

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 9 January 2007 at 7.30 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs J Ross-Mills (Chair), D Berry, J Geddes, D Greenhalgh, R Smith.

Also Present Borough Councillor M Gray and 3 members of the public

07.01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Berry (family reasons).

07.02 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

07.03 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 November 2006

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

07.04 Clerks Report

The Lancashire Local - Chorley has requested items previously submitted under the unsuccessful Parish Partnership Plan scheme be resubmitted to the Lancashire Local.

The Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting will take place on 17 January 2007.

Chorley Borough Council, South Ribble Borough Council and Preston City Council are working together on "big planning issues". A workshop is proposed for late February/early March provided there is sufficient interest.

The Stronger and More Involved Communities Sub Group of the Chorley Partnership is holding its inaugural meeting on 16 January 2007.

A traffic light scheme is to be implemented to assist with the problem junction of the A674 with Blackburn Road and Moss Lane. A roundabout scheme was considered and found to be too expensive.

The Chorley Borough Play Strategy has been finalised.

07.05 Police Report

No matters raised.

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak

07.06 Residents Points of Interest

Residents advised of problems with the surface of the unmetered road up to the Cricket Club. The poor condition of the surface was felt to be largely caused by the large number of visitors to the area and the refuse collection vehicles rather than the small number of local residents. A public meeting, called to assist with the problems, was advised that United Utilities claimed ownership of the land upon which the road stands, but this was never demonstrated to residents. Nothing tangible came from the meeting and, since then, there has been a marked increase in traffic. Residents requested the Parish Councils help to resolve the situation.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

Resolved: Item 10 and 11 on the agenda be brought forward.

07.07 Access to White Coppice

Councillors considered possible ways forward on the issue.

Resolved: the Rivington and Brinscall Local Action Group is to be asked to raise the issue with the West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee.

07.08 Cricket Ground Car Park

Lancashire County Council is advising on grant applications to carry out alterations to the car park area. If the applications are unsuccessful there is a possibility the car park will be locked to prevent its use by visitors to the area. This will lead to vehicles parking on the road up to the Cricket Club and further down in White Coppice itself.

07.09 Finance

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

Councillors considered an undercharge for maintenance of the Play Area and War Memorial in the previous financial year amounting to approximately £310.

Resolved: the undercharge be paid.

The stone carving for the raised flowerbed has been completed and construction is expected to take place this weekend, weather permitting. Councillors considered a means of payment to the contractor to avoid a delay in payment.

Resolved: the cheque be raised and held by the Clerk until such time as the work is completed to the satisfaction of the Chairman and Cllr Smith.

Resolved: the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with Fidelity Guarantee requirements:

£	10.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£	95.92	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£	340.20	A Platt	Salary
£	100.00	North West Air Ambulance	Donation
£	350.00	Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust	Donation
£	1500.00	J Phillips	Raised garden

07.10 Planning Matters

Councillors considered information regarding Chorley Borough Council's cessation of use of the Windfall Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance. The information was noted.

06/01357/FUL Retrospective application for timber shed to east of block of stables at Land off Heapey Road - no comment

06/01383/FUL First floor rear extension with two rear dormers at 9 Tormore Close - no comment

06/01386/LBC Removal of existing dilapidated fencing and rebuilding new at Johnson Hillock Locks, Kenyon Lane - no comment

07.11 Parish Precept for the Year Ending 31 March 2008

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year. Funding is to be provided for an additional noticeboard, contributions towards the improvement of bus shelters and an increase in the budget for donations to include a contribution towards church yard maintenance.

Resolved: the Precept be set at £8920, representing an increase of 2.5%.

07.12 Copthurst Sand Quarry

The Landowner wishes to move things forward and is to invite a small group, including the Parish Council and Parish Plan Committee members, for discussions.

Whittle-le-Woods Parish Council has advised of its intention to withdraw from the project.

07.13 Newsletter

The newsletter will include articles covering the precept, an update on the sand quarry, bus shelters and the raised flowerbed.

07.14 Parish Council Logo

Councillors considered proposed logo's.

Resolved: the chosen logo be adopted and arrangements made to have artwork produced.

07.15 Reports from Outside Bodies

Reports had been distributed between meetings, and will continue to be so in the future.

07.16 Matters for Further Discussion

Several overgrown hedges are to be reported to the landowners.

07.17 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 6 March 2007 at 7.30pm.

Heapey Parish Council

Budget 1 April 2007 - 31 March 2008

1	Salaries		2730
2	General Administration		700
3	Rent		75
4	Insurance		500
5	Subscriptions and entries		450
6	Audit Fees		150
7	Newsletter		100
8	Training		200
9	Donations		3500
10	Flower beds		500
11	Play Area maintenance		1000
12	Street furniture		1000
13	War Memorial expenses		1600
14	Election Expenses		0
15	Grasscutting		1000
16	Bus shelters		1000
17	Sundries		1250
18	Contingency		1560
	Total expenditure		<u>17315</u>
	Balance as at 09.01.07		20450
Add:	Anticipated income to 31.03.06		<u>111</u>
			20561
Less:	Anticipated requirements to 31.03.06	6416	
	Earmarked reserves: Copthurst Quarry	3500	
	Election expenses	450	
	Village Hall	<u>1800</u>	
		5750	
			<u>12166</u>
	Balance forward		8395
Add:	Proposed precept		<u>8920</u>
			<u>17315</u>