

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 3 March 2009 at 7.30 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs J Ross-Mills (Chair), P Church, D Greenhalgh.

Also Present 1 Member of the Public.

09.12 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Berry, J Berry and J Geddes.

09.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

09.14 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 January 2009

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

09.15 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

No points raised.

09.16 Finance

The Clerk evidenced submission and receipt of the precept request to Chorley Council.

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

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£ 15.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£ 91.60	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 366.26	Employee 1	Salary
£ 71.35	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 380.00	Wheelton Parish Council	Play area maintenance
£ 343.46	Wheelton Parish Council	War Memorial maintenance
£ 10.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	Entry fee

09.17 Planning Matters

09/00112/FUL Creation of two fishing lakes and associated car-parking, office/store and habitat improvement at Land 120m South West of Samron, Copthurst Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

Councillors had no comments relating to this application.

09.18 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

09.19 Appointment of the Internal Auditor

The appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year was considered.
Resolved: the appointment of Mrs Margaret Ward as Internal Auditor was confirmed.

09.20 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2009

Councillors considered entries for the Certificate of Merit categories.

Resolved: St Barnabas Church, Ryecroft/Ryefield, the Top Lock and White Coppice Cricket Club are to be entered into their respective categories.

09.21 Site of Former Sand Quarry

Councillors discussed options available to maintain public use of the footpath within the Quarry. It is possible for a concessionary agreement to retain footpaths for public use, to be entered into by the Landowner and Lancashire County Council. The agreement will not confer public status on the land and will be for a defined period of time.

Whilst it may not be a party to the agreement the Parish Council's assistance, as a facilitator, would be welcomed.

Resolved: the opinion of the landowner, regarding the concessionary arrangement, is to be obtained.

09.22 Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity

Councillors discussed a response to a consultation by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Resolved: the Clerk is to respond on behalf of the Council.

09.23 Reports from Outside Bodies

A recent meeting of the Campaign for the Protection of the Rural England provided in-depth information relating to the Local Development Framework.

09.24 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 5 May 2009 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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