

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Remote Council Meeting held on 3 November 2020 at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present County Councillor K Snape.

20.47 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G France.

20.48 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

20.49 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 September 2020

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

20.50 Public Participation

A resident had offered thanks to those responsible for the repairs to the public footpath behind Tormore Close, but advised of an additional problem further up the path.

Fly tipping, of a mattress, on Higher House Lane had been dealt with very quickly by Chorley Council Officers.

Chorley Council Officers are chasing the stone supplier regarding the Heapey Chase entrance marker.

Arrangements for the Remembrance Day wreath laying were provided.

The Carol singing around the Christmas tree on Heapey Chase was mentioned. Any information received will be displayed in the notice board.

A resident had mentioned large numbers of visitors to the area causing parking problems in White Coppice.

20.51 Planning Matters

Councillors expressed disappointment at revised proposals for the Botany Bay development. The initial proposals, of a high quality retail park, is to be replaced with a scheme comprising largely of warehousing, contrary to the 'Cheshire Oaks' style development originally promised.

20.52 Financial Matters

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

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

Resolved: a donation of £100 was agreed.

iii) Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

£ 87.00	DWG (NW)	Grass cutting
£ 594.25	Employee 1	Salary and reimbursements
£ 105.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 990.00	M Hughes	White Coppice planting scheme
£ 100.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation

20.53 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 discussed the appointment of an Internal Auditor in accordance with guidance provided by the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide (March 2020).

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed and the fee was set at £80.00.

20.54 Precept

Items for inclusion in the precept for 2021-22 were discussed. Councillors are to provide suggestions for larger projects to the Clerk.

20.55 Planting Project

Proposals for a planting scheme for the picnic area in White Coppice were considered.

Resolved: the scheme, costing £990.00, was approved.

20.56 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 5 January 2021.

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