

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 1 November 2010 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also Present Mr Tony Wilson (Chorley Borough Standards Committee Member).

10.74 Election of Chairman

Councillors elected a Chairman for the meeting.

Resolved: Cllr Ross-Mills be elected as Chairman for the meeting.

10.75 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor J Berry and Borough Councillor M Gray.

10.76 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

10.77 Minutes of Meeting held 7 September 2010

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.

10.78 Public Participation

Mr Tony Wilson, the Chorley Standards Committee Mentor, provided information on matters relating to standards. The Standards Board for England is to be abolished. Changes will be made to the process of dealing with complaints and it is possible the local Standards Committee could be dissolved.

A representative of the Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee provided information in support of a grant request.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

10.79 Financial Matters

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 92.80	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 370.98	Employee 1	Salary
£ 464.05	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 393.33	Wheelton Parish Council	Play Area maintenance
£ 754.44	Wheelton Parish Council	War Memorial Maintenance
£ 339.33	Collinwood Electrical	Christmas lights electrical works

10.80 Planning Matters

10/00854/FUL Change of Use of existing barn to dwelling at Wogdens Farm, Tithe Barn Lane.

10/00855/LBC Internal and external alterations to convert a former agricultural barn to a dwelling at Wogdens Farm, Tithe Barn Lane.

10/00899/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension at 8 High Bank.

Councillors had no comments to make in respect of the applications.

10.81 Internal Audit

Councillors carried out the annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson be appointed and the fee be set at £35.

10.82 Community Engagement

Due to the absence of Cllr Berry, who tabled the item, this item was deferred to a future meeting.

10.83 Heapey and Wheelton Parish Plan

Due to the absence of Cllr Berry, who tabled the item, this item was deferred to a future meeting.

10.84 Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity

A consultation document provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government was considered. Councillors had no comments.

10.85 Lancashire County Council Winter Service

A scheme for parish councils to assist with the winter gritting of areas not covered by Lancashire County Council's routine winter service has been suggested. Under the scheme it may be possible to provide lockable grit boxes and a supply of salt/sand material. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting following further enquiries with Lancashire County Council.

10.86 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed. The amount of the donation to the Poppy Appeal will be considered at the January meeting

10.87 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting received information on the 2011 Census, Locality Working and the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies consultation.

The Village Hall has had problems with the heating system.

10.88 Date of Next meeting

Councillors considered rescheduling the January meeting due to the proximity of the scheduled date (4 January 2011) to the Bank Holiday.

Resolved: the meeting be held on Tuesday 11 January 2011 at 7.30pm.

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

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