

**A meeting of Heapey Parish Council was held on Tuesday 4th May 2004
In the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Chapel Lane, Heapey.**

Present: Councillor J Geddes – Chairman
Councillors D Berry, D Greenhalgh and E Riding
Also present: Borough Councillor M E Gray

Councillor Geddes having vacated the Chair, the business opened with the election of Officers for 2004/05

05/04/1 Election of Officers 2004/05

The following officers were elected:
Chairman – Councillor J Geddes
Vice-Chairman – Councillor D Berry
LAPTC Chorley Area Committee representative – Councillor J Geddes
Tree Warden – Councillor S Graham
War Memorial Trust representatives – Councillor D Berry and Mr G Edwards
Sand Quarry Committee representative – Councillor D Greenhalgh
Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust – Councillor D Berry
Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee representative – Councillor S Graham

Councillor Geddes thanked the Councillors for re-electing her for another year.

05/04/2 Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd March 2004

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

05/04/3 Minutes of joint meeting held on 5th April 2004

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

05/04/4 Apologies for absence

Councillors S Graham and J Ross-Mills
Sgt D Brown – Lancs Constabulary

05/04/5 Police report

Sgt Brown reported that due to operational requirements he would not be able to attend the meeting. There has only been one recorded crime in the Heapey area for the month of April. This was a criminal damage to a motor vehicle on Blackburn Road. There has been no further problems regarding motor vehicles cutting up the grass verges on Blackburn Road. Mr Henderson from Kittiwake Road has expressed his concern over vehicles speeding in that area, despite the road humps. Local patrols have been asked to pay passing attention, but it may be useful to raise this to local residents as it is inferred that they are just as culpable as any other group. Mr Henderson fears for his children's safety and that of other children playing in the area.

05/04/6 Questions from public

None.

05/04/7 Matters arising

It is hoped the notice board at White Coppice will be erected this week. There has been no response from LCC to our request for the white lines at the junction of Chapel Lane and Logwood to be renewed. Clerk to contact LCC again.

05/04/8 Financial report

The financial report was approved with the following addition:

Credit

Chorley Borough Council – Precept 2004/05 - £6986.00

The date for the Annual Audit has been set for 30th June 2004 and after discussion, it was formerly proposed and seconded, and passed unanimously that the Chairman should sign the Statement of Assurance.

Clerk to obtain forms from Nat West Bank to include Councillor D Greenhalgh on the cheque signatory list.

05/04/9 Planning Matters

No. 9/04/00253/FUL – Single storey rear extension – 151 Blackburn Road, Heapey

No objection providing the extension is in keeping with the rest of the property.

No. 9/04/00354/AGR – Prior notification to erect agricultural livestock and storage building – Land at Phillipsons Farm, Off Higher House Lane, Heapey

The Parish Council objected to this application as it was not considered necessary in view of the recent development at this site. Concern was expressed that this development may lead to an application for residential accommodation. That would be unacceptable.

No. 9/04/00327/FUL – Two storey rear extension – 8 Kestral Close, Heapey

No objection providing the extension is in keeping with the rest of the property.

No. 9/04/00145/FULMAJ – Erection of livery stables, indoor paddock, outdoor paddock, ancillary accommodation, yard and car parking – Land adjacent to Heapey Road, Heys Farm, Chapel Lane Heapey

The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds:

1. This is a comparatively large commercial development and the height of the proposed buildings would make it very difficult to screen from view. This would be visually intrusive on the landscape.
2. It would have a detrimental effect on the outlook from some of the residential properties on the Heapey Chase estate
3. Concern was expressed that a site of this size may lead to an application for residential development. That would be totally unacceptable.

NO. 9/04/00440/FUL – Removal of existing stone wall and erection of new 2m high concrete post and panel fence – Boat Yard, Kenyon Lane, Heapey

While having no objection to this application, concern was expressed that such a fence would not be in keeping with the local environment.

05/04/10 The Sand Quarry

This item has been fully covered in the minutes of the joint meeting with Wheelton. Other local residents have shown an interest in acquiring the site, but the Parish Councils will still prepare a business plan with a view to placing a Compulsory Purchase Order on the owner.

05/04/11 Parish Plan

The application for a Parish Plan Grant has been acknowledged by the Countryside Agency. A number of launch events will be held throughout the Parishes commencing with the Village Fete on 4th July. Other dates and venues to be confirmed. The contents of the questionnaire will be selected from the Menu of Questions based on the responses at the Launch Events. Sponsors are required to provide a prize for questionnaire responders.

05/04/12 Heapey Web Site

The Heapey and Wheelton web site is now up and running. Improvements are still being made and a number of complimentary remarks have been made on the quality of the layout. Volunteers are still being trained to process the information so there may be some delays in keeping the site up to date.

05/04/13 Items for information

Noted with the following additions:

Chorley and South Ribble Voluntary Services – Newsletter

Inland Revenue – Corporation Tax

Chorley Borough Council – Website developments

Chorley Borough Council – Standards Committee Agenda 6th May 2004

Sgt Brown, Lancs Constabulary – Apology and report

The Joint Parish Newsletter has been distributed throughout the two Parishes and many complimentary remarks have been received about its quality and lay out. It is hoped to have the next edition ready before the end of June so that publicity can be given to the Village Fete and other local events. A cut off date for articles will be 18th June 2004.

05/04/14 Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 6th July 2004