

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of Meeting held 1 November 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 Etheridge and 1 Member of the Public.

### 11.75 Apologies for Absence

None received.

### 11.76 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 11.77 Minutes of Meeting held 6 September 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.

### 11.78 Public Participation

PC Etheridge advised of an increase in thefts of metal. A local initiative has taken place targeting scrap dealers. Concerns were also expressed regarding unreported thefts and residents are urged to report all incidents of theft to provide a fuller picture of crime levels.

Wheelton Police Station will now continue to be used until such time as it is disposed of.

Councillors again reported problems with vandalism on the Goit Trail.

The bus shelter at the top of Blackburn Road was again queried. Councillors were advised the repairs had been completed.

### 11.79 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£ 15.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£ 370.98	Employee 1	Salary
£ 92.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 112.01	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 393.33	Wheelton Parish Council	Play Area maintenance
£ 742.99	Wheelton Parish Council	War Memorial maintenance
£ 205.00	DWG North West	Noticeboard staining
£ 25.00	DWG North West	Strimming of verges
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£ 650.00	DWG North West	Bulb planting

### 11.80 Planning Matters

11/00913/FUL and 11/00914/LBC Proposed conversion of barn adjacent to Wogdens Farm, (resubmission of Planning Approvals 11/00854/FUL and 11/00855/LBC).

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

### 11.81 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 (England) Regulations 2011.

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.

11.82 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed.

Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £100 be made.

11.83 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England

Councillors considered a consultation from the Boundary Commission for England regarding proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies in England. Councillors had no comments to make.

11.84 November Newsletter

Councillors had expressed a desire for involvement in the production of the next newsletter. Articles are to be forwarded to the Clerk in time for publication in early December.

11.85 Bulb Planting

Councillors discussed potential locations for bulb planting. A previously suggested site, by the Boatyard, was found to be unsuitable as it contains a weed suppressing membrane so alternative sites were required.

Resolved: the remaining bulbs are to be planted along the Blackburn Road verges.

11.86 Reports from Outside Bodies

The refurbishment works at the Village Hall are ongoing. Problems have been identified with brickwork to the rear. A ground source heat pump is shortly to be installed.

11.87 Date of Next meeting

Councillors considered rescheduling the January meeting due to the proximity of the scheduled date (3 January 2011) to the Bank Holiday.

Resolved: the meeting is to be held on Tuesday 10 January 2012.

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

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