HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 28 June 2006 at 8.00 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs J Ross-Mills (Chair), D Berry, D Greenhalgh, R Smith.

Also Present 1 member of the public

06.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Geddes (holiday).

06.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

06.20 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 May 2006

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

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06.21 Clerks Report

The LAPTC provided advance notice of its AGM, which is to take place on 4 November 2006, and a forthcoming training event.

A Chorley Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting is scheduled for 19 July 2006. Agenda items are requested.

Chorley Borough Council provided details of addendums to the Local Development Framework.

Chorley Play Partnership provided consultation documents regarding a Draft Play Strategy for Chorley. Councillors are to distribute the documents amongst local relevant groups.

A suggestion for amalgamation with nearby parish council's to arrange local training by the County Training Partnership has been made. Councillors were in favour of the suggestion.

Lancashire Constabulary advised of the appointment of the New Inspector for the area.

Lancashire County Council advised that minor authorities may no longer provide nominees for school governor positions.

Lancashire County Council is conducting a strategic review of Library and Information Services. A questionnaire is to be completed by a Councillor.

Lancashire County Council provided information on Bus Service Contracts failing guidelines. Fares are to be increased for school bus users in an attempt to improve the viability.

The possible redefining of the parish boundary to include Anglezarke had been discussed with Chorley Borough Council. The impetus for any such redefining should come from residents.

06.22 Police Report

No report

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak

06.23 Residents Points of Interest

A resident of Heapey Chase mentioned the area appears to be disconnected from the remainder of the village. Councillors advised both the Parish Council and the Police had expressed similar concerns recently and any ideas for integration would be considered.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

06.24 Finance

Resolved: the financial update and bank reconciliation be received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Councillors considered a grant application from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the costs of equipping the new headquarters.

The Clerk is to ascertain whether the team operate in this area in order for the grant to be considered.

Resolved: the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected:

£	10.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£	95.92	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£	340.20	A Platt	Salary

£ 312.53 A Platt Reimbursements

06.25 Planning Matters

06/00699/FUL Two storey side extension and first floor extension over existing garage at 18 High Bank - no comment

Applications Granted

06/00380/FUL Amendment to planning application 04/01454/FUL Provision of a chimney to the cottage and repositioning of doors to the whole property at Philipsons Farm, Tithe Barn Lane.

A stable block has recently been completed by Heapey Chase. The Clerk is to check regarding planning permissions.

06.26 Copthurst Sand Quarry

Councillors considered drawings of outline proposals for the development of the area for recreational and leisure purposes.

Resolved: the proposals as per the drawings be adopted by the Council, with no additional buildings to be placed on the site for recreational and leisure facilities.

A meeting with Wheelton and Whittle-le-Woods Parish Councils and Chorley Borough Council's Head of Planning Policy is due to take place shortly.

06.27 Parish Council Logo

Only one example has been received to date. The matter is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and additional examples sought.

06.28 Raised Flowerbed Project

The specification has been prepared and a quotation received. Further quotations are to be obtained.

06.29 Heapey and Wheelton Village Fete

Councillors were thanked, by the Chairman, for delivering the programmes and volunteers were required to man the entrance.

06.30 Newsletter

The next newsletter is to be distributed before the September meeting. Articles are to be forwarded to the Chairman.

06.31 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) and Lancashire County Council had arranged a Landscape Appreciation Day. Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils were praised by the Chairman of the CPRE for their efforts in retaining the rural nature of the area. Lancashire County Council is mapping out landscapes in the county and want borough and parish councils to do the same. Areas require monitoring to ensure sympathetic development and a landscape policy is required for future development.

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall - a committee has been appointed and some repair work completed. A local architect has offered to produce drawings. Grant funding has been applied for to assist with the refurbishment.

06.16 Matters for Further Discussion

Lancashire County Council provided details of a draft Mountain Bike Trail project brief for Healey Nab. Details were placed in the mailbag for consideration.

06.17 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 5 September at 7.30pm.