

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of meeting held 28 June 2005 at 7.30 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs J Geddes (Chair), D Berry, D Greenhalgh, E Riding, J Ross-Mills.

05.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Sgt Brown of Lancashire Constabulary.

05.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

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05.22 Matters for report from minutes

Casual Vacancy (05.07) Councillors have been unable to find potential applicants. The vacancy was advertised in the newsletter and notices are to be placed in the noticeboards.

Noticeboard (05.07) The Clerk is awaiting contact details for the current landowner.

Garden (05.07) Councillors felt the area by the seat further along Blackburn Road would be a more suitable location. The Clerk is to advise Lancashire County Council of the change and clarify the nature of the project and to enquire whether Myerscough College would be interested in becoming involved as part of a student project which would also include the dry stone walling.

Bus Shelter Grant (05.15) The Parish Councils' interest has been noted.

Wayside Seats (05.16) This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

05.23 Police Report

Inspector Edmonson had provided a detailed report which was read out.

05.24 Finance

The Clerk reported the receipt of the precept from Chorley Borough Council.

Chorley Borough Council had inadvertently credited the Parish Councils' account with an amount of £250 which should have been paid to Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall. Councillors agreed to repay the sum involved.

Councillors discussed a request for a donation from Bowland and Pennine Mountain Rescue Team. The information was placed in the mailbag for further consideration at the next meeting.

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

Proposed Cllr Berry, seconded Cllr Greenhalgh and agreed the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected by Cllr Berry:

£ 10.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£ 93.28	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 330.38	A Platt	Salary
£ 250.00	Chorley Borough Council	Repayment

Cllr Berry volunteered to carry out the quarterly financial audit following receipt of the month end bank statements.

The Clerk is to arrange an increase in the Fidelity Guarantee to £17000 to cover existing bank balances.

The Clerk reported of a bank charge of £20 incurred following the cancellation of the automatic transfer of funds between accounts. The bank is to refund the charge.

#### 05.25 Planning Matters

05/00606/FUL Erection of 3 loose boxes, formation of ménage with associated parking area access at School Field, Coppice Lane - object as the proposed entrance is on a corner of a derestricted road which would represent a danger to road users and the amount of hedging which would have to be removed in order to provide adequate sight lines would have a serious detrimental visual impact on the area.

05/00616/FUL Erection of conservatory to rear at 2 Kestrel Close - no comment

#### 05.26 Joint Meeting with Wheelton Parish Council

Councillors considered items for discussion at the meeting. Matters already scheduled for discussion include the Village Hall and Parish Plan. Public Footpath FP12 passing through South Miry Fold Farm is to be included.

#### 05.27 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Chairman advised the information from the Parish Plan questionnaires is being analysed and meetings are to be arranged with the various consultation groups.

Cllr Ross-Mills advised the first draft of the Sand Quarry Business Plan has been completed and is to be presented to Chorley Borough Council and the three Parish Councils.

Councillor Ross-Mills provided details of the Community Ownership of Assets seminar she had attended. New methods of funding were mentioned including investing pensions and private companies obtaining tax relief for investment.

#### 05.28 Correspondence

Chorley Borough Council provided details of the Borough/PC Liaison Meeting on the 13 July.

Chorley Borough Council is setting up a Renewable Energy Study Consultee Group. The information was placed in the mailbag for circulation.

Lancashire County Council provided details of the Joint Minerals & Waste Development Framework launch event on the 5 July. The information was placed in the mailbag

Lancashire County Council provided a purchase order for the grasscutting carried out by the Parish Council.

LAPTC reported on the findings of its Subscriptions Revision Working Group. The information was placed in the mailbag for consideration and will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### 05.29 Matters for Further Discussion

Cllr Riding mentioned the approval of a planning application to convert a barn to office premises with a granny annexe. The Clerk is to clarify the situation regarding barn conversions.

The Chairman provided an update on the situation regarding the Village Hall Committee. Following the recent AGM the Committee remains without a Chairman and Secretary.

Recent newsletters and magazines from the Campaign to Protect Rural England were placed in the mailbag and the possibility of subscription will be considered at the next meeting.

The lack of response to the Parish Business Plan was discussed. The Clerk is to contact Lancashire County Council requesting an update, and bring the matter to the attention of the local County Councillor

#### 05.30 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 6 September 2005 at 7.30pm.