

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of Meeting held 1 May 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.

Also Present Borough Councillor M Gray.

### 07.33 Election of Chairman for 2007-2008

Resolved: Cllr Ross-Mills was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Ross-Mills signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and assumed the Chair.

Resolved: The Declaration of Acceptance of Office be received.

### 07.34 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Smith.

### 07.35 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Ross-Mills declared a personal and prejudicial interest in an item forming part of agenda item 11 (Planning Matters).

### 07.36 Election of Vice Chairman for 2007-2008

Resolved: Cllr D Berry was elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

### 07.37 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2007-2008

Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust - Cllr D Berry

Heapey and Wheelton Parish Plan Action Group - Cllr Geddes

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee - Cllr Geddes

Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust- Cllr Berry

LAPTC Chorley Area Committee - Cllrs Geddes and Smith

Sand Quarry Committee - Cllr Ross-Mills and two to be appointed at a future meeting

Tree Warden - Cllr Greenhalgh

Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group - Cllr Smith

### 07.38 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2007

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

### 07.39 Clerks Report

Chorley Borough Council advised of the implementation of the Fouling of Land by Dogs Order 2007.

### 07.40 Police Report

No matters reported.

### 07.41 Residents Points of Interest

A resident of White Coppice reported problems with the recycling collection.

### 07.42 Finance

The Clerk provided evidence of the receipt of the precept.

Resolved: the financial update and bank reconciliation for the year end and the current month be received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Councillors considered a grant application from Home-Start Chorley and South Ribble towards operating expenses. The Clerk had ascertained that the organisation was still operational.

Resolved: a grant of £100 be awarded.

Councillors considered a grant application from St Chads Bowlers towards the operating expenses.

Resolved: a grant of £25 be awarded.

Councillors considered a grant application from St Barnabas towards the maintenance costs of the graveyard.

Resolved: a grant of £500 be awarded.

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
£ 95.92	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 340.20	A Platt	Salary
£ 350.53	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	Annual premium
£ 143.55	LAPTC	Annual subscription
£ 83.43	Manchester Rubber Stamp Co	Plaque for raised garden
£ 13.00	Lancashire Playing Fields Association	Annual subscription
£ 100.00	Home Start - Chorley and South Ribble	Grant
£ 25.00	St Chad's Bowlers	Grant
£ 500.00	St Barnabas Church	Grant

#### 07.43 Planning Matters

The Chairman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item and withdrew from the meeting. The Vice Chairman assumed the Chair.

The following application, although within in Wheelton parish, was considered in view of its close proximity to Heapey and the fact that the existing access is on Blackburn Road, Heapey.

07/00478/OUT Outline application for the redevelopment of the site comprising to demolish existing industrial units and erect 4 no. semi detached dwellings at Former Victoria Mill Building, 10m South West of 23 Millbrook Close, Wheelton - no comment

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

#### 07.44 Model Code of Conduct

Councillors considered the new Model Code of Conduct, which will come into force with effect from 3 May 2007.

Resolved: the new Code of Conduct be adopted as from 3 May 2007.

#### 07.44 North West in Bloom

Suggestions for possible projects for improvements with a view to entry into next year's competition included seeding grass verges with wildflowers, improvements around the bus shelter by the Red Lion and developing the area beneath the hedge up from the bus shelter.

Resolved: the Clerk is to contact Lancashire County Council regarding the possibility of wildflower seeding on verges.

#### 07.46 Chorley Local Development Framework

No amendments to the Framework were suggested. Councillors had found the response form difficult to understand.

#### 07.47 Annual return for the Year Ended 31 March 2007

Councillors considered the Annual Return.

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

#### 07.48 Reports from Outside Bodies

Information regarding a new project for retirement housing on Buckshaw Village was provided at the latest Lancashire Local - Chorley meeting.

The Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee has applied for grant funding from the Big Lottery.

#### 07.49 Matters for Further Discussion

The Sand Quarry, raised flowerbed and consideration of a possible joint entry into the North West in Bloom Competition are to be discussed at the next joint meeting with Wheelton Parish Council.

#### 07.50 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 26 June 2007 at 7.30pm.