

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 3 March 2015 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

15.15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor M Allen, Bough Councillor G France and County Councillor K Snape.

15.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

15.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 January 2015

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.

15.18 Public Participation

Residents had complained about dog fouling on public rights of way.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

15.19 Planning Matters

14/01303/FUL and 14/01304/LBC Conversion of barn to residential use and Listed Building Consent for same at Morris Farm, Hollin Lane.

15/00138/FUL Removal of existing single storey extension, construction of single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension at 10 Tormore Close

Councillors had no comments in respect of this application.

15.20 Financial Matters

Evidence of the receipt of the precept request by Chorley Council was presented and noted.

A request for assistance from Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility towards the cost of replacement mobility scooters was considered. There was no proposer for the request.

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

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments were approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 382.96	Employee 1	Salary
£ 95.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 89.80	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 561.47	Wheelton Parish Council	Play area maintenance
£ 555.16	Wheelton Parish Council	War Memorial Expenditure
£ 613.33	Wheelton Parish Council	Play area maintenance
£ 339.63	Wheelton Parish Council	War Memorial Expenditure
£ 25.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village	Entry fee

15.21 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

15.22 Councillor Vacancies

Councillors discussed a means to fill the vacancies, which have existed since May 2014. A prominent article is to be placed in the next newsletter.

15.23 Heritage Signage

The new signs, provided by the Neighbourhood Area meeting are in place. The signs are of very good quality and Councillors wish to continue with the project. Discussions took place around an information board and a site in the vicinity of the Top Lock pub is to be investigated.

15.24 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2015

Nominations were provided for the Certificate of Merit Section entries.

15.25 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Council Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting - priorities for the forthcoming year were selected. The Parish Council's suggestion to plant fruit trees on verges along Blackburn Road was well received but it was felt funding may be available from other sources. The suggestion for additions to the Heritage Signage project was not taken forward.

Chorley Council/Parish Clerks meeting - items discussed included the replacement of dog waste bins with dual purpose bins, rural ICT initiatives and new items available on Chorley's website.

15.26 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 5 May 2015.

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