

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 7 July 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 1 member of the public

15.42 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Osborne and Borough Councillor G France.

15.43 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

15.44 Councillor Vacancies

An application to fill one of the vacancies remaining unfilled at the last election was considered.

Resolved: Gordon France was co-opted.

15.45 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 5 May 2015

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.

15.46 Public Participation

Residents of Black Brook Close reported motorcycles, a car and a quad bike being ridden/driven around the field to the rear of their properties. This had been reported to Chorley Council and, as a public right of way crosses the field, Lancashire County Council is to be asked to investigate.

A resident of Brookside Cottages provided information regarding a planning application.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

15.47 Planning Matters

15/00443/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing outbuilding. Erection of single storey extension to existing garage. Erection of first floor rear dormer extension and replacement of existing windows at 4 Brookside Cottages, Coppice Lane.

15/00467/FUL Erection of front bay window and pitched roof above the proposed bay window at 144 Blackburn Road.

15/00471/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension at 140 Blackburn Road.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

15.48 Financial Matters

A request from the Ryes Tenants Association for a contribution towards the costs of a water butt and bench was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £250 was awarded.

A request from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team for a contribution towards the costs of improvements to rescue vehicles was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £250 was awarded.

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
£ 382.96	Employee 1	Salary
£ 95.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 110.80	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 159.60	DWG (NW)	Strimming
£ 250.00	Ryes Tenants Association	Grant

15.49 Commemoration Group Appointment

The local branch of the Royal British Legion is to set up a group to arrange a commemorative event in 2018 to mark the end of WW1 and invited representation from the Parish Council.

Resolved: Cllr Ross-Mills was appointed as representative.

15.50 Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way Signposting Project

An invitation to assist with a survey of the points where public rights of way meet a tarmac road was considered. Councillors are to inspect these points and report back to the next meeting.

15.51 Heritage Signage

Sites for an information board were narrowed down to the canal side and the picnic bench site in White Coppice. A board was suggested for the White Coppice location and information is to be provided regarding local history and footpaths and walks in the area.

15.52. Electoral Review of Lancashire

A response to a consultation on an Electoral Review of Lancashire was discussed. Councillors expressed a wish for the whole of the parish to remain within a single ward.

15.53 Public Transport Issues in Chorley

Councillors discussed public transport services in the parish area, in a response to a Chorley Council request, which suggested the possibility of parish councils contributing towards the costs of a community based transport service. Councillors expressed a willingness to consider the possibility in the light of more detailed information.

15.54. Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way - Local Delivery Scheme for 2015/16

At the May meeting, an invitation to opt into the Public Rights of Way - Local Delivery Scheme for 2015/16 was discussed and the details were to be provided to the Council's grass cutting contractor. The contractor has advised he would be unwilling to carry out works at the rates offered under the scheme. This matter is to go no further.

15.55 Ironman UK

Information regarding road closures for the event on Sunday 19 July 2015 was provided. Delays may be experienced on Blackburn Road (A574).

15.56 Transparency Code

Information relating to the introduction of a Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities was provided. The information was noted.

15.57. Workplace Pensions

Information regarding the introduction of a workplace pension scheme for eligible employees was provided. The information was noted.

15.58 Lancashire Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting

Councillors discussed possible resolutions for the AGM. There were no suggestions.

15.59 Reports from Outside Bodies

Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting - the cobbled walkway to the Village Hall has been completed however lighting has not been installed. The Parish Council is to ask

Lancashire County Council to install lighting for public safety reasons. Items also discussed were a pilot Rural Community Action Plan and internet access in rural areas.

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall has applied for an extension to its licence until 12:00pm and is considering an application to install a barrier system for the car park.

15.60 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 1 September 2015.

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