

Councillor Vacancy

Following the election in May a vacancy remains on the Parish Council which can now be filled by co-option and applications to join the Council would be welcomed.

To serve as a Councillor, a person must be a British subject, aged over 18 years old and an elector, and must reside in, or within 3 miles of, the Heapey Parish boundary or occupy as owner, or tenant land or premises or work in the parish.

If you are interested in joining the Council please contact the Clerk on 01257 234003 or email to heapeypc@btinternet.com for further information.

Supporting Litter Initiatives

The Parish Council applauds local residents who voluntarily help to keep our road verges clean by picking up the litter which is thrown onto our highways and byways.

We have also asked Chorley Council to implement the higher on-the-spot fines allowed under new government legislation on 'litter tossers'.

The new legislation also targets litter from motorists and may now make the driver liable for a fine if anyone in the vehicle throws litter.

Crime Prevention

Please ensure your doors and windows are kept secure, even during the warmer weather and especially overnight and don't forget to lock your sheds and garages. Cars should also always be locked when unattended.

To find out what's really happening in your area and receive regular crime updates and information sign up to 'In the Know' at <https://www.stayintheknow.co.uk>, the free messaging service where you decide when and how you are kept informed about the issues that matter to you.

Parish Council Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

Opening Balance		17146
Income		
Parish Precept	8813	
Council tax top up grant	327	
Interest	5	
VAT reclaim	221	
Total Income		9366
Sub Total		26512
Expenditure		
Staff Costs	2930	
Administration	642	
Insurance	283	
Audit Fees	35	
Donations	325	
Grounds Maintenance	417	
War Memorial	929	
Christmas	323	
Play Area	1182	
Notice boards	1880	
Sundries	450	
VAT	278	
Total		9674
Closing Balance		16838

Chairman's Annual Report

The parish precept was, again, set with no increase.

The Council continued to support local amenities including the Christmas tree and lights at the entrance to Heapey Chase and grass cutting.

Contributions continued to be made for the play area maintenance in Wheelton, and War Memorial expenditure. Donations have also been made to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and the North West Air Ambulance.

Chairman's Report (continued)

As a result of a request from Chorley Council a small contribution towards the 24A bus service was agreed dependent on written confirmation of an indemnity in case of any claim resulting from giving the contribution.

A new notice board replaced the one at the entrance to Heapey Chase and notice boards at Blackburn Road and White Coppice have been refurbished with the White Coppice board being relocated to the picnic area. More bulbs have been planted, with Snowdrops and Daffodils being planted on Heapey Chase. The Council continues to support wild flower initiatives and has backed initiatives to tackle litter in the Parish.

St Barnabas Church, The Top Lock, The War Memorial and White Coppice Cricket Club have again been nominated as entries in the Lancashire best Kept Village Competition.

On planning issues, the Council represented its concerns to the planning committee with reference to the application for an agricultural workers dwelling at Higher Healey Farm.

The Council is still discussing issues relating to flooding with relevant bodies. Although some of the threats of flooding have been reduced others still need to be dealt with.

The promised upgrading by Chorley Council of the footpath near the picnic area in White Coppice has been undertaken.

A parish map, showing places of interest in Heapey is in the process of production.

The Council has had representation on a number of outside bodies (Chorley Liaison, Chorley Council Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting, Chorley Council Equality Forum, Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust, Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee, Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust, LALC Chorley Area Committee, Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group).

Useful Telephone Numbers

Police (non-emergency): 101

Chorley Police Station 01257 246225

or email

Chorley.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Chorley Borough Council

01257 515151

Lancashire County Council

0300 123 6701

Report highways problems (roads and pavements, including street lighting):

0300 123 6780

or report online at

www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search.aspx

National Grid

Report a gas leak

0800 111999

Report an electricity emergency

0800 40 40 90

United Utilities (Water)

Leakline 0800 330033

or report online at

www.unitedutilities.com/help-and-support/got-a-problem/report-a-leak/report-a-leak-form/

Environment Agency

Floodline 0345 988 1188

Environment incident hotline 0800 80 70 60

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Parish Council meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday in alternate months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov), at Heapey Parish Church, Chapel Lane, Heapey.

See the Parish Council notice boards at the junction of Blackburn Road with the A674, the junction of Coppice Lane and Hollin Lane, the entrance to Heapey Chase and the bus shelter near the Red Lion, for details.

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

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Electoral Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out a review of Chorley Council, which is intended to deliver electoral equality for voters across the borough by correcting imbalances between the number of residents represented by each individual Borough Councillor.

The Boundary Commission is suggesting a reduction in the number of councillors from the current 47 to 42, made up of 14 wards, each with 3 councillors and is inviting proposals to draw up a pattern of wards to cater for this.

The review will probably lead to the re-drawing of a number of borough council wards in order to achieve a more even distribution of resident's numbers.

As this is a public consultation the Parish Council has been asked to publicise the review to residents and if you would like to take part or find out more about the review go to www.lgbce.org.uk. To look at the current ward boundaries and have your say go to:

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk> (and click on Chorley District from the 'By Local Authority' drop down)

Please note; this review covers only the Chorley Borough Council wards and the parish councils are not affected in any way.