

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Annual Meeting held 27 May 2014 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present County Councillor K Snape, Borough Councillor G France and 2 members of the Public.

14.25 Election of Chairman for 2013 - 2014

Resolved: Cllr C Grunstein was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

14.26 Councillor Vacancies

An application for co-option to fill a vacancy left unfulfilled at the election by reason of insufficient nominations was considered.

Resolved: Margaret Osborne was co-opted.

14.27 Election of Vice Chairman for 2013-2014

Resolved: Cllr Osborne was elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

14.28 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Chorley Three Tier Liaison Forum - Cllr Allen

Chorley Council Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr Grunstein

Chorley Council Equality Forum - Cllr Allen

Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust - Mr D Berry

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee - Cllr Allen

Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust - Mr D Berry

LALC Chorley Area Committee - Cllr Ross-Mills

Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group - Cllr Osborne

14.29 Apologies for Absence

None received.

14.30 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Grunstein, as owner of a property in the vicinity of an application site, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 9 (Planning Matters).

14.31 Minutes of the Meeting held 4 March 2014

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.

14.32 Public Participation

Residents queried the Council's position regarding the planning application for the removal of the lodge embankment in White Coppice and that a hard standing area which was supposed to be reinstated to grass had not yet been done so. Councillors advised the application was on this meeting's agenda.

Residents reported the cutting down of trees within the Conservation Area which appeared to have been undertaken without permission.

Inconsiderate parking on the road to White Coppice Cricket Club had caused difficulties for a medical vehicle. Councillors advised that, as the road is unadopted, the Parish Council is unable to erect signage.

The display of the MP's poster in the Parish Council owned notice boards was queried. The Clerk advised the poster is on permanent display in the Kittiwake Road board but, due to limited space in the remaining boards, the posters are sometimes covered by other items. Contact details for the MP and County and Borough Ward Councillors are on display at all times.

Positive comments regarding the Spring flower displays have been received.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

14.33 Planning Matters

14/00144/FUL Installation of two 10kw wind turbines with a hub height of 18.79m and a height to blade tip of 22.2m (amendment to planning application 11/00919/FUL at Bluebell Cottage, Trigg Lane.

14/00307/FUL Demolition of existing single storey porch and erection of a two storey extension. Insertion of patio doors and a Juliet balcony to replace an existing window at 2 Tormore Close.

Cllr Osborne, as owner of a property adjoining the application site, declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and took no part in the debate and decision.

14/00498/FUL Horse ménage at Tootals Farm, Coppice Lane.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

14/00149/FUL Retrospective application for the part removal of embankment wall of Heapey no.8 reservoir alongside Rose Cottage, extension of the existing parking area to the side and forward of Rose Cottage into land previously occupied by the embankment wall at Land 35m North of Rose Cottage, White Coppice. Councillors were advised of an amendment to the application removing the car parking area extension.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds that the removal of the wall and embankment has had an adverse impact on the visual amenity of the Conservation Area. Also a request that, should the Planning Authority be minded to approve the application, a condition requiring adequate screening of the area should be imposed.

14/00330/AGR Application for prior notification for forestry development for a workshop and store at corner of field at junction of Coppice Lane and Hollin Lane.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds that the buildings represent an unacceptable adverse impact on the visual amenity of the area.

14.34 Financial Matters

Evidence of the receipt of the precept was presented and noted.

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

Councillors considered renewal of the annual insurance. An alternative quotation had reduced the premium by £56 and, in return for a long term agreement, the reduction would be £70.

Resolved: a three year long term agreement, at a first year cost of £265, 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
£ 35.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit fee
£ 78.00	DWG (NW)	Strimming
£ 0.87	E.ON	Christmas lights electricity
£ 151.40	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription

£ 500.00	Brinscall St John's Primary School	Grant
£ 50.00	St Chad's Bowlers	Grant
£ 265.00	Broker Network	Annual insurance premium

14.35 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2014

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2014.

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts was approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.

Councillors received the report of the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: the report was noted.

14.36 Heritage Signage Project

The project for provision of signage for local walks and areas of interest has been taken on by the Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting. Chorley Council had provided a large scale map and items are to be identified and passed on the Chorley Council Officers.

14.37 Planting

Councillors discussed planting for the coming year. A suggestion for Poppies, to mark the First World War, around the Memorial in White Coppice and on the roundabout at the entrance to Botany Bay was put forward. As the roundabout is outside the parish this is to be referred to Chorley Council.

A suggestion for open flower beds on verges was made and a previous suggestion for Fruit trees in the verges was raised.

14.38 Mobile Speed Trailer

An invitation from Wheelton Parish Council for the shared use of a mobile speed trailer was considered. Councillors were of the opinion that, given the nature of the parish, there are insufficient potential sites to deploy a speed device.

14.39 Lancashire Permit Scheme for Road and Street Activities

A response to a Lancashire County Council consultation was considered. Councillors had no comments.

14.40 Chorley Fairtrade Group

Councillors considered an invitation to take part in the Chorley Fairtrade Group. An article promoting the Group is to be included in the newsletter.

14.41 Reports from Outside Bodies

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee - the constitution has been finalised. Bookings have increased. There are issues with parking in the area, both with visitors to the Hall parking on the street and local residents using the car park.

14.42 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 1 July 2014.

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