

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of Meeting held 6 September 2011 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present PCSO Jones.

### 11.59 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Allen and Borough Council M Gray.

### 11.60 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 11.61 Minutes of Meeting held 5 July 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.

### 11.62 Public Participation

PCSO Jones reported crime was very low in Heapey. Councillors reported problems with litter, mainly from a national hot food chain, which was bought in Chorley and discarded along the route to Rivington.

Staff will move out of Wheelton Police Station in November, but the number of Officers on the ground in the area will be unchanged. New working practices will be introduced including a priority scheme for reported crimes.

Councillors reported problems with vandalism and mini motorcycles on the Goit Trail.

The bus shelter at the top of Blackburn Road is in need of repair. The Clerk is to contact Chorley Council.

### 11.63 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.

£ 25.00	DWG North West	Strimming of verges
£ 297.50	DWG North West	Preparation and staining of seats
£ 15.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£ 370.98	Employee 1	Salary
£ 92.80	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 173.18	BDO LLP	Annual audit fee
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### 11.64 Planning Matters

No applications for consideration.

### 11.65 Annual Return 2010-2011

The report of the External Auditor was presented.

Resolved: the Annual Return be accepted and approved.

### 11.66 Winter Grit Bins

Quotations for the purchase of two grit bins, to be located on Heapey Chase, were considered.

Resolved: Two bins, at a cost of £175 per bin, be purchased.

Methods of checking levels of grit during winter months were discussed.

Resolved: Councillors will periodically inspect the bins during winter months.

Councillors considered a means of maintaining a supply of grit for the bins.

Resolved: approval for the purchase of grit on an ongoing basis be delegated to the Clerk.

Lancashire County Council's reluctance to allow the siting of grit bins on verges on Coppice Lane and Heapey Road was discussed. County Councillor Case is to be asked to assist.

#### 11.67 Planting

Councillors considered the requirements for Spring bulb planting.

Resolved: Blue Crocuses, Snowdrops and Daffodils to a value of £650, including planting be ordered.

#### 11.68 Devolved Maintenance

Councillors considered an invitation to take on the maintenance of Chorley Council assets on a contract basis.

Resolved: an expression of interest to cut grass verges down the hill along Blackburn Road and around the picnic bench and around the seat over the bridge in White Coppice be lodged.

#### 11.69 Queen's Diamond Jubilee

A suggestion to plant an Oak tree to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was considered.

Resolved: an Oak tree be planted on the verge at the top of Blackburn Road.

#### 11.70 Lancashire Constabulary

A consultation from Lancashire Constabulary regarding the future of local police premises was considered. Councillors mentioned the importance of a visible Police presence in the area.

Resolved: a response be submitted advising that, whilst the reasoning behind the disposal of the premises is appreciated, the local Police presence is highly valued and it is hoped this will be maintained.

#### 11.71 Lancashire County Council Local Transport Plan

Councillors discussed a consultation regarding the Draft Implementation Plan. Concerns were expressed regarding the need, in rural areas, to provide for elderly and vulnerable residents, possibly by forms of Community Transport.

#### 11.72 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service - Performance Report and Action Plan 2011

Councillors considered details of a consultation from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services. Concerns were expressed regarding the ability of larger fire appliances to access rural lanes.

#### 11.73 Reports from Outside Bodies

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall has been awarded a grant of £30,000 towards refurbishment of the building. The Village Fete was very successful.

#### 11.58 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 1 November 2011.

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

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