

## Chairman's Report

First of all I would like to welcome Malcolm Allen and Colin Grunstein who were co-opted onto the council at our last meeting.

I would also like to extend a warm invitation to all to attend Parish Council Meetings.

On the horizon we have concerns over the sale of the Heapey Ordnance site, continued problems with broadband access and, despite all the rain, the low water levels.

Our meetings are advertised on the Parish Council noticeboards and members of the public are welcome to attend. Always included on the agenda is a Public Participation item when residents can air their views or question Councillors on any matters of concern. We hope you will follow, with interest, the work of the Parish Council via our newsletter and our website (where minutes of all our meetings are published) and we look forward to seeing you at future meetings of the Parish Council.

The Council welcomes contributions and ideas for the Newsletter and we would like to hear from anyone who would like to contribute.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who makes Heapey a great place in which to live and work.

*Julia Berry*

## November Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council has been rescheduled to Monday 1 November. As usual it begins at 7.30pm, at Heapey Parish Church, and everyone is invited to come along.

A part of all meetings of the Parish Council is set aside for residents to speak on any issues they see fit. If you are unable to attend please send your comments to the Clerk and they can be read out.

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Parish Council meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday in alternate months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov), in The White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Chapel Lane.

See the Parish Council noticeboards at the junction of Blackburn Road with the A674, the junction of Coppice Lane with Hollin Lane, the entrance to Heapey Chase and the War Memorial Grounds for details.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

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## Heapey Parish Council Newsletter

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## Welcome to Our New Councillors

The Parish Council would like to welcome our two new additions - Councillors Malcolm Allen and Colin Grunstein were co-opted at the July meeting to replace Joan Geddes and Peter Church, who did not stand at the last election.

Malcolm and Colin took an active part in their first meeting on 7 September.

## Play Area

We are delighted to announce that Chorley Council has designated over £33,000 towards improvements to the joint Play Area on Meadow Street. The money has come from Chorley's Play and Recreation Fund, which is raised from housing developments throughout the Borough.

We will be working with our colleagues at Wheelton Parish Council to implement the improvements and would like to thank Chorley Council for the funding and the Working Group, comprising of Councillors from both Parish Councils for their efforts.

## Lancashire Constabulary



The next Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings are 5 October and 2 November at Wheelton Police Station. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

Crime in the Heapey/Wheelton area continues to be very low and for the month of August no reports of crime were received.

Contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team on the non - emergency reporting number:

0845 1 25 35 45 or via email at:

Police Sergeant Pauline Appleton  
pauline.appleton@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Community Beat Manager - Chris Evans  
christopher.evans@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

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### Village Hall

Despite some showery weather, the Village Fete on 4 July was a great success and raised over £1000 for Village Hall funds. Thank you to all those who helped and attended.

The AGM attracted several new members to the Committee, and more volunteers are always welcome. The new Chairman is Alison Hansford.

Watch out for local publicity about future events. There are several in the planning stage.

Finally, a big thank you to Joan and Bill Geddes who retired from the committee this time, and have given many years of dedicated service resulting in many improvements to this wonderful local facility.

## Housing Needs in Heapey

It is important that people are able to find housing that meets their own needs. In rural areas it is sometimes difficult for people to find something suitable because there very limited choice, and it is often unobtainable by the existing residents when they need to move house. To help learn more about housing need in Heapey, Chorley Council is conducting a Rural Housing Needs Study. This will be done in the autumn.

A large part of this study will be a confidential survey of households to highlight need in relation to areas such as:

- New household formation (e.g. children growing up in your community need their own home).
- Housing for households who have outgrown their current accommodation.
- Housing to meet the needs of older people.

Property types, tenure types (such as buying, renting or shared ownership) and affordability will all be included in the study. Your help in completing the questionnaires is vital to making sure we can meet the housing needs of people in the parish both now and in the future. Please complete the form and return it in the Freepost envelope provided by 12 November 2010.

Although the survey is confidential, we understand that you may not wish to answer all the questions, but we would still welcome returned forms that are not entirely complete. If you require any more information on Chorley Rural Housing Needs Study call Mick Coogan (Strategic Housing Officer, Chorley Council) on 01257 515552 or email: [mick.coogan@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:mick.coogan@chorley.gov.uk)

## Keep Your Right to Vote

Up to the end of October each household is being delivered with an electoral registration from Chorley Council.

Householders are required, by law, to provide the information requested on the forms and, even if there are no changes since last year, you still need to provide it.

If you are not on the register you will not be able to vote. Not being registered can also affect your credit rating making it difficult to take out loans, mortgages or other credit facilities.

For further information contact Chorley Council on 01257 515151, email to:

[contact@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:contact@chorley.gov.uk)

or visit the website at [www.chorley.gov.uk](http://www.chorley.gov.uk)

## Bulb Planting

Following on from the planting on the verge at the top of Blackburn Road earlier this year the Parish Council is hoping to plant Crocuses and Snowdrops within the Parish.

If you have any ideas for areas you would like to see brightened up with bulb planting please let us know (contact details for the Clerk are on the back page. The Parish Council will not be able to do any planting on private land so suggestions need to be for roadside verges and similar areas.

## Christmas Tree

The power supply for the lights has been installed and, in the next few weeks, a holder for the tree will be put in the ground for the Tree on the grassed area on the right of the entrance to Kittiwake Road.

Further details of when the lights will be switched on will be in our December newsletter.