

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of Meeting held 4 March 2014 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present Borough Councillor M Gray and 10 Members of the Public.

### 14.13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor K Snape.

### 14.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 14.15 Minutes of Meeting held 14 January 2014

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.

### 14.16 Public Participation

Representatives of a company provided information of a proposed development to build a rehabilitation and sports centre on the former BAE site.

Residents expressed views on the planning application for the removal of the bank of the No.8 Lodge by White Coppice Cricket Club. It was confirmed Wigan Anglers had drained the Lodge prior to its sale. Residents complained a Public Right of Way has been blocked and access for refuse collection vehicles is now difficult.

Residents reiterated complaints regarding the surface of the road to the Cricket Ground. There is no funding available from Lancashire County Council's West Pennine Moors budget for grants and Council's have taken funding from the West Pennine Moors Advisory Group.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 14.17 Financial Matters

Evidence of the receipt of the precept request by Chorley Council was presented and noted.

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

A grant application from St Chad's Bowlers towards the refurbishment of the equipment store was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £50 was awarded.

A grant application from Brinscall St John's C.E. Methodist Primary School towards the drainage of the school field was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £500 was awarded.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments were approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 374.86	Employee 1	Salary
£ 93.60	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 131.85	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 198.00	DWG (NW)	Road grit
£ 300.00	DWG (NW)	Layby resurfacing
£ 543.82	Wheelton Parish Council	Play area maintenance
£ 339.15	Wheelton Parish Council	War Memorial expenditure
£ 15.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	Entry

#### 14.18 Planning Matters

14/00043/ADV Replacement external signage and lighting at The Top Lock, Copthurst Lane, Whittle-Le-Woods.

Councillors had no comments in respect of this application.

14/00132/FUL Retrospective application for the removal of part of the dam wall at Heapey Reservoir No. 8 at Land 35m North East of Rose Cottage, White Coppice.

Resolved: the Council's objections to the original application are to be reiterated, with a request for reinstatement of the wall if the application is refused.

#### 14.19 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual financial 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.

#### 14.20 Roadside Verge repairs

Councillors considered a request for assistance to repair wooden edge trims on the verge at the entrance to the ford in Anglezarke. Lancashire County Council had advised the area was not highway land. Identification regarding ownership of the land is under way.

#### 14.21 BT Telephone Service

Requests for assistance from residents of White Coppice regarding telephone services were considered. Concerns were raised regarding elderly, vulnerable residents who had been left without telephones. Attempts are to be made to obtain assistance for residents.

#### 14.22 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Nominations were provided for the Certificate of Merit Section entries.

#### 14.23 Reports from Outside Bodies

Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - the provision of Heritage Signage proposed by the Parish Council has been accepted as one of the projects for the forthcoming year, along with improvements to a memorial in White Coppice.

Chorley Borough/Parish Councils Liaison Meeting - items discussed included the 2014-15 budgets and planning guidance relating to renewable energy planning applications.

#### 14.24 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 27 May 2014.

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