

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT MINUTES (subject to approval at the next meeting)** of the Council Meeting held on 6 September 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllrs C Grunstein (Chairman), C Egerton-Smith, A Hodgson and M Osborne

Also present County Councillor K Snape, Borough Councillor J Whiffen and C Walmsley (Chorley Council Streetscene Services Manager).

### 22.53 Apologies for Absence

None received.

### 22.54 Declarations of Interests

Apologies were received from Councillors A Crompton and G France.

### 22.55 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 July 2022

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

### 22.56 Public Participation

Chorley Council's Streetscene Services Manager provided details of proposed engagement with parish councils and the services offered. Route optimisation software has been introduced to direct operatives more efficiently. Items raised by Councillors included litter on the lanes, bus shelters in need of attention and the possible use of covert cameras to discourage fly tipping.

Proposals for the sand extraction at Gale Moss have been revised and are out for consultation.

The application for the development on Black Lion Field is due to be put to the Planning Committee.

### 22.57 Planning Matters

22/00823/FULHH Single storey side and rear extensions and conversion of part of garage to habitable accommodation at 3 Tormore Close

Councillors had no objections to this application.

The Chairman is to speak at the relevant Planning Committee meeting against the Black Lion Field application (21/00847/FULMAJ Land next to 190 Blackburn Road)

### 22.58 Financial Matters

i) Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and signed by the Chairman.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 20.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 100.00	Chorley Help the Homeless	Donation
£ 50.00	Chorley Council	Grant
£ 552.24	Staff costs	Salaries and deductions
£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Data Protection registration

### 22.58 External Auditor Appointment Arrangements

An option to opt out of the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments arrangements, which would require the Parish Council to appoint an appropriate external auditor, convene an independent auditor panel and develop a specification for the external audit contract, was considered. The option was not supported.

#### 22.59 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services Emergency Cover Review 2022 Survey

A response to a survey was considered. The provision of additional off road vehicles was welcomed.

#### 22.60 Planting

Discussions with Lancashire County Council regarding ownership of the area of land around the bus shelter near the Red Lion are ongoing. Copies of HM Land Registry documents suggesting part of the verge is owned by the County Council have been forwarded.

Planting around the Heapey Chase entrance marker has not yet been carried out by Chorley Council. Councillors were in favour of planting low maintenance shrubs as opposed to bedding plants.

#### 22.61 Parish Map

Additional items for inclusion were discussed, with defibrillator locations to be identified. Councillors were asked to ensure any remaining items are put forward at the November meeting.

#### 22.62 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

#### 22.63 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 1 November 2022.

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