

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on 8 January 2019 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present County Councillor K Snape.

19.01 Apologies for Absence

None received.

19.02 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

19.03 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2018

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

19.04 Public Participation

A query was raised regarding the no 24 bus service. The meeting was advised there was no change to the service.

A hole in the public footpath, off Blackbrook Close, has been reported.

19.05 Planning Matters

18/01145/FULHH Rear dormer extension and detached outbuilding to form garden room at 3 Brookside Cottages, Coppice Lane

18/01068/FULHH Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey rear extension and detached out-building) at 1 Bank Terrace, Coppice Lane

18/01081/FUL Change of use from mixed use physiotherapy practice and flat to separate dwellinghouse (class C3) and physiotherapy practice (class D1) including internal alterations and single storey rear extension at Chorley Physiotherapy Services, 207 Blackburn Road

18/01088/FUL Part two storey and part single storey rear/side extension at 41 Kenyon Lane

18/01100/LBC Application for Listed Building Consent: Raising of roof by 300mm to gain clearance to stairs, doorways and windows, insertion of conservation rooflights (amendments to previously approved and implemented scheme - 14/00675/LBC) Critchleys Farm, Tanhouse Lane

Councillors had no objections to these applications.

19.06 Financial Matters

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

ii) Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments were approved.

£ 250.00	Wheelton Parish Council	Contribution - tree felling
£ 355.20	Earth Anchors	Seat
£ 307.00	DWG (NW)	Christmas tree fence, seat installation
£ 300.00	J H Mayor & Sons	Christmas tree
£ 102.00	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 408.02	Employee 1	Salary and reimbursements
£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire

19.07 Precept

The Precept for 2019-20 was considered. A draft budget was presented resulting in no increase in the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

Resolved: the Precept for 2019 - 2020 was set at £8923, holding the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

19.08 Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Priority

Details on improvements to the lane to White Coppice Cricket Club had been provided which included a suggestion for a parish council contribution towards funding.

Resolved: an in-principle willingness to contribute, subject to receipt of further financial details, was agreed.

19.09 Electoral Review Warding Arrangements

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England recommendation includes Heapey in a largely rural ward. Councillors had no issues with the recommendation.

19.10 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting had been invited. Councillors had no suggestions.

19.11 Lancashire County Council Budget Consultation

Information on proposed budget savings for the 2019-20 financial year was considered. The lack of public transport in rural areas means residents must travel by car to shop and the inclusion, in the proposals, of the introduction of on street parking charges was felt to penalise rural residents

Resolved: the County Council is to be asked to consider rural residents, who have to travel by car to shop, in the deliberations on cost savings.

19.12 Flooding Issues

A Lancashire County Council report advised drainage systems are considered to be performing normally since works had been carried out and there is no justification for a survey of the private drainage system. The report did not mention the Weir, which is a matter of concern for residents of Heapey Chase. Ownership of the Weir has not yet been established and Lancashire County Council is to be asked whether it is responsible for the Weir.

19.13 Poppy Seed Initiative

Information on a Woodland Trust initiative to plant Poppy seeds was provided. Councillors are to provide suggested locations for planting.

19.14 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

19.15 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 5 March 2019.

19.16 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item on the grounds that the item comprised information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person and, in accordance with Part 1 (4) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

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.

19.17 Personnel Matters

The Clerk's hourly rate was increased in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services 2019-2020 National Salary Award

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