

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of Meeting held 3 January 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.

### 08.01 Apologies for absence

None received.

### 08.02 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None disclosed.

### 08.03 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2007

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

### 08.04 Public Participation

#### i) Police Report

No report. Councillors commended Lancashire Constabulary on the recent apprehension of the armed robbers at a public house in Bamber Bridge.

#### ii) Residents Points of Interest

No points raised.

#### iii) Borough Councillors

No report.

### 08.05 Biffa Waste Tip

Councillors considered a request for assistance from the Biffa Action Group, which is fighting a planning application to extend the use of the tip at Abbey Village.

Resolved:

An objection to the application be lodged on the grounds of the adverse impact on the amenity of local residents, the adverse impact on tourism in the area and the tip represents inappropriate development within the greenbelt. Posters are to be requested for display in the noticeboards Also a grant of £50 is to be awarded to the Biffa Action Group towards its fighting fund.

### 08.06 Finance

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

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:

£ 10.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£ 108.24	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 381.96	Employee 1	Salary
£ 350.00	Heapey & Wheelton War Memorial Trust	Donation
£ 50.00	Biffa Action Group	Donation

### 08.07 Planning Matters

03/01370/CTY To construct a pump control kiosk and a pressure release column at Bridge Street Pumping Station, Kenyon Lane.

Resolved: no comments be lodged.

#### 08.08 Parish Precept for the Year Ended 31 March 2009

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year. Funding is to be provided for an additional noticeboard at Heapey Chase, subject to Chorley Council adopting the land, the new play equipment project, in conjunction with Wheelton Parish Council and additional Christmas lights. Additional funds are to be set aside towards the provision of a new bus shelter.

Resolved: the Precept be set at £8980, representing no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

#### 08.09 Colne to Skipton Railway

A request for support from the Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership (SELRAP) for its campaign to have the Colne-Skipton railway re-opened, which would provide residents of Lancashire with easy access to Yorkshire and Humberside was considered.

Resolved: a letter of support for the re-opening of the line be sent.

#### 08.10 Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework

The draft Core Strategy to the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework was considered. Councillors had no comments to make.

#### 08.11 Lancashire Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan

Councillors considered the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. Councillors had no comments to make.

#### 08.12 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Chorley Partnership is involved in the 'Chorley Smile' campaign to involve residents in a new borough-wide civic pride campaign to encourage them to get involved in making a difference to their neighbourhood.

Councillors attending the Chorley Council Planning Issues training advised positive comments, or support for planning applications, would be welcomed. Copies of Parish Plans were required by Chorley Council. A small focus group, involving Parish Councillors, is to be set up to consider planning issues.

#### 08.13 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 28 February 2008 at 7.30pm.