

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of meeting held 1 November 2005 at 7.30 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs J Geddes (Chair), D Berry, D Greenhalgh, E Riding, J Ross-Mills.

### 05.43 Apologies for absence

None received

### 05.44 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 05.45 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 September 2005

Proposed Cllr Berry, seconded Cllr Ross-Mills and agreed the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 05.46 Matters for report from minutes

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Trust (05.) Cllr Berry confirmed the Parish Council's donation had been received.

Casual Vacancy (05.33) An application has been received which will be considered in private.

Garden (05.33) The Clerk has provided the Highways Partnership with photographs and a map showing the proposed location of the garden and a noticeboard.

### 05.47 Police Report

Cllr Berry advised of a recent break in at the Cricket Club.

### 05.48 Finance

Councillors considered a request for a donation from North West Air Ambulance.

Proposed Cllr Greenhalgh, seconded Cllr Berry and agreed a donation of £50 be paid.

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

Proposed Cllr Berry, seconded Cllr Riding and agreed the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected by Cllr Greenhalgh:

£ 10.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£ 93.28	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 330.38	A Platt	Salary
£ 30.00	M Ward	Internal audit
£ 141.00	BDO Stoy Hayward	External audit
£ 60.00	J Ross-Mills	Removal and storage of stone
£ 180.00	Wheelton Parish Council	War memorial maintenance
£ 360.00	Wheelton Parish Council	Play Area maintenance

### 05.49 Planning Matters

05/00606/FUL Erection of stable block (3 loose boxes) at School Field, Coppice Lane - Councillors considered amended plans. As the existing access is to be used, the Council's original objections appear to have been satisfied. Concerns were expressed regarding the possibility of the original proposals being developed in stages in the future and the Clerk is to advise the Planning Officer accordingly.

Applications Granted

05/00618/FUL Erection of rear conservatory to rear at 2 Kestrel Close

05/00335/FUL Proposed horse-breeding facilities, livery stables, ancillary accommodation and alterations to access at Land Adjacent to Heapey Road, Heys Farm, Chapel Lane - Councillors expressed concerns regarding the possible opening up for residential use.

#### 05.50 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2005

The Clerk presented the completed Annual Return.

Proposed Cllr Ross-Mills, seconded Cllr Berry and agreed that the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2005 be approved and accepted by the Council.

#### 05.51 Parish Plan

The Chairman advised the Parish Plan has been completed. The Plan is to be endorsed at the next Parish Council meeting.

#### 05.52 Sustainable Communities Bill

Proposed Cllr Ross-Mills, seconded Cllr Greenhalgh and agreed, to request Lindsay Hoyle MP to sign an Early Day Motion in support of the Bill.

#### 05.53 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Chairman reported on a recent Borough/Parish Councils Liaison Special Meeting. The Borough Council presented information on the new Local Development Framework. The Head of Planning Services advised problems within the department had been addressed with additional staff. Information was provided on material considerations in planning matters.

Cllr Ross-Mills reported on the recent Borough/Parish Councils Liaison Meeting. Issues considered included the Draft Corporate Strategy 2006/07-2008/09 and conflict between horse riders and pedestrians and motorists.

Cllr Ross-Mills advised of problems with the Village Hall including a lack of officers on the committee, work being required on the premises, and returns and inspections not being completed. The ultimate responsibility will fall on Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils and Cllr Ross-Mills suggested the Councils need to take over the Hall, or close it down. The Chairman replied that options for the building are being considered and grants are being sought. There is a need for more people to become involved.

The Chairman reported on the LAPTTC Chorley Area Committee Meeting. Questions are to be raised at the AGM as to what measures are being taken to retain members, as a reduction in members will lead to increased subscriptions for the remainder. External audit fees, and who will foot the bill for e-government were also discussed.

#### 05.54 Wayside Seats

The locations of the seats were identified and it was felt all will require treatment next spring. An additional seat in the Heapey Chase area is to be considered.

#### 05.55 Parish Business Plans

Lancashire County Council has designated an Officer specifically to deal with the Plans. Copy correspondence has been forwarded, and the assistance of County Councillor Case sought.

#### 05.56 Matters for Further Discussion

The Chairman advised of the attendance details for the Remembrance Day Service.

The Precept for 2006-2007 is to be finalised at the next meeting.

#### 05.57 Casual Vacancy

Mr Raymond Smith was duly co-opted to serve as Councillor.

#### 05.58 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9 January 2006 at 7.30pm.