

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Councillors C Grunstein (Chairman), G France and M Osborne.

24.57 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A Crompton, C Egerton-Smith, A Hodgson and County Councillor K Snape.

24.58 Declarations of Interests

None received

24.59 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 September 2024

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

24.60 Public Participation

The meeting was advised Moor Road is to be closed to allow works to the reservoir embankment to be carried out.

Following the re-opening of Brinscall Swimming Baths, the opening times are to be reviewed.

24.61 Planning Matters

24/00751/TCON Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 11 (White Coppice) 2001: T6 and T7 Sycamore - Remove; and removal of one sycamore contained in G3 and 24/00792/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area involving the removal of 2no. oak and crown reduction of a group of mixed species trees at White Coppice Cricket Club, White Coppice

24/00870/LBC Application for listed building consent for a single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) and internal alterations and 24/00871/FULHH Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) and internal alterations at Eagle Tower Farm, Chapel Lane

24/00927/DIS Application to discharge condition 9 (energy performance) attached to planning permission ref. 21/01247/FUL (Demolition of four buildings and part demolition of a fifth building and erection of three detached dwellings) at Lower House Fold Farm Trigg Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

24.62 Financial Matters

- i) Resolved: the current monitoring statement was received.
- ii) A request from White Coppice Cricket Club for assistance towards the cost of a replacement septic tank was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £500, subject to the remainder of the necessary funding being obtained, was awarded.

- iii) Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £100 was agreed.

- iv) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Monthly fee - November 2024
£ 27.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire

£ 1883.13	Wheelton Parish Council	Play area/War Memorial maintenance
£ 154.95	DWG (NW)	Grass cutting/Rose bed maintenance
£ 862.21	Staff costs	Salaries, reimbursements and deductions
£ 100.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation
£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Monthly fee - December 2024

24.63 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors discussed the appointment of an Internal Auditor in accordance with guidance provided by the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide (March 2024).

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed and the fee was set at £100.00.

24.64 Precept

Potential items for inclusion in the Precept for 2025-2026 were discussed. Usage of the village website is to be clarified and replacement notice boards are to be included. Councillors are also to provide suggestions for larger projects to the Clerk prior to the next meeting.

24.65 Reports from Outside Bodies

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - the new Lancashire Constabulary Geographical Inspector for Chorley and South Ribble provided information on Police initiatives and a presentation was carried out regarding the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition. An update and round up of LALC activities was provided.

Chorley Liaison - Lancashire County Council Officers provided details of availability of High School places and information was provided on sports and leisure facilities with the borough.

Lancashire County Council Parish and Town Council Conference - items included the Lancashire 2050/Devolution update, an update by the Director of Highways and Transport and presentations by the Environment and Climate Head of Service and the Public Rights of Way Manager.

24.66 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 7 January 2025.

24.67 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item was considered on the grounds that the item comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

24.68 Personnel Matters

The Clerk's salary was increased in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Salary Award.

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