

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 4 January 2005 at 7.30 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs J Geddes (Chair), D Berry, D Greenhalgh, E Riding, J Ross-Mills.

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

01/05/57 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2005

Proposed the Cllr Berry, seconded Cllr Ross-Mills and agreed the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

01/05/58 Apologies for absence

None received.

01/05/59 Police Report

The Clerk is to contact Inspector Edmondson to advise of the lack of a Police presence, or input, at recent meetings.

01/05/60 Questions from the Public

Councillors agreed to a request for the refuse collection schedules to be placed in the noticeboards. The Clerk is to obtain leaflets from Chorley Borough Council.

01/05/61 Matters Arising

Cllr Ross-Mills suggested the owners of the Boatyard be asked whether any stone from the replacement of the boundary fence may be donated to form a flowerbed at the entrance to the village.

01/05/62 Finance

Proposed Cllr Ross-Mills, seconded Cllr Berry, and agreed the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected by Cllr Berry:

£ 688.00	W A Geddes	Salary
£ 42.55	W A Geddes	Administrative expenses
£ 10.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire

Councillors discussed the requirement for an updated bank mandate. Proposed Cllr Ross-Mills, seconded Cllr Riding and agreed cheques should be signed by any 2 authorised signatories. A new bank mandate was completed and Councillors who have been added to the list of authorised signatories are to produce identification at the NatWest Bank in Chorley.

The Clerk is to instruct the bank to automatically transfer all funds in excess of £100 to the reserve account.

Councillors attention was drawn to the implications of the Clerk not being directly employed by the Council. These included the Employers Liability and Fidelity Guarantee insurance and the Council's liability should income tax not be paid. The Clerk is to be employed and is to contact the Tax Office to make the necessary arrangements.

01/05/63 Precept 2005-2006

The introduction of Special Expenses into the Borough Council's budget was discussed. The Parish Amenity grant will no longer be paid resulting in the loss of £636. Proposed Cllr Ross-Mills, seconded Cllr Riding and agreed the precept set at the last meeting be increased to replace the grant. An article is to be included in the forthcoming newsletter to inform residents of the reasons for the increased Parish Precept.

01/05/64 Planning Matters

9/04/01332/FUL Construction of riding paddock at Rough Lee Barn, Higher House Lane - no comment

9/04/01309/OUT Outline application for the demolition of former dairy building and erection of holiday cottages, together with associated landscaping at Former Dairy, Lower House Fold Farm, Trigg Lane- Councillors discussed the application at length. The Chairman had been advised by the Planning Officer that conditions restricting the use could be applied - object as the intended building lies within the Greenbelt and would have a detrimental impact on a listed building. Any increase in traffic on the minor road would be detrimental to road safety and use of the development would place an additional burden on the existing users of the unadopted road.

9/04/01357/FUL Proposed construction of a detached garage at Wogdens farm, Tithe Barn Lane - Councillors had no objection to the application but would request a condition be applied to ensure non commercial use.

9/04/01355/COU Change of Use from retail, offices and healthcare services to hot food takeaway 207-209 Blackburn Road - A letter was read from residents requesting support for their objection. The Clerk advised an objection had already been forwarded to the Planning Officer and a letter is to be sent to the residents advising them of this.

9/04/01454/COU Subdivision of existing farmhouse to form 2 dwellings, together with revisions to elevations of approved scheme 9/01/00358/COU at Phillipsons Farm, Tithe Barn Lane - Councillors were not enamoured with the amendment but could find no grounds for objection

01/05/65 Sand Quarry

Cllr Ross-Mills advised the Business Plan was well underway. A meeting has been arranged with Groundwork towards the end of January to exchange ideas and obtain suggestions for funding.

01/05/66 Parish Plan

The questionnaire has been finalised and is awaiting printing and distribution.

01/05/67 Items for Information

CBC requested contact details for Tree Wardens in the area. The clerk is to submit the name of Cllr Greenhalgh.

Chorley Borough Council advised no election has been called to fill the casual vacancy which may be filled by co-option.

Chorley Borough Council is holding a Liaison meeting with parish councils. The Chairman, Cllr Ross-Mills and the Clerk are to attend.

Chorley Borough Council revised its list of areas covered by Special Expenses.

Chorley Borough Council requested comment on its Spending Plans for 2005-06 by 21 February 2005. The information is to be placed in the mailbag for circulation.

Councillors discussed the erection of the noticeboard on the triangular area of land at Heapey Chase. The Clerk is to investigate whether the area has been adopted by the Borough Council.

Councillors agreed to having names and contact telephone numbers displayed in the noticeboards.

Cllr Berry made a presentation to Mr Geddes on behalf of the Council. Mr Geddes was thanked for his years of excellent service to the Council.

01/05/68 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 2 March at 7.30pm.