

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 1 September 2015 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs C Grunstein (Chairman), M Allen, G France, M Osborne and J Ross-Mills.

Also present County Councillor K Snape.

15.61 Apologies for Absence

None received.

15.62 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

15.63 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2015

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.

15.64 Public Participation

Information was provided on the granting of two shale gas exploration licences in the local area.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

15.65 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

15/00734/FUL Erection of first floor front extension and erection of front porch at 18 High Bank.

15/00789/P3PAO Prior approval application to convert part of an existing agricultural building into a dwelling at Land at Phillipsons Farm, off Higher House Lane.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

15/00838/SCE Request for Screening Opinion Pursuant to Regulation 5 of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 for a rehabilitation centre incorporating therapy building and gym, swimming pool and facilities block, 17 log cabins, running track and associated parking at Land 100m East of Wheelton House, Brinscall Mill Road, Wheelton. Councillors raised concerns regarding the impact of increased traffic on rural lanes, particularly with regard to the road junction, however these will be considered in more detail once the full planning application has been submitted.

15.66 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
£ 382.96	Employee 1	Salary
£ 95.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 250.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Grant
£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration
£ 159.60	DWG (NW)	Strimming

15.67 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

The report of the External Auditor was presented. No issues were reported.

Resolved: the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015 was approved and accepted.

15.68 Heritage Signage

Councillors discussed the information required for the boards, including how best to obtain the historical information. The next newsletter is to include an appeal for residents to come forward with the information.

Councillors are to provide details of public right of way signage missing or in need of refurbishment or replacement and a priority list is to be drawn up.

15.69. Parish Council Notice board

As the existing board in the War Memorial grounds is shared with Wheelton Parish Council, allowing each council space to display only four A4 sheets, Councillors considered the provision of a notice board to be located at the bottom of Blackburn Road.

Suggested locations were on the verge in the vicinity of the bus stop near the Red Lion, or in the bus shelter. Chorley Council is to be asked for permission to use the shelter.

15.70. Lancashire County Council Draft Corporate Strategy

A response to a consultation regarding the Draft Corporate Strategy was considered. Councillors had no comments.

15.71 Public Rights of Way

The report of the fault on the path behind the lay by in White Coppice had been misinterpreted, resulting in the wrong path being inspected. A further report is to be submitted.

15.72 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall AGM will take place on 29 September.

Chorley Liaison Forum - a suggestion for parish councils to obtain insurance from the same company, in the hope of reducing premiums, was discussed.

15.73 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 3 November 2015.

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