

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 5 May 2009 at 7.30 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

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

Also Present Borough Councillor M Gray and 1 member of the public.

09.25 Election of Chairman for 2009-2010

Resolved: Cllr J Berry be elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Berry signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and assumed the Chair.

Resolved: The Declaration of Acceptance of Office be received.

09.26 Apologies for Absence

None received.

09.27. Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

09.28 Election of Vice Chairman for 2009-2010

Resolved: Cllr Church be elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

09.29 Election of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Chorley Council Equality Forum - Cllr J Berry

Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust - Cllr D Berry

Heapey and Wheelton Parish Plan Action Group - Cllr Geddes

Heapey and Wheelton Play Area Working Group - Cllr D Berry

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee - Cllr Geddes

Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust- Cllr D Berry

LALC Chorley Area Committee - Cllrs Geddes and Ross-Mills

Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group - Cllr Church

Sand Quarry Committee - Cllrs J Berry, Geddes and Ross-Mills

Tree Warden - Cllr J Berry

09.30 Minutes of Meeting held 3 March 2009

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

09.31 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

A representative of Help Direct provided information on the newly established service which aims to provide a one stop shop service offering advice for all adults in Lancashire. The service intends to provide support, guidance and information on many items including health and

fitness, learning and leisure, managing finances, mobility and transport, getting the right help and support and much more. Help Direct will put clients in touch with the right services or organisations to help with the issues.

09.32 Financial Matters

The Clerk evidenced receipt of the precept from Chorley Council.

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

Membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils was reviewed.

Resolved: membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils be continued.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£ 15.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£ 377.23	Employee 1	Salary
£ 94.20	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 30.00	M Ward	Internal audit fee
£ 320.65	Broker Network	Annual insurance premium
£ 13.00	Lancashire Playing Fields Association	Annual subscription
£ 145.44	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription

09.33 Planning Matters

No matters for consideration.

09.34 Annual return for the Year Ended 31 March 2009

Councillors considered the Annual Return (as circulated).

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.

Resolved: the Asset Register be approved.

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

Resolved: the report be noted.

09.35 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were provided for Councillors to review.

The Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations are to be amended and presented at the next meeting for adoption.

09.36. Lancashire Local - Chorley Highways Budget Allocation 2009/10

Councillors discussed suggestions for preferred schemes for consideration within the Lancashire County Council Highways Budget Allocation 2009/10. Suggestions included clearance of debris and overgrowth from the pavements on Blackburn Road, upwards from Ryefield and Chapel Lane, up to the Church grounds, a bus stop rectangle painted on Blackburn Road for the stop by the entrance to Victoria Mill and warning signs for horses. Councillors were asked to confirm suggestions to the Clerk for submission.

Councillors considered on the results of a Speed Limit Review of 'A' and 'B' Roads in Lancashire. It was felt most speed issues within the parish relate to roads and lanes which are derestricted or unclassified and, as such, were not dealt with in this review. A reduction in the speed limit on Heapey Road, which is not classified 'A' or 'B', in the vicinity of Heapey Chase would be welcomed.

09.37. Site of Former Sand Quarry

The planning application for the fishing lakes has been refused. The Parish Council is to attempt to arrange a meeting between the Owner and Lancashire County Council regarding the footpath licence. A mobile home has appeared on the car park which, it is believed, is intended to be opened as a café.

Resolved: the Clerk is to query the legality of the mobile home with Chorley Council

09.38. Business Signage

Councillors discussed the provision of a sign board, at the junction of Blackburn with the A674, advertising businesses within the village. The design of the sign should be in keeping with the rural locality and is to address the issues with A boards, which Lancashire County Council seems unwilling to deal with. The Clerk advised the Parish Council has no legal spending power to provide signage advertising commercial ventures however it could act as a facilitator.

Resolved: the local businesses are to be encouraged to contribute towards a sign board.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council is again to be requested to arrange for the removal of unauthorised A boards on the highway verge.

09.39. Reports from Outside Bodies

The Lancashire Local - Chorley provided details of a review of speed limits on 'A' and 'B' roads in the area. A suggestion to review limits on minor roads was made.

09.40. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 7 July 2009 at 7.30pm.

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

..... (Chairman)