

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Annual Meeting held 3 May 2011 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present PC Evans and 1 Member of the Public.

11.30 Election of Chairman for 2011 - 2012

Resolved: Cllr J Berry be elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Berry signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

11.31 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Berry.

11.32 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

11.33 Election of Vice Chairman for 2011 - 2012

Resolved: Cllr Osborne be elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

11.34 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Chorley Council Equality Forum - Cllr J Berry

Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust - Cllr D Berry

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee - Cllrs Allen and Ross-Mills

Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust - Cllr D Berry

LALC Chorley Area Committee - Cllr Osborne

Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group - Cllr Osborne

Tree Warden - Cllr J Berry

11.35 Minutes of Meeting held 8 March 2011

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

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

11.36 Public Participation

A member of Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee provided information relating to improvements to be made to the Hall. Quotations have been obtained and the first phase will cost in excess of £62000. A building condition survey has revealed rising damp and penetrating damp. Grants have been applied for.

PC Evans advised Wheelton Police Station may be sold as part of the cost savings, with the local Police service centralised into Chorley, with the possibility of a satellite office in the area. Cells at Leyland are to close and prisoners will be taken to Preston, Blackburn and Skelmersdale. Councillors expressed concerns that local Police knowledge may be lost.

11.37 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered a grant request from St Chad's Bowlers towards provision of an electricity supply to the replacement bowls hut. Councillors requested further details of the costings.

Councillors considered a grant request from North West Air Ambulance towards operating costs.

Resolved: £100 be awarded.

Councillors considered an offer to reduce insurance premium costs in return for the signing of a 3 year long term agreement.

Resolved: the Council enters into the long term agreement.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£	15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£	92.60	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£	371.18	Employee 1	Salary
£	398.08	Chorley Council	Grasscutting 2010-11
£	35.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit fee
£	100.00	North West Air Ambulance	Grant
£	147.58	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£	325.91	Broker Network	Annual insurance premium

11.38 Planning Matters

No matters for consideration.

11.39 Annual return for the Year Ended 31 March 2011

Councillors considered the Annual Return.

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the Asset Register be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Councillors received the report of the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: the report be noted.

11.40 Residential Car Parking Provision

A Chorley Council consultation, increasing the requirement for the number of parking spaces to be provided with new residential developments, was considered. The consultation was noted.

11.41 Subscription, Memberships and Competition Entries

Councillors reviewed current annual memberships, subscriptions and entries for the forthcoming financial year.

Resolved: the subscription to the Lancashire Association of Local Councils and entry to the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition be continued.

11.42 Lancashire County Council Community Transport Review

Councillors considered a Lancashire County Council review of Community Transport, being carried out as a result of a significant financial shortfall with the national concessionary fares scheme following the takeover of the scheme from district councils. Councillors are to advise the Clerk of any comments.

11.43 Lancashire County Council Parish and Town Council Charter

Councillors considered a Lancashire County Council review questionnaire on the Parish and Town Council Charter.

Resolved: the Clerk is to respond on behalf of the Council

11.44 Newsletter

Councillors are to provide articles for the June edition.

11.45 Reports from Outside Bodies

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee - the date for the Village Fete has been set for 3 July 2011.

11.46 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 5 July 2011.

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

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