

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 5 September 2006 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, R Smith.

Also Present 4 members of the public

06.34 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Gre.

06.35 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

06.36 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 September 2006

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

06.37 Clerks Report

The Enforcement Officer at CBC is looking at the stable block/shed at the entrance to Heapey Chase has been

The Monitoring Officer is standardising Members Interest Forms, which were distributed to Councillors for completion and return at the next meeting.

A meeting of the Chorley Play Partnership is to take place on 13 September.

provided consultation documents regarding a Draft Play Strategy for Chorley. Councillors are to distribute the documents amongst local relevant groups.

A suggestion for amalgamation with nearby parish council's to arrange local training by the County Training Partnership has been made. Councillors were in favour of the suggestion.

Lancashire Constabulary advised of the appointment of the New Inspector for the area.

Lancashire County Council advised that minor authorities may no longer provide nominees for school governor positions.

Lancashire County Council is conducting a strategic review of Library and Information Services. A questionnaire is to be completed by a Councillor.

Lancashire County Council provided information on Bus Service Contracts failing guidelines. Fares are to be increased for school bus users in an attempt to improve the viability.

The possible redefining of the parish boundary to include Anglezarke had been discussed with Chorley Borough Council. The impetus for any such redefining should come from residents.

06.38 Police Report

No report

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak

06.39 Residents Points of Interest

Residents queried the costs and the time taken for the raised garden project. Councillors advised of the requirements for consultation with Lancashire County Council and the requirement for permissions for siting items at the road side.

Residents mentioned the bus shelter by the Red Lion has no seat for elderly residents to sit on. The two shelters at the top of Blackburn Road are of an open design and offer little protection against the weather.

The Owner of the Cophurst Sand Quarry provided an update on the site. The Borough Council has intimated a compulsory purchase order is unlikely. Suggestions for use include part of the land being used for a hobby farm and other sustainable useage including shared workspaces and allotments, as opposed to the football pitch useage currently proposed. As the area is currently being used by the public it has to carry the relevant public liability insurance and there is a requirement to keep the public to the recognised paths. The Owner is keen to speak with interested people to take the project forward.

A residents mentioned the picnic table at White Coppice is in need of replacement, and the wayside seat is in need of treatment.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

The Clerk is to contact Chorley Borough Council regarding the requirements for the bus shelters.

Details and costings of picnic tables are to be obtained for the next meeting.

06.40 Finance

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

Councillors considered a grant application from St Chad's Bowlers towards the costs of relaying paving slabs around the green.

Resolved: a donation of £25 be made.

Resolved: the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected:

£	10.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£	95.92	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£	340.20	A Platt	Salary
£	139.63	A Platt	Reimbursements
£	30.00	M Ward	Internal audit
£	141.00	BDO Stoy Hayward	External audit
£	5000.00	Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall	Awards for All grant repayment

06.41 Planning Matters

06/00871/FUL Two storey rear extension at 8 Kestrel Close – no comment

06/00929/FUL Garden extension to rear at 167 Blackburn Road

06/00971/COU Proposed stables and sand paddock at Wogdens Farm, Tithe Barn Lane – Councillors had no comment to make on the application, however concerns were raised regarding the storing of motor vehicles on the premises.

Applications Granted

06/00288/FUL Agricultural Storage Building at Land at Philipsons Farm, Off Higher House Lane

06/00578/FUL Single storey extension to rear and two storey extension to side/rear at Lower Fold Farm, Coppice Lane

06/00597/LBC Internal alterations to previously approved plans for conversion of dwelling at 175 Blackburn Road

Applications Refused

06/00549/FUL Proposed stables and sand paddock at Wogdens Farm, Tithe Barn Lane

06.42 Annual Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2006

Councillors considered the External Auditor's report.

Resolved: the Annual Return be accepted and approved.

06.43 Parish Council Logo

Councillors were instructed to bring one example each to the next meeting.

06.44 Raised Flowerbed Project

The specification has been prepared and a quotation received. Further quotations are to be obtained.

06.45 Copthurst Sand Quarry

06.46 Parish Boundary Extension

06.47 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) and Lancashire County Council had arranged a Landscape Appreciation Day. Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils were praised by the Chairman of the CPRE for their efforts in retaining the rural nature of the area. Lancashire County Council is mapping out landscapes in the county and want borough and parish councils to do the same. Areas require monitoring to ensure sympathetic development and a landscape policy is required for future development.

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall - a committee has been appointed and some repair work completed. A local architect has offered to produce drawings. Grant funding has been applied for to assist with the refurbishment.

06.48 Matters for Further Discussion

Lancashire County Council provided details of a draft Mountain Bike Trail project brief for Healey Nab. Details were placed in the mailbag for consideration.

06.49 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7 November 2006 at 7.30pm.

Exclusion of Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the forthcoming items of business.