

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 3 March 2020 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present County Councillor K Snape and 1 member of the public.

20.16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies, due to a family commitment, were received from Councillor A Crompton.

Resolved: the apologies were accepted and the reason for absence approved.

20.17 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

20.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2020

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

20.19 Public Participation

A resident raised a number of issues with the Council. The resident was pleased the Council had used recycled plastic for the seats and picnic table and advised this should continue. The resident offered his opinion on the inadequate repair of the road to White Coppice Cricket Club. Councillors advised the road was repaired as a Chorley Council Neighbourhood Project and the Parish Council has set aside some funds for maintenance work, which will be passed on when it is requested. The resident mentioned problems arising from the works to remove the Larch trees on Healey Nab. Public footpaths have been blocked and the trees are not to be replaced. The resident also mentioned the condition of the footpath behind Tormore Close. Councillors advised public footpaths were the responsibility of the County Council and that the problems had been reported.

20.20 Planning Matters

20/00154/CLPUD Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) at Tithe Barn Farm, Tithe Barn Lane

Councillors had no objections to this application.

20.21 Financial Matters

i) Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

ii) Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 1993.20	Earth Anchors	Seats and picnic table
£ 345.00	DWG (NW)	Installation of seats and picnic table
£ 473.00	Wheelton Parish Council	Play area maintenance
£ 393.33	Wheelton Parish Council	Play area maintenance
£ 687.34	Wheelton Parish Council	War Memorial maintenance
£ 376.89	Wheelton Parish Council	War Memorial maintenance
£ 22.40	Euxton Parish Council	Councillor training
£ 105.60	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 546.73	Employee 1	Salary and reimbursements
£ 30.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	Entry

20.22 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review in accordance with the publication 'Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England'. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

20.23 Planting Project

Items from the report prepared by the professional gardener were discussed. Planting around the Heapey Chase entrance will be arranged through the Neighbourhood Area Meeting. Councillors decided to concentrate on the area around the picnic table in White Coppice and prices for wildflower type planting are to be obtained.

20.24 Heapey Chase Entrance Marker

The wording for the stone marker was discussed.

Resolved: the wording 'Heapey Chase' was chosen.

20.25 Communications with Residents

Councillors discussed means of improving communications with residents. An accessibility compliant website will be required from September 2020. The provision of social media accounts is to be looked into policies or protocols will be required to be in place for users.

20.26 Electric Vehicle Charging Points

A member of the Council had met with a representative from a company which aims to provide charging points for residents with no off-street parking and no immediate prospect of getting a chargepoint from other providers at nearby locations such as supermarkets etc. The company is to be contacted to see whether the parish council can become involved in the provision.

20.27 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Entry into the 2020 Competition was discussed. Councillors agreed to enter the village with St Barnabas Church, the War Memorial and White Coppice Cricket Club nominated for the Outstanding Features category.

20.28 Heapey Chase Flooding Issues

There had been flooding on Higher House Lane and Heapey Road which is believed to be due to the surface water drains being unable to take the amount of water. Chorley Council had swept the gullies but the drains need more frequent clearing by Lancashire County Council. It was mentioned Chorley Council could provide sandbags if a suitable site for a storage container could be found.

20.29 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

20.30 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 5 May 2020.

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

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