

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 7 November 2017 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs C Grunstein (Chairman), M Allen, D Jewell and M Osborne.

Also present County Councillor K Snape.

17.69 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs G France and J Ross-Mills.

17.70 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Allen declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 17/00979/CLEUD.

17.71 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 September 2017

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

17.72 Public Participation

County Councillor Snape advised the Environment Agency is investigating the recent flooding event at Heapey Chase.

Problems with delays on trains to Manchester were reported. A question was raised regarding a Local Transport Plan for the area and Cllr Snape will query this with Officers.

The post box at the entrance to Heapey Chase had been stolen and has now been replaced.

The Post Office will be providing a service from the Village Hall on Fridays

17.73 Planning Matters

The meeting was advised the Higher Healey Farm application had been refused.

The following application was considered:

17/00979/CLEUD Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use in respect of the land being used as part of the residential garden at West View, Chapel Lane. The Parish Council's concerns regarding this proposal, which seeks to formalise the encroachment of domestic development into the countryside, are to be submitted.

17.74 Financial Matters

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

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
£ 390.78	Employee 1	Salary
£ 97.60	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 122.54	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 69.50	DWG	Grass cutting
£ 100.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation

17.75 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.

The appointment of an Internal Auditor was discussed. The current auditor is no longer able to carry out the audit. The Clerk is to attempt to locate a replacement auditor.

17.76 Bus Services

A request from Chorley Council for a contribution towards the provision of the 24A Chorley to Blackburn and the 109A Chorley Interchange to Chorley Hospital evening and Sunday bus services was discussed. Councillors were advised the Parish Council has no legal power to contribute towards commercial services. Chorley Council is to be advised the Parish Council has funds available and is willing to discuss contributing towards a non-commercial bus service.

17.77 Litter

Following a resident's request for assistance with litter problems, possible sites for litter bins have been passed to Chorley Council for investigation. Posters for the roadside have also been suggested.

17.78 Bulb Planting

Permission has been granted to plant around the edges of the open space area off Kittiwake Road and a response to the request to plant on Ryecroft/Ryefield near the new properties and along the verge up from the Red Lion is awaited. Chorley Council has provided a sack of Daffodil bulbs and Councillors considered the purchase and planting of additional bulbs, including Snowdrops.

Resolved: bulb planting to a maximum cost of £450 was agreed.

17.79 Precept

Items for inclusion in the precept for 2018-19 were discussed. Suggestions are to be sent to the Clerk.

17.80 Heapey Chase Flooding Issues

A report on a recent flooding event is being prepared by the Environment Agency. Lancashire County Council is looking into obstructions in the Black Brook weir.

17.81 Parish Map

Details of a local information book were mentioned and Councillors will try to borrow a copy to provide background information for the places and people of interest for the map.

17.82 Reports from Outside Bodies

Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood meeting - works to the public footpath in White Coppice are moving on.

17.83 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 2 January 2018.

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