

**A meeting of Heapey Parish Council was held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2004 in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Chapel Lane, Heapey.**

Present: Councillor J Geddes – Chairman  
Councillors S Graham and E Riding  
Also present: Borough Councillor M E Gray

**1. Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2003**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Councillors D Berry and J Ross-Mills  
Sgt K Evans – Lancs Constabulary

**3. Matters Arising**

XX XXXX, XXXXX XXXXX has written again to inform the Parish Council that the white van is still parked on the footway obstructing access to his hedge preventing him cutting it back. A further approach will be made to the owner of the white van to park somewhere else. After consulting LCC on various sites in White Coppice, consent has been given for the erection of a notice board at the back of the grass verge on the south side of the junction of Coppice and Hollin Lane. It was agreed that when it was erected, a patch of gravel would be laid around it. Residents of White Coppice will be informed of the location of the notice board. As the Heapey Chase estate has not been adopted by Chorley Borough Council, as yet, permission cannot be given for the erection of a notice board. It is hoped the estate will be adopted in the Spring.

**4. Police Report**

Sgt Evans sent his apologies, as he was unable to attend the meeting. He reported one crime – damage to a window of a digger on Tithe Barn Lane.

There were an additional 17 reported incidents, broken down as follows:

3 calls about abandoned cars

1 call about stray livestock

5 miscellaneous calls i.e. a missing from home, a warning message etc

8 calls about juvenile nuisance.

This last group relates to problems around Kittiwake Road on the Heapey Chase estate and are the ones that give the Police most concern. The Council Community Wardens have been asked to visit the area. Our POPS co-ordinator Richard Booth is liaising with the developers about adjustments to the play area to make it more deterrent to youths wishing to use anti-social behaviour i.e. lopping of some hedges to make their activity more visible to other residents hence they would be less likely to misbehave. We have also added the area to our Community Concern Targeted Patrol. This will involve Police Officers frequenting the area at relevant times and dealing with anti-social behaviour they may encounter

Sgt Evans may be contacted on 01257 246138 or [kevin.evans@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:kevin.evans@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

A reply has been received from Inspector Evans that she will be making further bids to place Community Beat Managers in Parishes throughout Wheelton and Coppull sectors in the next financial year subject to funding.

**5. Questions from Public**

None.

## **6. Financial Report**

The financial report was approved with the following additions:

Credits:

Natwest Bank – interest - £15.02

Accounts:

NorthWest Air Ambulance – donation - £50.00

Parish Precept 2004/05 – The additional annual amount to be added to a Band D Council Tax for properties in the Parish is £18.62. This represents an increase over 2003/04 of 6.1%.

## **7. Planning Matters**

No. 9/03/01304/LBC

The Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that would be contrary to the approved interim Supplementary Planning Guidance on Windfall Housing Developments.

No. 9/03/01369/FUL – Two storey side extension – Avalon, 134 Blackburn Road, Heapey  
No objections providing the extension is in keeping with the local environment.

New Supplementary Planning Guidance Consultation Drafts:

Policy EM4 – Policy EM9 – Policy EM10

Noted.

## **8. Old Sand Quarry**

Following the decision of the Executive Cabinet Chorley Borough Council, meetings are being arranged with Borough Councillors Cath Hoyle, John Wilson and Eric Bell to clarify their decision and ensure they are in possession of all the facts. A joint meeting with Wheelton PC has been arranged for 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm. to discuss this item.

## **9. Parish Plan**

There are a number of volunteers from both Parish Councils and setting up a Steering Committee will be discussed at the joint meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. A flyer asking for further volunteers has been produced and will be delivered throughout the parish during the next week.

## **10. Heapey web site**

The web site has not yet come on line due to holidays and some technical difficulties. It is hoped to come on line before the end of January.

## **11. Boundary Commission – Draft Recommendations**

It was agreed that Councillors would consider the options.

## **12. Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

A flyer has been produced and will be delivered throughout the Parish during the next week. All volunteers will be interviewed and an appointment made as soon as possible.

## **13. North West Air Ambulance – Request for donation**

It was agreed to make a donation of £50.00 .

## **14. Items for information**

Noted.

Chorley and South Ribble Trust – Health Forum – article to be included in next newsletter  
VIRSA – leaflet to be given to Post Office and off-licence

Street lighting – light at junction of Chapel Lane and Trigg Lane out. Clerk to report to LCC.  
Grass at edge of footway on Blackburn Road has been sprayed with weed-killer. Clerk to request that the footway be cleared.

As there was a possibility that Trigg Lane would become a part of a bridleway network, Councillor Riding requested a letter confirming that the Parish Council had pointed out to LCC the traffic hazards at the junction with Chapel Lane.

**15. Items for consultation**

Noted.

**16. Date of next meeting**

Joint meeting with Wheelton Parish Council on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2004 at 7.30pm in the Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2004