

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 1 July 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.

Also present Borough Councillor M Gray.

08.49 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Smith.

08.50 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).

08.51 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 27 May 2008

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

08.52 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Residents Points of Interest

A resident reported his plastic recycling was not collected despite telephoning Chorley Council three times.

iii) Borough Councillors

No report.

08.53 Finance

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

Councillors considered a grant application from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the purchase of water rescue equipment.

Resolved: a grant of £100 be awarded.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

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

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
£ 357.54	Employee 1	Salary
£ 140.73	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 140.90	M Ward	Internal audit
£ 426.84	Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall	Grant
£ 13.00	Home-Start Chorley and South Ribble	Grant
£ 312.09	Victim Support Lancsashire	Grant
£ 3600.00	Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall	Grant

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

08.54 Planning Matters

08/00394/FUL Construction of agricultural/equestrian building for horse stabling and storage of agricultural produce at Land 91m West Of Tootals Farm, Coppice Lane.

Resolved: an objection be lodged on the grounds that the proposed building has the appearance of an industrial style building and is to be located on the edge of the West Pennine Moors and will, by nature of its size and scale, detrimentally impact on the visual amenity of the area.

08.55 Annual return for the Year Ended 31 March 2008

Councillors considered the report of the Internal Auditor (as circulated).

Resolved: the report be noted.

08.56 Chorley Equality Forum

Councillors considered proposals for the proposed Equality Forum. Cllr J Berry volunteered for nomination for the Rurality diversity group.

08.57 Heapey and Wheelton Playground

Charitable Trust status is to be applied for, and ideas for publicity and fundraising have been formulated.

08.58 Sand Quarry

Councillors considered a suggestion to come to an arrangement with the Owner of the Former Sand Quarry to obtain some form of agreement to have a path around the Quarry formalised for use by residents.

Resolved: the Clerk is to obtain details of any liability implications from the insurers and, if there are no implications to the Council, preliminary negotiations are to be opened with the Landowner.

08.59 Local Development Framework

Councillors considered recent publicity regarding the submission of potential development sites within the Local Development Framework. Councillors had no suggestions for sites to be added.

08.60 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Council Standards Committee considered a case of a parish councillor who was found to have breached the Code of Conduct. The Councillor was suspended for three months.

08.61 Date of Next Meeting

2 September 2008 at 7.30pm.

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