

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2005

Present: Councillor R Wheale – Chairman

Councillors K Berry, S Monaghan, R E Scambler N Hayes and T Dickenson

Apologies for Absence: Councillor S Mohamet

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 10th May 2004 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Chairman's Report

As Chairman, I would like to personally thank all Parish Councillors for the work on behalf of the Parish during the past twelve months.

I am like all other members disappointed with the lack of progress in securing the Old Sand Quarry for redevelopment.

Progress was however in the following areas.

The retaining wall on Blackburn Old Road as been repaired.

The Heapey And Wheelton Website is now live and updated with regularity.

The Parish Plan is progressing and should be available early 2006.

Financial Report

A copy of the statement of accounts for 2004/2005 had been circulated and after discussion this was accepted by the meeting.

Clerk asked to look into payments to the War Memorial Trust .

Recreational Facilities

The Children's Play Area as undergone repairs although the area needs to have some bark laid. A suitable material should be located before the Council can approve this.

Young People (Awards for All)

It was reported that all the monies received from various sources and organisations have now been allocated and that the Council should push ahead for further grants to enable the vision to progress in the future.

Car Parking

Car Parking in the Village remains a problem both legally and illegally although the Police continue to monitor the problem of illegal parking.

The clerk is in constant correspondence with the Highways Unit at Lancashire County Council requesting parking restriction measures to be imposed in certain areas.

Parish Plan

The Heapey and Wheelton Parish Plan is progressing at a pace.

The Questionnaires to the villagers have been sent out and will be returned by the end of April .

The members gave a vote of thanks to all concerned on the Parish Plan Steering Group and others.

School Governors

The right for Parish Councils to appoint governors ceases on 31st August 2006

The advise from the Governor Services at Lancashire County Council is that as a school governing body would only meet three times a year the school have no need to appoint to this position.

Any other Business

It was discussed whether the Annual Meeting should be more widely advertised and agreed that other than the Parish Notice boards the Post Office and Newsagent would be the most appropriate areas to site the notice of meeting.