

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on 5 March 2024 at 7.30 pm at St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs C Grunstein (Chairman), C Egerton-Smith, A Hodgson and G France.

Also present County Councillor K Snape and 2 members of the public.

24.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Crompton and M Osborne.

24.15 Declarations of Interests

None received.

24.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 January 2024

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

24.17 Public Participation

Concerns were raised regarding the condition of some of the trees on Heapey Chase and it was suggested additional trees might be provided by Chorley Council.

24.18 Planning Matters

24/00158/FUL Demolition of two stable blocks and the erection of a two storey dwelling and bungalow at Moody House Farm, Higher House Lane

Councillors had no objections to this application.

It was noted the appeal against the refusal of the application for the development off Paradise Street had been dismissed by the Planning Inspector.

24.19 Financial Matters

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

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Monthly fee - March 2024
£ 1050.68	Staff costs	Salaries, reimbursements and deductions
£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Monthly fee - April 2024

24.20 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review of the risk assessment in accordance with guidance contained within the publication 'Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide 2023'. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

24.21 Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall

A new Committee was appointed at the Annual General Meeting. The Nursery, a long standing hirer, is no longer trading and discussions are under way with potential new hirers. Room hire fees are to be reviewed as a priority.

24.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Neighbourhood Priorities for the 2024-25 were considered. The suggestion for additional repairs to the lane to White Coppice Cricket Club was declined. A hand rail for the path to the Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall was approved.

Chorley Liaison Meeting - items discussed included a request for the time allowed for parish council representatives to speak at Planning Committee meetings.

24.23 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 7 May 2024.

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