

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of Meeting held 3 November 2009 at 7.30 pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Heapey.

Present Cllrs P Church (Chairman), D Berry, J Geddes, M Osborne, J Ross-Mills.

Also Present Borough Councillor M Gray.

### 09.70 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor J Berry.

### 09.71. Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 09.72 Minutes of Meeting held 1 September 2009

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

### 09.73 Public Participation

#### i) Police Report

No report.

#### ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

#### iii) Residents Points of Interest

Mention was made of the poor quality of internet connection in certain areas of the village. A number of residents are unable to receive broadband.

### 09.70 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved.

£ 15.00	Heapey Parish Church	Room hire
£ 381.86	Employee 1	Salary
£ 95.60	Inland Revenue	Income tax
£ 395.70	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 593.00	B Riding	Manufacture and installation of noticeboard
£ 836.17	Wheelton Parish Council	War Memorial expenditure
£ 393.33	Wheelton Parish Council	Play Area maintenance

### 09.71 Planning Matters

No applications for consideration.

### 09.72 Internal Audit

Councillors carried out the annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year.

Resolved: Mrs M Ward appointed and the fee be set at £35.

09.73 Policies and Protocols

Councillors reviewed existing policies and protocols. The current adopted policies were found to be in order. Further policies are to be introduced on a meeting by meeting basis.

09.74 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed.

09.75 Christmas Tree

Lancashire County Council had provided costs for the supply of an electricity pillar for lights for the Christmas tree at the entrance to Heapey Chase. The costs were slightly in excess of the entire budget for the provision of the tree and lights.

Resolved: the works to provide the power supply be ordered. The works are to be carried out around March 2010 and funding for the tree, Christmas lights and a fence are to be included in next year's precept.

09.76 Reports from Outside Bodies

Lancashire Local - the Parish Council's request for the pavements on Chapel Lane and Blackburn Road to be cleared has been included with a number of similar requests from other Parish Councils and the work will be carried out on a priority basis.

The Village Hall Committee is awaiting the results of an energy consultant's report. The Halloween Disco and the Through the Villages Race both raised funds towards the Hall.

09.77 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 5 January 2010 at 7.30pm.

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

..... (Chairman)