

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 4 September 2012 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present: Borough Councillor M Gray, 2 PCSO's and 1 Member of the Public.

12.52 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Osborne.

12.53 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

12.54 Minutes of Meeting held 3 July 2012

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.

12.55 Public Participation

Rural Watch, a neighbourhood watch scheme for rural properties, has been launched. The PCSO's are using unmarked vehicles to get around the rural areas. There have been several incidents of cattle on the roads. Wheelton Police Station remains open for the time being.

Maintenance of grass and trees on Heapey Chase was mentioned. The developer is cutting the grass on the estate, but the entrance verge is not being cut by the Borough Council.

12.56 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered a grant application from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the purchase of insulated jackets for volunteers.

Resolved: a grant of £150 be awarded.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 370.98	Employee 1	Salary
£ 92.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 66.00	DWG North West	Strimming
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£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration

An additional signatory for the bank mandate is required.

Resolved: Cllr Allen be added to the list of signatories.

12.57 Planning Matters

12/00838/FUL and 12/00839/LBC Proposed two bay open fronted timber garage and attached garden store and minor revision to landscaping scheme, and listed building consent, at Eagle Tower Barn, Chapel Lane.

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

Details of an anonymous letter, regarding an equestrian development at Logwood Farm, which had been received was discussed. Councillors were of the opinion that, as the site was not within the parish boundary, the Council should not be involved.

12.58 Annual Return 2011-2012

The report of the External Auditor was presented.

Resolved: the Annual Return be accepted and approved.

12.59 Lancashire County Council Proposed 20mph Speed Limits

Proposals to introduce 20mph speed limits to the Heapey Chase estate were discussed. Councillors were of the opinion existing traffic calming measures are adequate.

12.60 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service - Performance Report and Action Plan Consultation

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

12.61 Local Broadband Plan

Details of the Lancashire County Council schedule for rural broadband provision had not been received. Further enquiries are to be made with the Officer responsible.

12.62 Diamond Jubilee Oak Tree

Councillors considered the purchase of an Oak tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.

Resolved: an Oak tree be ordered from Chorley Council at a cost of £75.00 (+VAT).

Councillors considered a plaque to mount in front of the tree.

Resolved: a gold aluminium plaque be ordered at a cost of £88 (+ carriage and VAT).

The Clerk is to source a mounting plate and post.

12.63 Reports from Outside Bodies

Village Hall Committee - the heating system is still not working properly. Bookings are improving. The Committee had asked whether any Councillors wished to join the Committee as Charity Trustees. Councillors were willing to continue as non trustee members.

The Borough/Parish Liaison Meeting received updates on the new Code of Conduct, the Community Infrastructure Levy, the Local Development Framework and the grass cutting service carried out by Chorley Council.

12.64 Date of Next meeting

The scheduled date for the next meeting coincides with a meeting of Chorley Council.

Resolved: the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 13 November 2012.

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

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