

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of Meeting held 5 November 2013 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 County Councillor K Snape, Borough Councillor M Gray and 8 Members of the Public.

### 13.70 Apologies for Absence

None received.

### 13.71 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 13.72 Minutes of Meeting held 3 September 2013

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.

### 13.73 Public Participation

Residents mentioned a planning application is to be submitted for the removal of the bank of the lodge in White Coppice and the hardstanding. Concerns were expressed at the loss to the visual amenity of the area and that this may lead to flooding of local properties.

Revised plans for the solar farm have been submitted. Residents raised issues regarding the submitted statement of community involvement.

The Parish Council's decision not to adopt the bus shelters was queried. Councillors advised costs of future maintenance was the main reason.

The meeting was advised of a campaign to have part of the West Pennine Moors (including Heapey, White Coppice, Rivington and Anglezarke) designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Agenda items 6 and 7 were brought forward.

### 13.74 Planning Matters

13/00811/FULMAJ Construction of a (up to 8MW) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Farm and associated works at Land Bounded by Black Brook, Chapel Lane and Tithe Barn Lane.

Councillors considered amendments to the original application. The amendments failed to address any of the original concerns concerning the unacceptable impact on the Greenbelt.

Resolved: the Parish Council's objections to the application are to be reiterated.

### 13.75 Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Designation

Councillors discussed a campaign to have part of the West Pennine Moors (including Heapey, White Coppice, Rivington and Anglezarke) designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Concerns were raised regarding the possible impact of the designation on residents' planning applications in the future. This is to be researched prior to the next meeting. An article is to be included in the next newsletter advising residents of the campaign.

### 13.76 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered a request for support from St Barnabas Parish Church towards the restoration of the East End window.

Resolved: a grant of £1000 was awarded.

Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £100 was agreed.

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
£ 105.64	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 810.03	Wheelton Parish Council	Play area maintenance
£ 403.00	Wheelton Parish Council	War Memorial maintenance
£ 115.02	DWG (NW)	Strimming
£ 1000.00	Heapey Parish Church	Donation
£ 100.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation and wreath

### 13.77 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year and the internal audit fee.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson be appointed and the fee be set at £35.

### 13.78 Precept 2014- 2015

Councillors discussed items for inclusion in the Precept for 2013-2014. Suggestions included spreading Poppy seeds on verges to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of WW1, a project for food growing and the Heritage Signage project for a rolling programme of signage together with an information leaflet covering walks in the area.

### 13.79 Heritage Signage

Lancashire County Council had advised existing posts may be used to put additional signs on. The provision of the signage is to be submitted to the Neighbourhood Area meeting.

### 13.80 Neighbourhood Priorities

Councillors considered the submission of items for inclusion in the forthcoming round of Neighbourhood Priorities.

Resolved: the Heritage Signage is to be submitted as a Neighbourhood Priority.

### 13.81 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Chorley Council Equality Forum included a discussion on the Credit Union.

Borough/Parish Council Liaison - issues raised included grass cutting and gritting. Wind turbine applications are to be considered by the Local Development Framework Working Group.

### 13.82 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 14 January 2014.

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