

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 9 January 2006 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, R Smith.

Also Present Sgt Brown, PC Evans and 1 member of the public

05.59 Apologies for absence

None received

05.60 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

05.61 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 November 2005

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

Proposed The Chairman, seconded Cllr Berry and agreed to bring forward agenda item 5.

05.62 Police Report

Sgt Brown introduced PC Evans, the new Community Beat Manager, who is based at Wheelton and will cover Heapey, Wheelton and Higher Wheelton, Withnell, Brinscall, Abbey Village, Hoghton and Brindle. Sgt Brown will also remain in the area and a Community Support Officer is to be appointed in the future.

Cllr Ross-Mills joined the meeting

Sgt Brown provided details of recent crime reports which included one drugs related arrest, four reports of juvenile nuisance and four road traffic accidents.

Cllr Riding joined the meeting

The local Police Officers will be concentrating on quality of life improvement for residents.

Cllr Ross-Mills mentioned Heapey Chase had not yet been adopted by the Borough Council and appears cut-off from the village. Sgt Brown advised the Police also have difficulty in engaging with the residents, and will be trying surgeries and other means of improving communication.

Cllr Berry reported a marked increase in traffic on Chapel Lane, with many vehicles traveling at speed. Sgt Brown advised the road is subject to the national speed limit which presents difficulties in reducing speeds.

Cllr Riding mentioned the gritting vehicles turn around at Heapey Chase, leaving Chapel Lane, which is a bus route, in a dangerous condition. Sgt Brown will try to assist with County Council.

05.63 Matters for report from minutes

Parish Business Plan (05.55) Lancashire County Council has not provided an update. The Chairman will raise the issue at the forthcoming Parish Council's Conference.

05.64 Finance

The Clerk reported receipt of £250 from the Inland Revenue which was an inducement to file annual returns on-line.

Proposed Cllr Berry, seconded Cllr Riding and agreed the financial update and bank reconciliation be received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

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

£ 10.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£ 93.28	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 330.38	A Platt	Salary

05.65 Planning Matters

05/01152/FUL Change of use to car parking and storage of between 2-4 boats at Wheelton Boatyard, Kenyon Lane - an objection has been lodged on the grounds of the visual impact of the proposal and the increased traffic on Kenyon Lane.

Applications Granted

05/00606/FUL Erection of stable block (3 loose boxes) at School Field, Coppice Lane

Cllr Ross-Mills mentioned the new Local Development Framework and advised Borough Cllr Bell had suggested requesting the Borough Council redefine the Greenbelt boundary in the Gale Moss area.

Proposed Cllr Ross-Mills, seconded Cllr Berry and agreed the Borough Council be asked to redefine the greenbelt boundary using the A674 instead of the river and the safeguarded land to the north of the A674 be redesignated as greenbelt.

05.66 Parish Precept for the Year Ended 31 March 2007

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year.

Councillors agreed that, given the fact that in the event of problems responsibility for the Village Hall would fall on Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils, funding should be set aside for potential liabilities.

The Clerk's salary is to be set in accordance with NALC guidelines.

Funds should be set aside for the forthcoming election.

Proposed Cllr Berry, seconded Cllr Ross-Mills and agreed that the Precept be set at £8705 representing no increase in council tax to residents.

05.67 Parish Plan

Proposed Cllr Ross-Mills, seconded Cllr Greenhalgh and agreed the Parish Plan be adopted by the Parish Council.

The Chairman provided brief details of the launch event which will be confirmed nearer the time.

05.68 Noticeboard/Raised Garden Project

Lancashire County Council has accepted the proposed sites. Cllr Riding was provided with the relevant diagrams and will make the necessary arrangements to have the noticeboard erected.

05.69 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Chairman reported on a recent meeting for Parish Council representatives with Lindsay Hoyle MP. Topics included local and national policing, road safety issues, working with other authorities and parliamentary boundary changes. Mr Hoyle expressed support for the merger of Lancashire and Cumbria Police Forces and is discussing the possibility of border cameras for vehicle identification purposes on all roads into Lancashire with the County Council and Police.

05.70 Correspondence

Chorley Borough Council provided details of a Borough/Parish Councils Liaison Meeting on 18 January. The Chairman and Cllr Ross-Mills are to attend.

NALC advised of a Quality Parish Scheme Workshop. Cllr Ross-Mills is to attend.

Lancashire Highways Partnership provided details of winter arrangements for gritting.

05.71 Matters for Further Discussion

No matters raised.

05.72 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7 March 2006 at 7.30pm.