

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 8 March 2011 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

11.15 Apologies for Absence

None received.

11.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

11.17 Minutes of Meeting held 11 January 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.

11.18 Public Participation

Lindsay Hoyle MP requested support for a petition to retain front line Police Services.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

11.19 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered a grant request from North West Air Ambulance towards operating costs.

Resolved: £100 be awarded.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 92.80	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 370.98	Employee 1	Salary
£ 115.35	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 414.33	Wheelton Parish Council	Play area maintenance
£ 355.51	Wheelton Parish Council	War memorial maintenance
£ 150.00	Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team	Grant
£ 350.00	Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust	Grant
£ 100.00	Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility	Grant
£ 100.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation
£ 12.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	Entry

11.20 Planning Matters

No matters for consideration.

11.21 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

11.22 Community Right to Challenge/Community Right to Buy

Councillors considered two consultation documents from the National Association of Local Councils. As more time was need to study the consultations Councillors are to forward comments to the Clerk.

11.23 Locality Working - Three Tier Forum

Councillors discussed the nomination of a single representative to represent Chorley Parish Councils on the proposed Lancashire County Council Three Tier Forum. Councillors felt the proposed arrangements were not satisfactory as it was not clear how one Parish Councillor could represent all the Parish Councils within the Borough.

11.24 Grit Bins

Councillors considered locations for two grit bins for Heapey Chase for residents to spread on the highway. Proposed locations must be submitted to Lancashire County Council for approval and it was suggested additional locations be submitted for possible future sites.

Resolved: locations at the junction of Kittiwake Road and High Bank, in the vicinity of 19 Kittiwake Road, the junction of Kittiwake Road with Heapey Road, Heapey Road, in the vicinity of Shackerly and Coppice Lane, up from the Former School, be submitted.

11.25 Community Engagement

Methods of engaging with residents were discussed. Contact with The Ryecroft/Ryefield Strkoe Association and Residents Group.

11.26 Newsletter

Councillors suggested items covering litter on verges, parish council grants and an upgrade of the BT exchange at Brinscall may be included.

11.27 Grasscutting

As mentioned at the January meeting under the precept discussions Lancashire County Council has terminated the arrangement under which the Parish Council is contracted to mow the verges on Blackburn Road. An Expression of Interest Form, under LCC's Delegated Services Protocol, has been submitted and a response is awaited.

Resolved: Chorley Council be instructed to continue mowing the verges.

11.27 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors considered nominations for entry in the Certificate of Merit categories.

Resolved: Heapey Parish Church, the War Memorial, and White Coppice Cricket Club be entered into their respective categories.

11.28 Reports from Outside Bodies

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee - a new committee has been formed and plans for future development were discussed. A schedule of proposed works is being drawn up.

Information on the forthcoming borough and parish elections, neighbourhood working and planning issues was provided to the Borough Council/Parish Clerks meeting

11.29 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 2 May 2011.

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

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