

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 6 January 2015 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs C Grunstein (Chairman), M Allen and J Ross-Mills.

Also present County Councillor K Snape and Borough Councillor G France.

15.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor M Osborne

15.02 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

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.

15.03 Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 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.

15.04 Public Participation

Residents had complained about traffic speeds on Blackburn Road.

A report was provided on a visit to the Former BAE site on Chapel Lane, which is used for the storage of explosive materials and fireworks. A public meeting has been organised by the Operator to provide information to residents.

A resident suggested a live Christmas tree could be obtained for Heapey Chase. Councillors advised this had been considered at the outset but the landowner had stipulated the type of tree.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

15.05 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
£ 387.68	Employee 1	Salary
£ 97.00	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 249.12	Chorley Council	Uncontested election fee
£ 72.00	DWG (NW)	Christmas tree fence
£ 307.80	J H Mayor and Son	Christmas tree

15.06 Planning Matters

Cllr Grunstein, as owner of a neighbouring property, declared a personal interest in the following application.

14/01209/FUL Re submission of planning application 14/00307/FUL. Demolition of existing single storey porch, erection of a two storey side extension. Insertion of a balcony at 2 Tormore Close.

Councillors had no comments in respect of this application.

15.07 Precept 2015-16

The Precept for the forthcoming financial year was considered. A draft budget was presented, which would result in no increase in the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents. Confirmation of the top up grant from Chorley Council is awaited.

Resolved: the Precept for 2015 - 2016 was set at £8783, which will result in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

15.08 Grit Bin Provision

A report of a resident alleging the promise of the provision of a grit bin on Heapey Road was discussed. The issue of grit bin provision had been raised in 2011 and the suggested sites, including the one in question, were refused by Lancashire County Council.

15.09 Lancashire County Council Consultation

The onshore Oil and gas Supplementary Planning Document was considered. Councillors had no comments.

15.10 Chorley Council Re-consultation

Councillors considered a re-consultation regarding the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Schedule of Proposed Modifications. Councillors had no comments.

15.11 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

15.12 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for an item of business, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and in accordance with Section 1 (4) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

15.13 Personnel Matters

A review of the Clerk's salary was carried out and revisions, in line with the national agreement, were approved.

15.14 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 3 March 2015.

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

Heapey Parish Council

Budget 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016

Salaries	2900
General Administration	325
Room Hire	120
Insurance	400
Subscriptions/Entry Fees	200
Audit fees	100
Newsletter	120
Training	200
Grants/donations	2100
Flowers/Planting	1500
Play Area maintenance	1000
Street Furniture	1000
War Memorial expenses	1500
Parish Information	2000
Grasscutting	725
Christmas	350
Sundries	950
Earmarked Funds	1500
General Reserve	5292
Total	<u>22282</u>
Balance as at 15.01.15	17000
Add: Anticipated income to 31.03.15	<u>82</u>
	17082
Less: Anticipated requirements to 31.03.15	3910
Balance forward	13172
Add: Proposed precept	8783
Add: Proposed top up grant	327