

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 2 January 2018 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present County Councillor K Snape.

18.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Jewell.

18.02 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

18.03 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 November 2017

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

18.04 Public Participation

A report on works carried out to trees in the vicinity of the weir behind The Dingle and on Higher House Lane was provided.

18.05 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

17/01111/FULHH Partial demolition of boundary wall, removal of steps and elevational alterations at 175B Blackburn Road.

17/01161/NMNA Minor non-material amendment to planning approval 17/00158/FULHH (which was for the erection of a two storey rear extension and insertion of ground floor window to side elevation) for the removal of window, elevational alterations and window alterations 37 Kenyon Lane.

17/01182/PDE Notification for prior approval for a single storey rear extension measuring 6m depth, with eaves height of 2.4m and a maximum height of 3.7m at 1 Bank Terrace, Coppice Lane.

Councillors had no objections to the applications.

The meeting was advised an appeal against the refusal of the Rehabilitation Centre application had been lodged.

18.06 Financial Matters

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
£ 390.78	Employee 1	Salary
£ 97.60	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 300.00	J H Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 70.00	DWG	Christmas tree fence

18.07 Precept

The Precept for 2018-19 was considered. A draft budget was presented resulting in no increase in the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

Resolved: the Precept for 2018 - 2019 was set at £8893, which will hold the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

18.08 Bus Services

At the previous meeting, Councillors were advised of legal advice that the Parish Council has no legal power to contribute towards commercial services. Information regarding the ability of Lancashire County Council to delegate powers to subsidise public passenger transport services under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 had been provided by LCC. As Section 106A of the Transport Act 1985 limits powers for parish councils to contribute only towards certain types of public transport (ie for the elderly or disabled or a community bus service), clarification had been sought from both LCC and the National Association of Local Councils. At the time of the meeting this clarification had not been received.

Resolved: the Parish Council will contribute towards the funding of the 24A (Chorley - Blackburn) and 109A (Leyland - Chorley) services provided either Lancashire County Council or Chorley Council will indemnify the Parish Council in the event a legal power to subsidise the service is not confirmed.

18.09 Heapey Chase Flooding Issues

A recent flooding event was reported as having been caused by a sluice being impeded by sediment, which has now been cleared. Suggestions have been put forward for further works which have been identified.

18.10 Electoral Review

Councillors considered a response to a consultation from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England regarding an Electoral Review of Chorley. Councillors expressed a wish for the parish to retain its rural status, possibly incorporated with Wheelton and Withnell and Brindle and Houghton.

18.11 Lancashire Association of Local Council Chorley Area Committee

Councillors considered a response to a request for information regarding reasons for poor attendance at meetings. Councillors were of the opinion the Chorley Liaison meetings had taken over as a more effective forum.

18.12 Parish Map

The latest draft of the map was presented.

18.13 Reports from Outside Bodies

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall - bookings have improved.

18.14 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 6 March 2018.

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