

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 3 January 2017 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present County Councillor K Snape.

17.01 Apologies for Absence

None received.

17.02 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

17.03 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 November 2016

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

17.04 Public Participation

A report was provided regarding the surface of Trigg Lane, which had been excavated by a developer with permissions from Lancashire County Council. Lancashire County Council will attend to the surface on a basic repair basis.

A report of a house burglary on Black Brook Close was provided.

The local bus service has been retained for a further six months with funding from Chorley Council.

17.05 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

16/00926/FULMAJ Rehabilitation centre comprising pool complex, gym and therapy building, seventeen accommodation cabins, car park, access road, running (sprint) track and associated plant at Land 100m east of Wheelton House, Brinscall Mill Road, Wheelton.

The application was discussed at length and matters relating to potential traffic issues were raised however, as Councillors had received no contact from residents relating to the application, no comments were to be submitted

16/01142/FULHH Erection of two storey rear extension and insertion of new window to gable at 4 Brookside Cottages

Councillors had no comments in respect of this application.

17.06 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
£ 386.75	Employee 1	Salary
£ 96.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 77.45	Chorley Council	Fingerpost installation

17.07 Reductions in Local Services

Reports were provided from meetings where the potential subsidising of local bus and library services were discussed.

Information was provided regarding funding requirements for the 24A evening bus service. As the service is used by residents of the parish, Councillors were willing to consider some assistance however, concerns were expressed relating to the levels of contributions as Heapey parish contains a relatively small proportion of the bus route and the Parish Council would expect contributions from all parishes and Chorley wards along the route to be made on an equitable basis.

Resolved: Chorley Council is to be advised Members would welcome a meeting with Chorley Council and other parishes along the 24A bus route to discuss the possibility of subsidising the service.

As the library services discussed at the meeting related directly to Adlington, Copull and Eccleston Libraries Councillors were unwilling to assist services which do not directly benefit Heapey residents.

17.08 Notice board

Councillors considered the replacement of the board at the entrance to Heapey Chase. A number of options were presented for consideration.

Resolved: the Clerk, following consultation with the Chairman, is to order a new board.

17.09 Precept 2017-18

The Precept for 2017-18 was considered. A draft budget was presented resulting in no increase in the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents, which has been held at the current level since 2011.

Resolved: the Precept for 2016 - 2017 was set at £8813, which will hold the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

17.10 Flooding Issues

Councillors discussed issues arising from the Lancashire County Council District Flood Level Report. The contents of the report were noted.

A resident had reported concerns regarding the maintenance of Black Brook, the stream adjacent to Heapey Chase. The Environment Agency had redesignated some of the properties as being at a medium risk of flooding which impacts on the availability of insurance cover and the resident had mentioned levels in the brook had been relatively high in recent times. A meeting is to be arranged with Lancashire County Council representatives.

17.11 Reports from Outside Bodies

Rivington and Brinscall Advisory Group - the situation regarding the deployment of PCSO's funded by Chorley Council had been queried. Lancashire Constabulary confirmed the PCSO's were deployed in the borough.

17.12 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 7 March 2017.

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