

HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held 2 September 2008 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, D Greenhalgh.

Also present Borough Councillor M Gray and 1 Member of the Public.

08.62 Apologies for absence

None received.

08.63 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

08.64 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 July 2008

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

08.65 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Residents Points of Interest

The replacement litter bin provided for the picnic area at White Coppice was felt to be too small. The bin is to be monitored for a few months.

iii) Borough Councillors

A Ward Walk is to be carried out in conjunction with the Corporate Director (Neighbourhoods) at Chorley Council. Details of areas of the parish which are in need of attention were requested.

08.66 Finance

Resolved: the monitoring statement be received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Councillors considered a grant application from Vitalise towards operating expenses. There was no proposer for the request.

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:

£ 15.00	St Barnabas Church	Room hire
£ 89.20	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 357.54	Employee 1	Salary
£ 158.63	BDO Stoy Hayward	Audit fee
£ 100.00	Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team	Grant

08.67 Planning Matters

No matters for discussion.

08.68 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2008

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

Resolved: the Annual Return be approved and accepted.

08.69 Grants/Donations

Councillors discussed proposals for a policy for the awarding of grants and donations.

Resolved: All requests for grants and donations will be considered at the January meeting each year, with cheques to be issued following the March meeting. Financial information, or accounts, will be obtained, where appropriate. Local groups and organisations will be favoured in the awarding of grants.

08.70 Land at White Coppice

Councillors considered a suggestion to add the strimming of the grassed area around the picnic table and noticeboard to the annual grasscutting contract.

Resolved: the area be added to the annual grasscutting contract, together with the small area around the noticeboard at the junction of Coppice Lane and Hollin Lane. The Clerk is to obtain quotations for the works.

08.71 Removal of Public Call Box

British Telecom has proposed to remove the public call box on Coppice Lane as part of a process to re-align payphone provision to meet demand. Councillors suggested a request be made for provision of a non-coin operated box to provide emergency facilities.

08.72 Noticeboard

Councillors considered the purchase of a new noticeboard to be located at the entrance to Heapey Chase.

Resolved: a noticeboard be obtained, from the current supplier, at a cost of up to £500.

08.73 Chorley Council Standards Committee

The Parish Council has been invited to nominate one Parish Councillor to join the Standards Committee.

Resolved: Cllr Geddes be nominated for membership of Chorley Council Standards Committee.

08.74 Lancashire County Council Parish and Town Council Charter

The closing date for response to the consultation is 17 October 2008. Councillors are to provide comments to the Clerk.

08.75 Reports from Outside Bodies

Details of the new Neighbourhood Working Scheme were presented at the Borough/Parish Council Liaison meeting and Leader of the Council agreed that existing policy be reviewed to include Parish Councils in the consultation process on the setting of planning agreements and how funds raised are spent.

In response to the Parish Councils requests the Lancashire Local was advised the provision of edge of carriageway markings for the junction of the minor road joining Chapel Lane has been provided and that the unmade road leading to the Cricket Club is not part of the adopted highway. The resurfacing of Tithebarn Lane from Higher House Lane to 400m past Philipsons Farm and Higher House Lane from Tithebarn Lane to Healey Nab Road are programmed for the 2008-09 budget year.

08.76 Date of Next Meeting

4 November 2008 at 7.30pm.

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

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