

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 26 June 2007 at 7.30 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also Present 1 Member of the public and 2 representatives of Wheelton Parish Council.

07.51 Apologies for absence

None received.

07.52 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Non disclosed.

07.53 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 1 May 2007

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

Resolved: standing orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

07.54 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No matters reported.

ii) Residents Points of Interest

Coaches were reported using the private road to the Cricket Club. Residents were advised to record registration numbers for report to the Police. The latest Parish Council newsletter was well received and the stance on stable developments commended. The grass around the seating area at White Coppice, which is believed to be the responsibility of the County Council, requires cutting.

iii) Borough Councillors

No matters reported.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

07.55 Finance

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

Councillors considered a grant application from Victim Support Lancashire towards operating costs.

Resolved: a grant of £25 be awarded.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with Fidelity Guarantee requirements:

£ 10.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£ 95.92	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 340.20	A Platt	Salary
£ 180.64	A Platt	Reimbursements
£ 350.53	Chorley Borough Council	2006 grasscutting
£ 30.00	M Ward	Internal audit fee
£ 25.00	Victim Support Lancashire	Grant

The Chairman brought forward agenda item 10.

Resolved: standing orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

07.56 Play Area

Members of Wheelton Parish Council provided information on a project to develop and improve the play provision in Wheelton, the upkeep of which Heapey Parish Council contributes towards. The improvements are in line with requirement outlined in the Parish Plan and local residents requests. The formation of a Working Group comprising of residents and representatives of both Parish Councils was suggested.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

Volunteers were requested to represent the Parish Council on the Working Group.

Resolved: Councillors D Berry and D Greenhalgh will represent the Parish Council.

07.57 Planning Matters

No matters for discussion.

07.58 Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils

Councillors considered the revised Model Code of Conduct and whether to specifically adopt clause 12.2, which allows councillors with a prejudicial interest the same rights to speak as a member of the public attending a meeting, prior to withdrawal for the debate and decision.

Resolved: the Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils be adopted.

Resolved: Clause 12.2 of the Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils be adopted.

07.59 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2007

Councillors received the report of the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: the report of the Internal Auditor be noted.

07.60 Quality Parish Council Status

Information was provided covering the requirements placed on the Council to achieve Quality Status. The information was to be studied by Councillors prior to the next meeting and the item will be placed on the agenda again.

07.61 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Borough Council's Standards Committee is looking to provide a mentoring scheme for parish councils with attendance at meetings and training sessions to be arranged.

The owner of the Sand Quarry provided information on the possible development of the area.

Repairs to the edge of the road along Coppice Lane and Chapel Lane, together with measures to make the edge more conspicuous with reflective markers and a solid white line were agreed at the Lancashire Local - Chorley. Details of 'No Cold Calling Zones' which are intended to support local residents in dealing with rogue traders and doorstep crime were provided.

Cllr Smith was selected to represent the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils - Chorley Area Committee on the Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group.

The Village Hall Committee requires volunteers to man the gate for the Village Fete.

07.62 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4 September 2007 at 7.00pm.