

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held on 6 May 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 and 5 members of the Public.

19.33 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Grunstein was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received.

19.34 Apologies for Absence

None received.

19.35 Councillor Vacancy

This item was deferred as an application for co-option had been submitted on the day of the meeting.

19.36 Election of Vice Chairman

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

19.37 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Chorley Liaison - Cllr Ross-Mills

Chorley Council Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr Grunstein

Chorley Council Equality Forum - Cllr Grunstein

Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust - Mr D Berry

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee - Cllr Ross-Mills

Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust - Mr D Berry

LALC Chorley Area Committee - Cllr Ross-Mills

Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group - Cllr Osborne

19.38 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Osborne, as owner of a property in the vicinity of an application, declared an interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 9 (Planning Matters).

19.39 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 March 2019

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

19.40 Public Participation

Residents raised issues regarding a planning application at Higher White Coppice Farm. The proposed house is not on the footprint of the building to be part demolished and brick is to be used, which is not in keeping with other properties in the area. Concerns were raised regarding the suitability of the private access lane for use by construction traffic and regarding the lack of an adequate water supply for the property and the proposed septic tank.

A traffic survey had been undertaken near Heapey Chase. This was a random Ministry of Transport survey and was not related to any possible future housing development.

A request had been received from the organiser of a family reunion for someone to provide some local history. Councillors Ross-Mills and Osborne volunteered to assist.

Work on the lane to White Coppice Cricket Club is to commence shortly.

19.41 Planning Matters

19/00175/FUL Erection of a single storey cafe with landscaping to create picnic area. Widening of access road. Single storey fishing lodge and parking area at Anchor Café, Copthurst Lane

19/00238/FULHH Single storey front extension at 1 Heapey House, Heapey Road

19/00350/FULHH Part two storey, part single storey side extension and single storey side/rear extension at 8 The Wold

Councillors had no objections to these applications.

19/00140/REM Reserved matters application for the erection of a single agricultural workers dwelling (pursuant to outline planning permission ref 16/01021/OUT) at Higher Healey Farm, Higher House Lane. Concerns were raised regarding habitat loss as a result of the widening of the access road.

19/00329/FUL Demolition of part of mixed use building and erection of one detached dwelling at Higher White Coppice Farm, Coppice Lane

Resolved: issues raised by the residents are to be supported and a request submitted that, should Chorley Council be minded to grant permission, the materials are amended to a type consistent with other dwellings in the area and a condition applied to ensure the existing private road is protected from damage by heavy plant and machinery and, should any damage occur, the applicant makes good this damage.

19.42 Financial Matters

- i) Evidence of receipt of the precept from Chorley Council was noted.
- ii) Resolved: the monitoring statement for the year ended 31 March 2019 was approved and signed by the Chairman.
- iii) Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.
- iv) Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 183.72	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£ 1.40	E.on	Christmas lights electricity
£ 71.70	DWG (NW)	Grass cutting
£ 257.60	Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance premium
£ 422.72	Employee 1	Salary
£ 105.60	Inland Revenue	PAYE

19.43 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018.

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

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

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

Resolved: the Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

19.44 Planting

Potential locations for planting were discussed. Bulbs for the verge at the top of Blackburn Road were suggested and a local gardening group is to be asked for advice on the most suitable type of bulb for the ground and an indication of costs. The raised bed was identified as in need of weeding and tidying.

Resolved: the grass cutting contractor is to be instructed to carry out maintenance of the raised bed.

19.45 Heapey Chase Flooding Issues

A meeting with Lancashire County Council Officers had taken place. The Officers reported the reservoir issue has been rectified. Black Brook Weir is narrowing and trees are growing in the weir. The Officers are still trying to ascertain ownership of the weir. The latest Environment Agency flood map shows small areas of Heapey Chase as at risk of flooding.

19.46 Heapey Chase Entrance Marker

Councillors discussed possible designs for the marker, including a raised planter with a stone behind carrying the name of Heapey Chase. The size and potential location are to be confirmed.

19.47 Review of Subscriptions to Other Bodies

The annual subscription to the Lancashire Association of Local Councils has increased significantly and will be reviewed at the September meeting in time to allow notice to be given if Councillors decide not to renew.

19.48 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

19.49 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 2 July 2019.

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

..... (Chairman)