

HEATH CHARNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the parish council was held on Thursday, 11 February 2016 at the Community Centre, Railway Road, and beginning at 7.30.

GD Funding

A presentation was made by Mr Swarbrick and Mr Chadwick of GD Funding. Their business is to guide community groups, schools etc. to available funding. The emphasis was on obtaining grants from Awards for All (The Lottery). The service that GD Funding provides is complete management of the application. For this a small fee is charged, and if the bid is successful a commission is negotiated.

Parish Council

Apologies Cllr Oakes; Borough and County Cllr Snape.

Present Cllrs Ashworth, (Chair), Hendrickson, Adams, Styles, Davison; Williams.

8/16 Minutes Cllr Ashworth reported that the Chair, who was absent due to illness, was dissatisfied with the minutes as they did not reproduce the budget listings from the January agenda. This list is reproduced here:

Administration

Salary £3885
Mileage & expenses £170
Data protection £35
Insurance £300
CPRE Subscription £30
Website £45

Ongoing costs

Election £400
Chorley Council for hanging baskets £525
Community Association £200
Remembrance Day expenses £130
Planter maintenance £40

Projects

Newsletter printing £165
Newsletter delivery £200
Computer £400
Commemorative stone £750
50% of notice board cost £750

Donations

Luncheon Club £100
Senior Citizens £75
Adlington & District in Bloom £200
Shopmobility £50
Air Ambulance £100
Rivington & Adlington (training) Band £50

With this amendment, the minutes were approved, on a proposal by Cllr Davison, seconded by Cllr Styles.

9/16 Matters arising

Boundary stone flower bed

Inspected by Cllr Ashworth and the Chair of Anderton Parish Council, and found to poorly constructed. Deferred until the clerk to Anderton PC returns from holiday.

10/16 Planning

16/00088/FULHH, 37A Chorley Road: re-submission of planning application for garage. No objection.

11/16 Newsletter

Draft circulated. It was resolved that there would be another issue in the autumn, and thereafter annually in late summer.

12/16 Accounts

Passed for payment:

Clerk's salary and expenses for February £257.90

HMRC for PAYE £63.80

Balance @ Yorkshire Bank 25 January was £4225.55

A refund of VAT was applied for, 2 February: £562.18

13/16 Correspondence

Senior Citizens: request for donation.

LALC new audit regulations. Heath Charnock Parish Council voted not to opt out of any statutory auditor that may be appointed.

Adlington Town Council: re drainage problems on King George V playing field. Resolved to write to Chorley Council in support of Adlington TC.

Chorley Council Liaison meeting, 16 March. Agreed not to attend unless there is an agenda item that concerns Heath Charnock directly.

14/16 Matters of interest:

Cllr Adams referred to a request that she had made for discussion regarding application for a grant from the LCC Parish Champion towards a notice board. It was agreed that this application should be made.

Cllr Williams initiated discussion of problems with flooding of Chorley Road, adjacent to Skew Bridge, and caused by a re-configuring of the land in front of The Green during groundwork for the bridgeworks. Resolved to ask County Cllr Snape to investigate the terms by which the contractors are bound.

Future meetings: 17 March; 14 April; 12 May

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.00.