

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 3 November 2015 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present County Councillor K Snape.

15.74 Apologies for Absence

None received.

15.75 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

15.76 Councillor Vacancy

As the applicant for co-option had asked for the application to be put on hold, this item was deferred to a future meeting.

15.77 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 September 2015

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.

15.78 Public Participation

Complaints had been received regarding the broadband connection and Superfast Lancashire has advised connection to properties on Blackburn Road should be available by Christmas.

Fluctuations in electricity supply in White Coppice were reported.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

15.79 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

15/00734/FUL Erection of first floor front extension and erection of front porch at 18 High Bank.

15/00894/P3PAO Prior approval application to convert an existing agricultural building and garage into a dwelling along with the building operations necessary to convert the building at Moody House Farm, Higher House Lane.

15/00958/P3PAO Prior approval application in respect of the external alterations necessary to enable the conversion of the agricultural building into two dwellings (associated with prior approval application 15/00355/P3PAO) at Garstang House Farm Chapel Lane.

15/00962/FUL Erection of a single storey front extension and erection of a single storey rear extension 10 The Dell.

15/01008/FUL Erection of single storey front porch, erection of a two storey side extension, erection of single storey rear extension and formation of balcony above the proposed front extension at 7 Ryecroft.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

15.80 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

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

Resolved: a donation of £100 was agreed.

Resolved: the following payments were approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 382.96	Employee 1	Salary
£ 95.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 62.78	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 119.70	DWG (NW)	Strimming
£ 100.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation

15.81 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.

15.82 Precept 2016-17

Items for inclusion in the precept were discussed. Suggestions included wildflower planting on the verges of the A674, possibly in conjunction with Whittle-le Woods Parish Council, and early flowering plants for the verge containing the raised bed. Obtaining ceramic type poppies for Remembrance Day was also mentioned. Councillors are to contact the Clerk with any additional suggestions.

15.83. Parish Council Notice board

Chorley Council had granted permission for a notice board to be installed on a side wall inside the bus shelter by The Red Lion.

Resolved: a notice board, costing £199.00 (+VAT) is to be ordered from Whitehill Direct.

15.84 Heritage Signage

Councillors provided details of public right of way signage missing or in need of refurbishment or replacement. A sign on Chapel Lane, opposite Garstang House Farm was identified.

Councillors also discussed provision of the information boards. Details of boards recently installed by Chorley Council in a neighbouring parish are to be obtained.

15.85. Fruit Tree Planting

Concerns had been raised regarding planting fruit trees on highway verges due to problems with mowing and possible safety issues. Councillors are to provide details of potential small areas of land which may be suitable.

15.86. Chorley Council Consultation on Validation Criteria for Planning Applications

A response to the consultation was considered. Councillors had no comments.

15.87 Reports from Outside Bodies

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall - the level of bookings of the Hall have increased.

Chorley Liaison Forum - the latest meeting was poorly attended.

15.88 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 5 January 2016.

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