

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 7 January 2020 at 7.30 pm in St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs C Grunstein (Chairman), G France, J Ross-Mills and S Townsend.

Also present County Councillor K Snape and 1 member of the public.

20.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A Crompton and M Osborne.

20.02 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

20.03 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 November 2019

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

20.04 Public Participation

A resident asked whether a memorial seat or tree could be placed in the vicinity of the Rose bed on Blackburn Road. Councillors suggested the resident could provide a plaque which could be attached to the existing seat.

20.05 Planning Matters

19/01085/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area: Pruning of 2no. horse chestnuts, removal of 2no. conifers and 1no. hawthorn at Watersmeet Cottage, The Row, White Coppice

19/01116/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) at 28 Kittiwake Road

Councillors had no objections to these applications.

20.06 Financial Matters

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

ii) Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

£ 30.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 93.00	DWG (NW)	Christmas tree fence/Rose bed maintenance
£ 384.00	J H Mayor & Sons	Christmas tree
£ 105.80	Inland Revenue	PAYE
£ 422.72	Employee 1	Salary

20.07 Chorley Council Tax Support Consultation

A proposal for parish councils to contribute a small amount towards council tax support for low income claimants which would result in a negligible reduction in the amount of precept received was considered.

Resolved: the contribution was agreed.

20.08 Precept

The Precept for 2020-21 was considered. A revised draft budget was presented resulting in no increase in the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents. The revised budget took into account the potential council tax support contribution,

Resolved: the Precept for 2020 - 2021 was set at £8867, holding the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

20.09 Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

A consultation by the Central Lancashire Authorities relating to suggestions for potential housing sites was discussed. A request that any site to be taken forward should take into account impact on local infrastructure, including school places, availability of healthcare facilities, public transport and drainage (including run off generated by new properties is to be submitted.

20.10 Neighbourhood Priorities

Councillors discussed potential priorities to be submitted once the new council wards have been implemented. A suggestion for a planting scheme in the White Coppice picnic area, based on the report provided by the professional gardener, was put forward as a possible priority.

20.11 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting were invited. An item covering the possible provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Points in rural areas is to be requested.

20.12 Newsletter Delivery

The newsletter is to be published to include an item on the Local Plan issues and Options consultation. Councillors are to provide the Clerk with photos for the contact page. Delivery arrangements were confirmed.

20.13 Heapey Chase Flooding Issues

There were no major issues and the lack of rain recently had resulted in the path to the rear of Blackbrook Close drying out.

20.14 Reports from Outside Bodies

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall - bookings are satisfactory and improvements to the heating system are being looked into.

20.15 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 3 March 2020.

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

Heapey Parish Council

Budget 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

Salaries	3500
General Administration	500
Room Hire	120
Insurance	450
Subscriptions/Entry Fees	200
Audit fees	100
Newsletter	150
Training	200
Grants/donations	1000
Flowers/Planting	1000
Play Area maintenance	1700
Street Furniture	1000
War Memorial expenses	1500
Parish Information	1500
Grasscutting	600
Christmas	1000
Sundries	1000
Earmarked Funds	1750
General Reserve	4950
Total	<u>22220</u>

Financed by:	
Estimated Balance as at 31.03.20	13026
Precept 2020-21	8867
Anticipated top up grant	327
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