

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 5 March 2013 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

13.15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Berry and Borough Councillor M Gray.

13.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

13.17 Minutes of Meeting held 15 January 2013

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

13.18 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

13.19 Financial Matters

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

A grant request from Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility, towards the purchase of a heavy duty scooter, was considered. There was no proposer for the request.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments were approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 370.98	Employee 1	Salary
£ 92.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 240.60	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 393.33	Wheelton Parish Council	Play Area maintenance
£ 340.13	Wheelton Parish Council	War Memorial maintenance
£ 180.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	Entry

13.20 Planning Matters

There were no applications for consideration.

Objections had been submitted, under the Clerk's delegated powers, to the following:

13/00078/FUL Erection of an agricultural building to store machinery and produce at Stables at Tootals Farm, Coppice Lane and 13/00094/FUL

Erection of 2 no. 50kW wind turbines (24.6m to hub height and 34.2m to blade tip height) at Gorse Hall Sand and Gravel Quarry, Blackburn Road, Whittle-Le-Woods.

13.21 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.

13.22 Land at White Coppice

As Chorley Council had rejected the request for the works to the area of informal car parking by the picnic table to be carried out under the Environmental Grot Spots scheme, Councillors considered carrying out the improvement works.

Resolved: the works are to be ordered from DWG (NW) at a cost of £405 (+VAT).

13.23 Remembrance Day Service

A request had been received, from a resident of Brinscall, for arrangements be put in place to ensure all three local Church representatives partake in the Service. The Clerk to Wheelton Parish Council advised the request had been considered the request at its meeting on 4 March 2013 and that the Council is to try to arrange a joint Service. The resident is to be advised of Wheelton Parish Council's decision.

13.24 Play Equipment Repair/replacement

Wheelton Parish Council has advised of repairs/replacement of a multiplay unit on the Play Area being needed. As Wheelton Parish Council is currently not in a position to contribute the matter was deferred to a future meeting.

13.25 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Nominations for the Certificate of Merit Section were discussed. Suggestions for entry for Certificate of merit awards included St Barnabas' Church, the War Memorial and White Coppice Cricket Club.

13.26 Consultation

Councillors considered a consultation from Central Lancashire regarding the Open Space and Playing Pitch Supplementary Planning Document. Councillors had no comments to make.

13.27 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Council Neighbourhood Area Meeting - neighbourhood priorities were set.

Chorley Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting - Chorley Council is to look into the introduction of a policy to govern commercial wind turbine planning applications. Parish Councils were invited to look after bus shelters in rural areas.

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee - improvements are ongoing, with the floor having been revarnished.

13.28 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 7 May 2013.

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