

**A meeting of Heapey Parish Council was held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2003 in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Chapel Lane, Heapey.**

Present: Councillor J Geddes – Chairman  
Councillors M Agnew, D Berry and E Riding

Also present: Borough Councillor M E Gray  
Mr G Edwards

Councillor Geddes having vacated the Chair, the business opened with the election of Officers for 2003/04.

**1. Election of Officers 2003/04**

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 M Agnew  
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.

**2. Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2003**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**3. Apologies for absence**

Councillors S Graham and J Ross-Mills

**4. Police report**

There was no police presence or report at the meeting. Concern was expressed about the continuing lack of police at meetings despite the assurances given in recent correspondence. Clerk to contact again.

**5. Questions from public**

Complaints have been received about noise arising from bands practising in some houses on Blackburn Road. The complainants were directed to contact the Environmental Health Department at Chorley Borough Council who would investigate. It was also decided to place a note in the next edition of the Parish Newsletter asking for consideration to be shown to neighbours by keeping the noise down.

**6. Matters arising**

- i. A firm order will be placed with Mr B Riding, 4 Bank Terrace, Coppice Lane for the construction of two notice boards.
- ii. LCC have modified its proposals on the upgrading of various footpaths in the light of subsequent investigations.

**7. Financial report**

There were two additional accounts to be approved:  
Allianz Cornhill – Insurance premium - £222.86  
W A Geddes – Photocopying - £8.64

A statement of accounts for 2002/2003 was distributed to Councillors.

Financial report approved.

## **8. Planning matters**

There were no objections to the following applications:

9/03/00207/FUL

9/03/00012/FUL

9/03/00361/FUL

Moorside stables, Trigg Lane, Heapey – Alterations to existing building for residential use have been carried out without planning permission. CBC, planning seek comments whether the Parish Council consider the development has affected the area in any way and, if so, how. The Parish Council consider that no enforcement action is necessary, but feel that a retrospective planning application should be submitted.

The following applications have been permitted:

9/03/00105/TCON – 12 Porch Cottages, White Coppice, Heapey

9/03/00166/TCON – Lodge Bank Cottage, The Row, White Coppice, Heapey

## **9. Best Kept Village Competition 2003**

This item to be placed on the January 2004 agenda so that a reasoned decision can be taken.

## **10. The Sand Quarry**

It was agreed that a meeting of the three Parish Councils involved in the proposed acquisition of the sand quarry should be held soon so that each Parish Council could agree how the costs could be shared.

There have been complaints about the noise caused by the use of quad bikes on the site and the damage caused to the footpaths. There have also been instances of fly-tipping. Lancs County Council have already been notified and Chorley Borough Council will also be contacted to see what can be done about this nuisance.

## **11. LCC's "Business Planning on Traffic Issues – Parish Partnership"**

After discussion, it was agreed that the following four transportation issues should be submitted to LCC for their consideration:

- i. Traffic signs and road markings – Coppice Lane/Chapel Lane
- ii. Blackburn Road, Between A674 link and Kenyon Lane – provide echelon parking
- iii. Provision of pedestrian facilities on A674 in the vicinity of Chapel Lane
- iv. Waiting restrictions on Blackburn Road

## **12. Parish Plan**

Tammy Smith, CCL, to be asked to assist in completing the application form.

## **13. Village Hall Disabled Toilet – Planning Application**

Noted.

## **14. Heapey Web Site**

Councillor Monaghan from Wheelton PC gave a summary of the progress made in setting up the web site. She outlined the costs to each Parish Council. This would be £600 for setting up (including web-site hosting, registration and modifications post-launch). This cost has already been agreed.

There would also be a cost of £20 per calendar month for maintenance. Any income from business advertising to be placed against maintenance costs. After discussion the maintenance costs were agreed. The Chairman thanked Councillor Monaghan for all the work she had put into this project and her presentation of progress made.

#### **15. Borough/Parish Council Meeting**

Due to circumstances, no representative from Heapey PC attended this meeting.

#### **16. Chorley Environmental Forum**

It was agreed that Councillor Agnew would represent the Parish Council in discussion with Mr Trebilcock, Hon. Secretary. Possible sites for re-cycling banks are the car parks at the Red Cat and Red Lion pubs.

#### **17. Items for Information**

Quality Parish Councils – to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.  
LAPTC Training Wish List – To be submitted by the Clerk.  
LAPTC – Statement of accounts 2000/01 and 2001/02 – Accounts ratified.  
Appointment of Primary School Governors – noted.  
Amendments to the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill – No comment.

The Clerk requested permission to lodge the minute books at the Records Office, Preston for safe keeping. This was agreed. Back-up discs to be prepared.

#### **18. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2003 at 7.30pm.