

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Annual General Meeting held 9 May 2006 at 8.00 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also Present Borough Cllr Mrs M Gray and 1 member of the public

06.01 Election of Chairman for 2006-2007

Resolved: Cllr Ross-Mills was elected as Chairman.

06.02 Apologies for absence

None received.

06.03 Election of Vice Chairman for 2006-2007

Resolved: Cllr Berry was elected as Chairman.

06.04 Election of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2006-2007

Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust - Cllr Berry

Heapey and Wheelton Parish Plan Action Group - Cllr Geddes

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee - Cllr Geddes

Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust- Cllr Berry

LAPTC Chorley Area Committee - Cllrs Geddes and Smith

Sand Quarry Committee - Cllr Ross-Mills

Tree Warden - Cllr Greenhalgh

06.05 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

06.06 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 March 2006

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

06.07 Matters for report from minutes

Raised Garden Project (05.76) Enquiries have been made regarding the possibility of grant funding.

Newsletter (05.86) Following the request for ideas for a Parish Council logo one response has been received. All ideas are to be forwarded to the Clerk for a decision at the next meeting.

LCC Parish & Town Council charter (05.83) the Parish Council's disappointment with the proposed charter has been registered.

Asset valuation (05.82) Wheelton Parish Council advises it is the owner of the Village Hall.

06.08 Police Report

No report

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

06.09 Residents Points of Interest

Areas entered into the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition were discussed.

06.10 Finance

The Clerk reported receipt of the Parish Precept and a VAT refund.

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

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Councillors considered a grant application from Vitalise towards the costs of holidays for disabled people, breaks for carers and opportunities for volunteers.

Resolved: no grant be awarded as the cause was not felt to be sufficiently local to the village.

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	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	Annual premium
£ 152.54	LAPTC	Annual subscription
£ 50.00	St Barnabas Church	Donation
£ 11.00	Lancashire Playing Fields Association	Annual subscription

06.11 Planning Matters

06/00195/FUL Side and rear conservatory at 8 High Bank - no comment

06/00380/FUL Amendment to planning application 04/01454/FUL, the provision of a chimney to the cottage and repositioning of windows and doors to the whole property at Philipsons Farm, Tithe Barn Lane - no comment

Applications Granted

06/00100/FUL Single storey side extension, new French window to rear first floor bedroom and railing to the window at 16 High Bank

Applications Refused

06/00113/COU Change of use of land to the rear of 161 Blackburn Road, from arable to domestic (garden)

Items arising following the Local Development Framework Roadshow were considered:

White Coppice may become a possible site for the location of wind farms. As there are no current plans for this Councillors agreed to be vigilant in the future.

A suggestion was put forward to consider the extension of the settlement area into the Greenbelt by approximately 70 feet at the rear of properties on Blackburn Road.

Resolved: the matter would be considered at the next consultation stage for the Local Development Framework.

06.12 Annual Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2006

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts be approved.

Resolved: the Statement of Assurance be approved.

06.13 Insurance for the Year 1 June 2006 - 31 May 2007

The insurance cover was reviewed.

Resolved: the Fidelity Guarantee cover remains at £17,000 for the time being.

Councillors were advised to obtain legal expenses cover on their household insurance to provide for possible court cases resulting from planning issues.

06.14 Reports form Outside Bodies

Sand Quarry - a meeting has been arranged for 12 May 2006 between a representative from each of the Heapey, Wheelton and Whittle-le-Woods Parish Councils and a representative from Chorley Borough Council to discuss a possible way forward. The Chairman of the Parish Plan Action Group is also to be invited.

06.15 Correspondence

A letter from a former Councillor, who did not stand for re-election, was read out.

06.16 Matters for Further Discussion

Wheelton Parish Council requested a detailed plan and costings for the raised garden project.

The vacancy remaining following the election is to be filled by co-option.

A letter of thanks for services to the Council is to be sent to the former Councillor.

A suggestion to investigate the possible redefining of the parish boundary to include Anglezarke was received. Preliminary enquiries are to be made with Chorley Borough Council.

05.90 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 28 June 2006 at 7.30pm.