

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 2 September 2014 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also present County Councillor K Snape, Borough Councillor G France and 4 members of the Public.

14.43 Apologies for Absence

None received.

14.44 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

14.45 Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 May 2014

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

14.46 Public Participation

A presentation regarding a proposal to designate the West Pennine Moors as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) was provided by a representative from Natural England. Evidence gathering is under way, with the proposal to go before a Natural England Internal Board in December. Affected landowners will be notified in January 2015 and, following this, a public consultation will take place. The proposal must be confirmed or withdrawn by September 2015.

Residents provided information on the forthcoming appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the solar farm. A separate application for solar panels on Gorse Hill Quarry, Whittle-le-Woods, was also mentioned.

Chorley Council is to attend to trees overhanging Coppice Lane.

Problems with the telephone service in White Coppice were reported.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

14.47 Planning Matters

14/00719/FUL Erection of single storey front extension at 1 Osprey Close.

Councillors had no comments in respect of this application.

The appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the solar farm was discussed. Councillors had nothing to add to the comments already on file.

14.48 Financial Matters

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

A grant application from Veterans in Communities for a contribution towards the costs of providing services for veterans or their families was considered. As there was no evidence of direct benefit for Heapey residents, there was no proposer for the request

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments were approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire - July
£ 374.86	Employee 1	Salary - July
£ 93.60	Inland Revenue	PAYE - July
£ 116.92	Employee 1	Reimbursements - July
£ 78.00	DWG (NW)	Strimming

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 374.66	Employee 1	Salary
£ 93.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 156.00	DWG (NW)	Strimming
£ 30.00	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration

14.49 Annual Return

The External Auditor's opinion was considered. A minor issue was raised regarding the inclusion of Chorley Council's precept top up grant within the precept figure. This will be restated for the next annual return.

Resolved: the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2014 was approved and accepted.

14.50 Heritage Signage Project

The project for provision of signage for local walks and areas of interest has been made the priority by the Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting. To date three paths have been nominated and agreed by Chorley Council. A contribution towards the costs was discussed.

Resolved: a contribution towards the costs of signage, within Heapey parish only, is to be offered.

14.51 Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Councillors considered the renewal of the annual subscription to LALC.

Resolved: the subscription is to be renewed.

14.52 Lancashire Combined Fire Authority Performance Report and Action Plan 2014

A consultation from Lancashire Combined Fire Authority was considered. Councillors had no comments.

14.53 Chorley and District Carnival

Councillors considered an invitation to provide a representative for the Chorley and District Carnival Community Interest Company. The invitation was noted.

14.54 Reports from Outside Bodies

Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - the provision of Heritage Signage proposed by the Parish Council has been accepted as a priority for the forthcoming year.

Chorley Three Tier Liaison Meeting - information on revisions to Chorley Council's website was provided.

14.55 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 4 November 2014.

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