to a consultation from Lancashire County Council regarding the withdrawal of the No 2 bus service in the evenings and on Sundays. Councillors were totally opposed to the withdrawal of the service. The rural nature of most of the villages covered by this service and increasing elderly population will mean an increase in dependence on public transport. Also the withdrawal of this evening service would make it impossible for residents attending courses or working evenings to return home via public transport.

Resolved: the Council's objections to the proposed withdrawal is to be submitted.

14.10 Chorley Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation

A consultation from Chorley Council was considered. Councillors had no comments.

14.11 Reports from Outside Bodies

Village Hall Committee - the renovation works have been completed and the Committee is hoping to arrange the Village Fete on the Black Lion Field.

14.12 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 4 March 2014.

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