

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 7 July 2009 at 7.30 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present P Church (Chair), D Berry, J Geddes, J Ross-Mills.

09.41 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor J Berry.

09.42. Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

09.43 Minutes of Meeting held 5 May 2009

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

09.44 Councillor Vacancy

Councillors considered an application for co-option from Mrs Margaret Osborne.

Resolved: Margaret Osborne be co-opted.

09.45 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

A report of customers taking drinks from the Top Lock outside onto Copthurst Lane in the vicinity of the canal bridge was received. On occasions, chairs have also been observed placed along the roadside. Concerns were expressed regarding road safety issues as Copthurst lane is derestricted in this area.

09.46 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered the appointment of a replacement for Cllr Greenhalgh as authorised signatory for the bank mandate. The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 367.47	Employee 1	Salary
£ 91.80	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 155.01	Employee 1	Reimbursements

09.47 Planning Matters

No matters for consideration.

09.48 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Councillors reviewed revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, amended in accordance with comments from the May meeting.

Resolved: the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be approved and adopted.

09.49 Annual return for the Year Ended 31 March 2009

The matter was deferred to the next meeting pending receipt of the completed return.

09.50 Bus Shelters

Councillors discussed replacement shelters for the top of Blackburn Road. The Lancashire County Council Parish Bus Shelter Grant may provide a shelter on condition the Parish Council takes on the ongoing costs of cleaning, maintenance and insurance. The type of shelter, available under the grant scheme, is restricted to one model, of a metal construction, which Councillors felt was inappropriate in the open rural setting. The Parish Council could purchase a wooden shelter from its own funds however preliminary enquiries had revealed costings in excess of £4000, which is far in excess of the amount available in the budget. The Clerk is to seek further suppliers and alternative costings in time for the next meeting.

09.51 Newsletter

A review of the format and current delivery arrangements for the newsletter was completed. The current A4, folded into three, was felt to be more manageable for delivery.

Resolved: the format and delivery arrangements are to remain unchanged.

09.52. Chorley Council Neighbourhood Action Plan

Details of the Eastern Parishes' Neighbourhood Action Plan were considered.

Resolved: the details of the Plan were noted.

09.53. Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Council Standards Committee assessed two reported breaches of the Code of Conduct.

Playground Committee - no meetings have taken place recently. The appointment of a replacement member is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Anglezarke Parish Council - representatives attended a recent meeting.

Brinscall and Rivington Advisory Group - work on the bridle path project is to commence in September. The 'Go Ape' activity centre is currently the busiest in the country.

Preston Vision - a joint project, with a combined budget of £1.8bn, to make Preston the third 'capital' of the North West region, along with Manchester and Liverpool, is under way. The project is headed by Lancashire County Council, Preston City Council and the University of Lancashire and will involve major redevelopment of the city centre and other areas.

09.54. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 1 September 2009 at 7.30pm.

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

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