

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 3 September 2013 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs C Grunstein (Chairman), M Allen, I Fairhurst.

Also present County Councillor K Snape, Borough Councillor M Gray and 3 Members of the Public.

13.58 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Osborne and J Ross-Mills.

13.59 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

13.60 Minutes of Meeting held 2 July 2013

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

13.61 Public Participation

Residents mentioned the draining of the lodge in White Coppice and the subsequent works to the land. Concerns were expressed at the loss to the visual amenity of the area and that this may lead to flooding of local properties. Councillors advised this had been raised at the Borough/Parish Council Liaison meeting and the advice was that the draining of a lodge did not require planning permission.

An overgrown hedge on Chapel Lane was reported.

The recent closure of Chapel Lane, without any prior notice, was mentioned.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

13.62 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments were approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 385.93	Employee 1	Salary
£ 96.60	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 150.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Grant
£ 115.02	DWG (NW)	Strimming
£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration

13.63 Planning Matters

13/00677/FUL Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension at 175A Blackburn Road.

Councillors had no comments in respect of this application.

13.64 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2013

The report of the External Auditor was presented.

Resolved: the Annual Return was accepted and approved.

13.65 Heritage Signage

Councillors discussed the style of the signs. Wooden finger posts were suggested as an option.

Lancashire County Council is to be contacted to see whether existing sign posts or lighting columns may be used to put additional signs on.

A suggestion was made to include the signage as a Chorley Council Neighbourhood project.

13.66 Bus Shelters

Councillors considered the adoption of bus shelters in the light of information received from Chorley Council regarding maintenance costs, liability and contractual requirements, including the insurance requirements for contractors working by the roadside. As the intention, initially, was to change the colour Councillors were of the opinion the excessive costs involved could not be justified.

13.67 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Consultation

The Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report and Action Plan 2013 - Incorporating Emergency Cover Review was considered. Councillors had no comments.

13.68 Reports from Outside Bodies

Village Hall Committee - the Houghton Weavers concert has been cancelled.

Borough/Parish Council Liaison - information was provided on the Community Infrastructure Levy, planning responses and consultations and a policy on wind turbine applications.

13.69 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 5 November 2013.

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