

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 3 July 2012 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs J Berry (Chairman), M Allen, I Fairhurst, C Grunstein, M Osborne.

Also present: PS Appleton, PCSO Appleton, Borough Councillor M Gray and 2 Members of the Public.

12.39 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Ross-Mills.

12.40 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

12.41 Minutes of Annual Meeting held 1 May 2012

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.

12.42 Public Participation

Concerns were raised regarding a planning application for a wind turbine. The concerns included the close proximity to listed buildings, impact on bats and birds and that the turbine is to be located on the highest point in the area, which would detract from the view. Residents were advised to submit personal objections.

There were no reported crimes within Heapey, but several in neighbouring villages. Wheelton Police Station will be closed within the next couple of weeks.

12.43 Financial Matters

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

Evidence of receipt of the precept was presented.

Councillors considered grant requests from Sue Ryder Cuerden Hall, towards the purchase of a Parker bath, and Vitalise towards costs of provision of respite care for disabled people. There was no proposer for the request.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 370.98	Employee 1	Salary
£ 92.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 149.90	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 120.00	DWG North West	Strimming
£ 25.00	R Smith	Rose bed maintenance
£ 162.00	BDO LLP	Audit fee

12.44 Planning Matters

12/00518/FUL Formation of temporary access track onto highway, temporary site compound and associated works at Land Between Black Brook North Well and St Barnabas Church Chapel Lane.

12/00535/FUL Conversion of part of outbuilding to form part of residential dwelling including extension of residential curtilage to rear and single storey extension to form new link between existing house and converted building at Phillipsons Cottage Tithe Barn Lane.

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

12/00565/FUL Proposed erection of wind turbine on land adjacent to Eagle Tower at Land 18m East of Eagle Tower, Chapel Lane. Councillors discussed the application, and considered the points raised by the residents.

Resolved: an objection be submitted on the grounds of the impact of the turbine on a neighbouring listed building and impact on the visual amenity of the area.

12.45 Code of Conduct

The adoption of a new Code of Conduct for Members was considered. Councillors discussed Codes provided by Chorley Council and the National Association of Local Councils.

Resolved: the Code of Conduct, as provided by Chorley Council, be adopted.

12.46 Grounds Maintenance

The current mowing regime of verges and strimming was reviewed. The highway verge mowing on Blackburn Road was felt to be adequate. Residents had requested whether an area to the right of the ford in White Coppice could be strimmed.

Resolved: the strimming contract for White Coppice be extended to include the area to the right of the ford.

Replacement of the wooden posts protecting the picnic table and seat in White Coppice was considered.

Resolved: the posts are to be replaced.

Councillors also discussed the area adjacent to the picnic table currently used for parking, which is in need of levelling. As there is a possibility this may be carried out by Chorley Council under the Neighbourhoods Expressions of Interest Scheme Councillors decided to wait for a response.

12.47 Broadband

Councillors discussed broadband provision within the parish. Lancashire County Council is involved in an ongoing project to provide superfast broadband to most rural areas. Details of the project are to be requested. Options for wireless broadband may also be available.

12.48 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Provision

A consultation on the current taxi service across the borough was considered. Councillors felt the consultation was not appropriate for rural areas.

12.49 Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan

A consultation on a proposed major modification to the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies document was considered. Councillors had no comments to make.

12.50 Reports from Outside Bodies

Village Hall Committee - the Diamond Jubilee event was very successful. Problems with the heating system have not been resolved. Pointing of the outside and painting is now under way.

12.51 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 4 September 2012.

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