

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 10 January 2012 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present PCSO Jones and Murphy and 3 Members of the Public.

12.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor J Berry and Borough Councillor M Gray.

12.02 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

12.03 Minutes of Meeting held 1 November 2011

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

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

12.04 Public Participation

PCSO Jones reported only one crime in the area. Incidents of sheep rustling, theft of ornamental stone and metal theft are occurring in other parts of the borough.

Councillors raised concerns regarding customers standing in the road outside the Top Lock.

Residents queried the status of an area of land between Bagganley Lane and Heapey Chase, which was being advertised for sale with a view to obtaining planning permission "for a more specific market related scheme". Councillors advised the area had not been identified for potential development in consultations on the Local Development Framework, however there is nothing to prevent a landowner attempting to sell land.

A representative from the Village Hall Committee thanked the Council for its past support and advised much of the planned improvement work has been completed. Unfortunately further problems with the fabric of the building have been highlights and the Committee is seeking further financial assistance. Councillors advised this would have to be considered at a future meeting.

12.05 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered a donation to Heapey & Wheelton War Memorial Trust towards operating costs. The matter was deferred to the next meeting to allow for financial information to be obtained.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 92.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 370.98	Employee 1	Salary
£ 429.86	Glasdon Manufacturing	Grit bins
£ 307.80	J H Mayor	Christmas tree
£ 100.00	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal donation
£ 11.20	Euxton Parish Council	Councillor training
£ 65.00	DWG North West	Christmas tree fence
£ 104.04	J H Mayor	Road grit

12.06 Planning Matters

11/00919/FUL Erection of 2 wind turbines (Hub height 15.545m/Height to blade tip 20.345m) at Bluebell Cottage, Trigg Lane.

11/01081/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension with conversion of existing garage to living accommodation at 136 Blackburn Road.

Councillors had no comments to make in respect of the applications.

12.07 2012 -2013 Precept

Current memberships and subscriptions were reviewed.

Resolved: the existing memberships and subscriptions be renewed.

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year. A budget of £100 is to be provided for a plaque for the tree to be planted to mark the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and a General Reserve budget introduced.

Resolved: the Precept for 2012 - 2013 be set at £8989, resulting in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents

12.08 Grit Bin Provision

Councillors discussed the disappearance, within a couple of days, of the original stock of 600kg of road grit, from the two bins on Heapey Chase, with no apparent trace of grit on the estate roads. As the grit was sufficient to treat a large area of highway, enquiries are to be made locally to try to identify whether the grit was removed from the area.

Councillors considered the distribution of a flyer covering the spreading of grit and requesting anyone seen taking grit away or using it inappropriately to be reported to the Police. Councillors also considered whether to refill the bins. It was felt a flyer should not be sent until a further stock of grit had been supplied and residents given the opportunity to use the grit as it is meant to be used.

Resolved: the grit bins be restocked and monitored to try to ensure the grit is used legitimately.

12.09 Reports from Outside Bodies

Attendees at a presentation on Chorley Council's Rural Housing Needs Study were advised a requirement for nine additional affordable homes per annum had been identified for the village.

Trustees of the Village Hall received a briefing on the implications of trusteeship from a legal advisor.

12.10 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 6 March 2012.

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