

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 11 January 2010 at 7.30 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs J Berry (Chairman), D Berry, P Church, J Geddes.

10.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor J Ross-Mills.

10.02 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr D Berry, as Chairman of Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust, and Cllr Geddes, as a member of the Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee, declared personal interests in items forming part of Agenda Item 5 (Financial Matters).

10.03 Minutes of Meeting held 3 November 2009

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

10.04 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

Serious problems were reported on Chapel Lane and Coppice Lane in the severe weather conditions, with the road only being passable by four wheeled drive vehicles. The refuse and recycling collections have not been made, although Veolia had managed to regularly collect trade waste. Mention was made of a County Council gritting vehicle travelling along Heapey Road in the vicinity of Heapey Chase, without actually spreading salt, on two separate occasions.

10.05 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered grant requests from:

Anglezarke Parish Council towards the recarving of a boundary stone

Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the purchase of rescue equipment

Chorley Shopmobility to cover a shortfall in funding

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall towards maintenance costs

Heapey & Wheelton War Memorial Trust towards maintenance costs

North West Air Ambulance towards operating costs

St Chad's Bowlers towards running expenses

Victim Support towards operating costs and training expenses

Vitalise towards the costs of respite breaks for disabled people

There was no proposer for the Vitalise request.

Resolved: the following grants be awarded:

Anglezarke Parish Council - a contribution of 50% of the costs of recarving to a maximum of £100.00

Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team - £150.00

Chorley Shopmobility - £100.00

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall - £1800.00

Heapey & Wheelton War Memorial Trust - £350.00

North West Air Ambulance - £150.00

St Chad's Bowlers - £25.00

Victim Support - £50.00

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 370.98	Employee 1	Salary
£ 92.80	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 23.50	Astley Village Parish Council	Councillor training

10.06 Planning Matters

No applications for consideration.

10.07 Parish Precept 2010 - 2011

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year.

A further £1000 is to be provided for the budget for the replacement of bus shelters. As 2010 is an election year, £1000 is to be provided for election costs.

Resolved: the Precept for 2010 - 2011 be set at £9361, representing no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

10.08 Streetscene Delegated Services Protocol

A consultation document whereby the Parish Council may bid to provide services which are currently the responsibility of Lancashire County Council was considered. The Parish Council is expected to identify the services and develop a business case which would require the obtaining of quotations or tenders, completion of risk assessments and identification of Health and Safety procedures and the cost of the service to Lancashire County Council. It was felt that, as information regarding costings and procedures is already available to the County Council, the procedure should be amended whereby the Parish Council is provided with this information upon completion of an expression of interest.

10.09 Victoria Street Parking Restrictions

Councillors considered Lancashire County Council's proposals for parking restrictions. Overall the proposals were welcomed, with minor concerns expressed regarding the potential displacement of vehicles onto Blackburn Road.

10.10 Winter Grit Bins

Following the problem recently encountered during the severe weather conditions, suggestions for locations for winter grit bins for rural roads not covered under the precautionary gritting scheme were provided. Chapel Lane/Tithebarn Lane was of particular concern as it is a bus route, with steep inclines at either end. Councillors also mentioned salt had not been provided for existing grit bins.

Resolved: bins be requested for locations along Chapel Lane, Tithebarn Lane, Coppice Lane and the junction of Ryecroft and Blackburn Road and Lancashire County Council be requested to add Chapel Lane/Tithebarn Lane to the precautionary gritting route.

10.11 Policies and Protocols

The adoption of policies for health and safety, equal opportunities and publicity were considered.

Resolved: the Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities and Publicity policies be adopted.

10.12 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Healey Nab Partnership discussed proposals to link Heapey Chase with the Chorley Heritage Trail, in order to encourage walking as a form of exercise. Information on the Goit Trail Bridleway was also provided.

10.13 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 2 March 2010 at 7.30pm.

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

..... (Chairman)