

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held on 2 May 2017 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present 2 members of the public.

17.26 Election of Chairman for 2017 - 2018

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

Resolved: the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received.

17.27 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor K Snape.

17.28 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

17.29 Election of Vice Chairman for 2017 - 2018

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

17.30 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Chorley Liaison - 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 – Councillors Jewell and Ross-Mills

Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group - Cllr Osborne

17.31 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 March 2017

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

17.32 Public Participation

Residents requested information on potential flooding issues in the vicinity of Station House and Bank Terrace. Councillors advised there had been no issues reported for the properties on Bank Terrace and further information was available on Lancashire County Council's website.

The planning application for the rehabilitation Centre had been refused due to road access issues.

Signage relating to recent temporary road closures for surfacing works were reported as containing incorrect dates and diverting traffic via Millennium Way when the road was actually open.

Roadside gullies on Higher House Lane had been cleared.

17.33 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

17/0382/FUL Erection of detached dwelling at Chorley Equestrian Centre, Higher Garstang House Farm, Chapel Lane

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

17/00420/SCOPE Scoping Opinion for the Environmental Statement relating to the proposed employment development at Land adjacent junction 8, M61, North of Millennium Way, Chorley. As this is a scoping application Councillors had no comments however, the source of the River Chor lies within the site and this will be raised when a full application is submitted.

The Chairman attended a recent Committee meeting regarding the application for an agricultural worker's dwelling at Higher Healey Farm. A decision was deferred as issues were raised regarding access to the proposed dwelling.

17.34 Financial Matters

Evidence of the receipt of the precept was noted.

Resolved: the financial update for the year ended 31 March 2017 was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

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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
£ 140.07	LALC	Subscription
£ 1.20	E.on	Christmas lights electricity
£ 200.00	North West Air Ambulance	Donation
£ 69.50	DWG	Grass cutting
£ 282.80	Came and Co	Annual insurance premium

17.35 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Councillors reviewed the Asset Register.

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

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

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

17.36 Parish Map

An initial draft had been produced and it was suggested the final version should contain areas in and around Heapey. Any information and photographs for inclusion are to be passed to the Chairman.

17.37 Flooding Issues

An item in a Lancashire County Council Chorley District Flood Report, relating to the floods in late 2015, was discussed. Information regarding the flooding incident around Heapey Chase was contrary to that provided by the Environment Agency and concerns were raised insurance companies may take into account the LCC version. Residents had raised concerns over the condition of the Black Brook weir and County Councillor Snape is trying to establish ownership of, and responsibility for, the weir.

17.38 Consultation

Councillors considered a consultation relating to Chorley Council's 123List of infrastructure projects. There were no comments.

17.39 Ironman UK.

Councillors noted information provided on the event which takes place on Sunday 16 July 2017.

17.40 The Great Get Together

A suggestion to mark the anniversary of the death of Jo Cox MP was considered. A donation of £25 is to be made to the Jo Cox Foundation.

17.41 Reports from Outside Bodies

Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group - information was provided on the project to preserve the Terraced Gardens at Rivington and a recent visit to Police Headquarters at Hutton.

17.42 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 4 July 2017.

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