

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Remote Annual Council Meeting held on 4 May 2021 at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present 1 Member of the public.

21.22 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Grunstein was elected, with the Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed at a later date.

21.23 Apologies for Absence

None received.

21.24 Election of Vice Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Osborne was elected.

21.25 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

21.26 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

21.27 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2021

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

21.28 Public Participation

It was reported the landowner had provided information relating to possible action against those responsible for removing the trees along Black Brook. A Tree Preservation Order had been placed on remaining trees.

A report of Oak trees being taken down on Hollin Lane was provided.

A resident advised of concerns relating to the planning application for 130 houses off Heapey Road. The concerns included the exacerbation of existing traffic problems along Heapey Road, including problems with parked vehicles and vehicles entering and exiting the nursery, the impact on the visual amenity of the area, including the Thurlmere Viaduct and an increase in the amount of surface water running from the fields across Heapey Road

21.29 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

21/00362/FULHH Change of use to offices and erection of single storey rear extension at 209 Blackburn Road

21/00383/TCON Notification of proposed tree works to trees in a conservation area including the felling of 1no. rowan/mountain ash tree, 1no. birch tree and 1no. bay tree at Lodge Bank Cottage, The Row, White Coppice

21/00331/CLEUD Application for a lawful development certificate in respect of the building having been used for the storage and maintenance of motor vehicles contrary to condition 4 of planning permission 08/00327/FUL at Wogdens Farm, Tithe Barn Lane

Councillors had no objections to these applications.

21/00253/OUT Outline application (with all matters reserved) for residential development of up to 130 dwellings (including 35% affordable housing) at Land 150m North East of 31 Paradise Street Chorley

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds that the application is contrary to Policy BNE3 of the Local Plan, the lack of public transport services in the area, the adverse impact on visual amenity of the Area of Other Open Space, the impact of additional traffic and lack of availability of High School places locally.

21.30 Financial Matters

- i) Receipt of the precept advice was noted
- ii) Resolved: the monitoring statement for the year ending 31 March 2021 was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.
- iii) Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Information was provided on a meeting relating to repairs to surface of the lane to the Cricket Club. It was noted the parish council had set aside some funds to contribute towards the work.

- iv) Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

£ 1.89	E.ON	Christmas lights electricity
£ 75.90	DWG (NW)	Grass cutting
£ 177.61	LALC	Annual subscription
£ 257.60	Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance premium
£ 2398.82	Wheelton Parish Council	Play area/War Memorial expenditure 2020/21
£ 542.88	Staff costs	Salaries and deductions

21.31 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2021 was considered.

- i) Resolved: the Asset Register was approved for signature by the Chairman.
- ii) Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved for signature by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Accounting Statements had been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer prior to the meeting.

- iii) Resolved: the Accounting Statements were approved for signature by the Chairman.

As gross income or expenditure did not exceed £25000 for the financial year and the remaining criteria for exemption from a limited assurance review had been met, Councillors considered certification as exempt from a limited assurance review.

- iv) Resolved: the Certificate of Exemption was approved for signature by the Chairman and Clerk.

21.32 Reports from Outside Bodies

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee - the hall is to be used as a polling station for the forthcoming elections.

21.33 Date of Next meeting

The scheduled date is Tuesday 6 July 2021, subject to regulations in force at the time.

21.34 Future Meetings

As virtual meetings are not permitted after 7 May 2021, the schedule of future meetings in line with the Covid-19 Roadmap was considered. A number of issues were discussed including guidelines in place at the time and the availability of Covid secure premises. Provided regulations at the time permit, meetings in person will resume from 6 July 2021.

21.35 Temporary Delegated Decision Making Powers

Councillors considered the granting of temporary decision making powers to the Clerk in line with a suggestion from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Resolved: The Clerk was granted temporary decision making powers. Decisions would be taken following consultation with Councillors.