

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 2 July 2013 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs M Osborne (Chairman), M Allen, I Fairhurst, C Grunstein, J Ross-Mills.

Also present County Councillor K Snape and Borough Councillor M Gray.

13.47 Apologies for Absence

Non received.

13.48 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

13.49 Minutes of Annual Meeting held 7 May 2013

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

13.50 Public Participation

The recently discussed wind turbine application was withdrawn. Chorley Councillors have a small budget for local grants.

County Councillor Snape advised she looked forward to working with the Parish Council.

A resident of The Dell thanked the Councillors for their efforts.

13.51 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered a grant application from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Trust towards the costs of operational expenses.

Resolved: a grant of £150 was awarded.

A previously submitted grant request from Chorley Community Housing towards the extension of a patio area at the Ryefield Community Cabin was considered. Councillors discussed whether it was right and proper to award grant funding to CCH, particularly given recent press coverage of grants available from CCH, and queried whether Wheelton Parish Council had also been approached as number of residents are originally from Wheelton. Councillors felt more likely to support an application from the Tenants Association for smaller items.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments were approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 370.98	Employee 1	Salary
£ 92.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 151.45	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 90.00	Ark Welding	Post for plaque
£ 153.36	DWG (NW)	Strimming
£ 25.00	R Smith	Rose bed treatment

13.52 Planning Matters

13/00428/FUL Proposed horse exerciser at Logwood Mill Stables, Brinscall Mill Road, Wheelton.

Councillors had no comments in respect of this application.

13/00362/COU Change of use of existing police station and adjoining house to form 3 residential properties and external alterations to include new roof to single storey rear element,

installation of roof lights and alterations to various windows and doors at Police House 181 - 183 Blackburn Road.

Resolved: concerns regarding the impact of velux windows on the Victorian architecture along Blackburn Road are to be submitted.

13/00569/FUL Pumping station on road verge adjacent to Coppice Lane with associated ground re-profiling and landscaping at Grass Verge 100m east of White Coppice Nursery.

Resolved: given that the structure has already been incorrectly sited a request for mature screening and for verges damaged by contractors to be reinstated is to be submitted.

13.53 Bus Shelters

Councillors considered the adoption of bus shelters in the light of comments received following the repainting. Chorley Council confirmed that Parish Council will have to take on full responsibility, including all maintenance, liability, insurance. Councillors requested further information regarding potential ongoing costs including damage and cleaning. A suggestion to consult residents regarding the adoption was also put forward.

13.54 Heritage Signage

Councillors discussed the provision of signage for rights of way and sites of local interest. Lancashire County Council is to be asked for a definitive map of public footpaths and examples of potential signage are to be obtained.

13.55 Agenda Items for Meetings

Suggestions for the agendas of the Borough/Parish Councils Liaison Meeting and the Chorley Three Tier Forum were discussed. A policy for wind turbine applications and a form of protection, under the planning regime, for lodges in the area are to be suggested for the Borough/Parish meeting and an emergency contact number for Councillors to report blocked roads in adverse weather conditions is to be put to the Three Tier Forum.

13.56 Reports from Outside Bodies

Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting - a business map website is being investigated. A Time Credits scheme is being introduced rewarding volunteers with vouchers to spend on various activities including swimming, adult education, Chorley Little Theatre visits and others. Health issues are also under consideration.

Village Hall Committee - the Village Fete was cancelled due to issues with the venue. The Houghton Weavers are appearing in late September. The new constitution is still being negotiated.

13.57 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 3 September 2013.

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