

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of Meeting held 4 September 2007 at 7.00 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs J Ross-Mills (Chair), D Berry, J Geddes, D Greenhalgh, R Smith.

Also Present Borough Councillor M Gray.

### 07.63 Apologies for absence

Cllr J Berry.

### 07.64 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Smith, as a director of Stones and Roses Garden Design Ltd, declared a prejudicial interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 7 (Financial Matters).

### 07.65 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 June 2007

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

Resolved: standing orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

### 07.66 Public Participation

#### i) Police Report

No matters reported.

#### ii) Residents Points of Interest

A resident advised of problems with dog fouling on Kenyon Lane. This has been reported to Chorley Council's Dog Warden to investigate along with a request for consideration of a dog bin in the vicinity.

#### iii) Borough Councillors

A launch event for The Chorley Heritage Trail is to take place on 9 September 2007. The floral displays around the Borough have had some good press and been generally well received and an award was won at the Southport Flower Show.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

### 07.67 Finance

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

Councillors considered a grant application from Vitalise towards operating costs.

There was no proposer for the request.

Councillors considered a grant application from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the training and equipping of volunteers.

Resolved: a grant of £50 be awarded.

Councillors considered a grant application from Lancashire Youth Association towards the production of its Annual Report.

There was no proposer for the request.

Cllr Smith withdrew from the meeting.

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
£ 386.00	Stones and Roses Garden Design	Replacement picnic bench

Cllr Smith rejoined the meeting.

#### 07.68 Planning Matters

07/00786/OUT Removal of remains of quarry building, erection of single storey café with landscaping to create a picnic area at Land at Copthurst Lane - whilst Councillors had no objections to the application, in principle, concerns were expressed regarding the lack of apparent parking provision in, what is already, a congested area, the pedestrian access entering Kenyon Lane where there is no pavement and it is obscured by trees and the piecemeal development of the area. Councillors would prefer to see the development in context with the entire site.

Resolved: the Council's concerns be registered.

#### 07.69 Litter Bin at White Coppice

Councillors considered options for a replacement litter bin. In view of its location by the picnic table and in order to deter scavenging animals a bin with a cover is required.

Resolved: the Clerk is to obtain a wooden litter bin costing up to £250 (including fitting).

#### 07.70 Delegated Powers

Councillors reviewed the system whereby planning applications had been dealt with by the Clerk, under delegated powers, for a trial period.

Resolved: the Clerk's delegated powers to respond to planning applications on behalf of the Council be confirmed.

#### 07.71 Parish Charter

Councillors were of the opinion the proposed charter offered little and, without the inclusion of Chorley Council within the process, would lead to little improvement.

#### 07.72 Sustainable Community Strategy for Chorley

Councillors felt the document contained far too much jargon and unexplained acronyms. The length of the document was felt to be satisfactory.

#### 07.73 Quality Parish Council Status

Councillors considered the requirements for Quality Status. The Clerk is undertaking the process of obtaining the Clerk's qualification and the Council appears to satisfy many of the requirements. The matter will be investigated further upon the Clerk achieving qualification.

#### 07.74 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

#### 07.75 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 6 November 2007 at 7.30pm.