

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of Meeting held 24 April 2008 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.

### 08.29 Apologies for absence

None received.

### 08.30 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

The Chairman and Cllr Geddes, as members of Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee, declared prejudicial interests in an item forming part of Agenda Item 5 (Financial Matters).

### 08.31 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 February 2008

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

### 08.32 Public Participation

#### i) Police Report

No report.

#### ii) Residents Points of Interest

An increased Police presence has been noted. A Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been implemented for farmers. Several thefts of saddles from stables have been reported. Stone flags have been stolen from the Old School.

#### iii) Borough Councillors

No report.

### 08.33 Finance

Resolved: the financial update and bank reconciliation for the year ended 31 March 2008 be received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

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The Chairman and Cllr Geddes withdrew from the meeting. Cllr D Berry took the Chair.

Councillors considered a grant application from Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee towards medals costing around £1000, for participants in the 25<sup>th</sup> Through the Villages Race. The amount requested was £250 and a similar request has been made to Wheelton Parish Council.

Resolved: with the Chairman using his casting vote, a grant of £250 be awarded.

Councillors Ross-Mills and Geddes rejoined the meeting. Cllr Ross-Mills Chairman resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved: a grant of £50 be awarded.

Councillors considered a grant application from Home Start Chorley and South Ribble towards running costs.

Resolved: a grant of £200 be awarded.

Councillors considered alternative quotations for the annual insurance. Allianz Insurance plc's renewal cost is £367.17. The cost for similar cover from Norwich Union Insurance Ltd via an intermediary, Came and Company, is £312.09.

Resolved: the quotation from Norwich Union Insurance Ltd be accepted.

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:

£ 15.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£ 89.20	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 357.74	Employee 1	Salary
£ 140.90	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£ 426.84	Chorley Council	Grasscutting 2007/08
£ 13.00	Lancashire Playing Fields Association	Annual subscription
£ 312.09	BNL/Came and Company	Annual insurance premium

#### 08.34 Planning Matters

No matters for consideration.

#### 08.35 Annual return for the Year Ended 31 March 2008

Councillors considered the Annual Return (as circulated).

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the Asset Register be approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### 08.36 Proposed Diversion of part of Public Footpath FP27, Heapey

Lancashire County Council requested comment on a proposed diversion of a part of Public Footpath FP27, to the rear of Black Lion Farm. Details had been placed on the noticeboards inviting residents' comments, but none had been forthcoming. Councillors were of the opinion the proposed diversion merely formalises the path currently used.

#### 08.37 Parish Council Noticeboard at Heapey Chase

Councillors considered a preferred location for the proposed noticeboard at the entrance to Heapey Chase for approval by Lancashire County Council.

Resolved: a location in the vicinity of the existing post box on Kittiwake Road be submitted.

#### 08.38 Personnel/Employment Law Service

Councillors considered a suggestion, from the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils Chorley Area Committee, to take part in a joint subscription for a service provided by Peninsula Business Services. Councillors were of the opinion that advice of this nature was unlikely to be required and, if it was, should be applied for as and when necessary.

#### 08.39 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Standards Board is determined to avoid issues regarding the Code of Conduct and Councillors' Interests. Training for Borough Councillors is to be extended to include Parish Councillors.

#### 08.40 Date of Next Meeting

27 May 2008 at 7.30pm.

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