

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 4 November 2014 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present County Councillor K Snape and Borough Councillor G France.

14.56 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor C Grunstein

14.57 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

14.58 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 September 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.

14.59 Public Participation

Information was provided on the Best kept Village Competition, in which both the village and White Coppice Cricket Club had received 'Highly Commended' awards.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

14.60 Planning Matters

14/01132/FULMAJ Construction of a (up to 4.99MW) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Farm and associated works at Land Bounded by Black Brook, Chapel Lane and Tithe Barn Lane.

Resolved: the Council's objections to the previous application are to be reiterated.

14/00858/FUL Application to vary condition 12, to remove the requirement for the dwellings to be constructed to Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4, at Land 35m South off 25 Ryefield.

14/00994/FUL Erection of detached garage with open sided entrance frontage, conversion of existing garage to hallway and utility room and erection of a 1m high wall with gates to enclose periphery of cartilage at Phillipsons Farm, Tithe Barn Lane.

14/01035/FUL Resubmission of previously approved planning application (13/01067/FUL) for the raising of roof height to create first floor extension and erection of single storey rear extension and front porch at 179 Blackburn Road.

14/01081/FUL Part single part two storey rear extension at 6 Ryecroft.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

14.61 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £100 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
£ 109.06	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 78.00	DWG (NW)	Strimming

£ 100.00 RBL Poppy Appeal

Donation

14.62 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year and the internal audit fee.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson is to be appointed and the fee set at £35.

14.63 Precept 2015-16

Items for inclusion in the precept were discussed. Suggestions included adding to the Heritage Signage Project with map boards and further signage and planting schemes. Councillors are to contact the Clerk with any additional suggestions.

14.64 Neighbourhood Priorities

Councillors considered suggestions for priorities for 2015-16. The Clerk is to be notified of any suggestions prior to 21 November 2014.

14.65 Heritage Signage Project

A verbal update was provided, together with details of the selected sites for signage.

14.66 Protocol for Recording of Council Meetings

Following the introduction of Statutory Instrument 2014 No. 2095 (The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014) the recording of parish council meetings is now permitted. Members considered a draft protocol relating to the recording of meetings.

Resolved: the protocol was adopted.

14.67 Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan

A consultation from Lancashire County Council was considered. Councillors had no comments.

14.68 Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026 Schedule of Proposed Modifications

Cllr Allen, as an acquaintance of a family of Travellers, declared a personal interest in this item. Councillors considered a consultation from Chorley Council regarding Gypsy and Traveller provision. Councillors had no objections to the proposed provision.

14.69 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Three Tier Liaison Meeting - Lancashire County Council is to continue with the current methods of reporting for the winter gritting regime.

Village Hall Committee - bookings are on the increase and the current licensing arrangements are to change.

14.70 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 6 January 2015.

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