

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES (subject to approval at the next meeting) of the Council Meeting held on 7 January 2025 at 7.30 pm at St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Councillors C Grunstein (Chairman), A Hodgson and M Osborne.

24.69 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors C Egerton-Smith, G France and County Councillor K Snape.

24.70 Declarations of Interests

None received

24.71 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 November 2024

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

24.72 Public Participation

The public footpath behind properties on Blackbrook Close is flooding during periods of heavy rain.

A resident had reported a van being left at the bottom of Blackburn Road which is causing problems for passing traffic. Enquiries had been made and, as the van has tax and a current MOT, no action can be taken by the authorities.

24.73 Planning Matters

24/00949/FUL Erection of two detached dwellings (following demolition of existing buildings) and access alterations at Caravan, Philipsons Farm, Tithe Barn Lane

24/00994/FULHH Garwick, Chapel Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

24.74 Financial Matters

i) Resolved: the current monitoring statement was received.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Monthly fee - January 2024
£ 27.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 90.00	DWG (NW)	Christmas tree fence
£ 516.00	J H Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 76.80	Geosphere	Subscription - Parish Online
£ 763.95	Staff costs	Salaries, reimbursements and deductions
£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Monthly fee - February 2024

24.75 Precept

The Precept for 2025-26 was considered. A draft budget was presented resulting in no increase in the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents. Councillors reviewed the traffic statistics for the heapeyandwheelton.org village website and agreed to continue funding the hosting of the site.

Resolved: the Precept for 2025 - 2026 was set at £8973, holding the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

24.76 Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting

Councillors discussed the submission of Neighbourhood Priorities for the coming year. In recent times the parish had benefitted from improvements to the picnic area and the lane to White Coppice Cricket Club and Councillors did not wish to submit suggestions for this year.

24.77 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Suggestions for agenda items had been invited. There were no suggestions.

24.78 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

24.79 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 4 March 2025.

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

Heapey Parish Council

Budget 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

Salaries	4500
General Administration	500
Room hire	200
Grass cutting	600
Subscriptions & entry fees	250
Communications	500
Newsletter	100
Training	300
Donations	1000
Flowers and planting	1000
Street furniture	1000
Play Area maintenance	1800
War Memorial expenses	1500
Parish Information	1500
Insurance	500
Christmas	1000
Audit Fees	100
CIL	80
Sundries	1000
Earmarked Reserves	1000
General Reserve	<u>5000</u>
Total	<u><u>23430</u></u>
Financed by:	
Estimated Balance as at 31.03.25	14130
Precept 2025-26	8973
Anticipated top up grant	<u>327</u>
	<u><u>23430</u></u>