

A meeting of Heapey Parish Council was held on Tuesday 2nd March 2004 in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Chapel Lane, Heapey.

Present: Councillor J Geddes – Chairman
Councillors D Berry, S Graham, E Riding and J Ross-Mills
Also present: Mrs D Greenhalgh

1. Parish Councillor Interview

Mrs Greenhalgh attended with a view to being co-opted to fill the vacancy that existed on the Parish Council. After the interview Mrs Greenhalgh was informed that the Parish Council decision would be given as soon as possible.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 6th January 2004

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes of joint meeting held on 2nd February 2004

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record with the following amendments and insertions:

Top of page 1 should read 2nd February not 2nd January

Page 1- Old Sand Quarry – line 6 – after funds insert – from Heapey and Wheelton Charitable Trust.

3. Apologies for absence

PS K Evans – Lancs Constabulary

4. Matters arising

Though the hedges at Station House have been cut, it has not been possible to persuade the owner of the white van not to park on the footway.

The notice board at White Coppice will be erected shortly in the position indicated by LCC. As Heapey Chase estate has not yet been adopted, permission cannot be given to erect a notice board.

5. Police report

Sgt Evans sent his apologies but would not be able to attend the meeting. There was little crime in the area to report. Inspector Edmondson has put in a bid for a Community Beat Manager for the Wheelton area. Sgt Evans will be leaving the Wheelton area shortly and Councillors sent their thanks for his co-operation and assistance during his stay and also best wishes for the future. Councillors were concerned that there had been no police presence at meetings for some time and the Clerk was instructed to write about future representation. We have had a number of changes in our community policing recently and concern was expressed about the lack of continuity.

Complaints have been received about damage done to the grass verges on Blackburn Road by vehicles doing “U” turns. In one instance a car knocked over an indicator post as well as damaging the grass verges. Details will be forwarded to the police. LCC will be requested to re-instate the damaged verges.

6. Questions from Public

None.

7. Financial Report

The financial report was approved with the following additions:

Credits

Chorley Borough Council – Amenity Grant - £500.00

Accounts

W A Geddes – stationery - £11.25

8. Planning Matters

No's. 9/04/00073/FUL and 74/LBC – Demolition of existing lean-to and out buildings, erection of two storey side and single storey side extensions and detached garage – Wogdens Farm, Tithe Barn Lane, Heapey.

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

- i. The proposed extensions would destroy the character of the buildings
- ii. The size of the extensions are entirely out of proportion to the size of the original dwelling
- iii. It is reported that the outbuildings are the habitat of barn owls and bats and should be preserved

No. 9/04/00145/OUT – Outline application for livery stables, indoor paddock, outdoor paddock, ancillary accommodation, yard and car parking – Land adjacent to Heapey Road, Heyes Farm, Chapel Lane, Heapey.

Concern was raised about the size of this development and the visual impact it would have on the residents of Heapey Chase.

9. Old Sand Quarry

No further progress to report.

10. Parish Plan

A meeting to form a Steering Group was held on 25th February. Software, that has a library of questions, can be customised for our questionnaire and will analyse the data has been ordered from the Green Centre, Ecclestone. Members will be sent a copy of a list of methods that can be used to reach all Parishioners so that this may be discussed at the next meeting. Tammy Smith, Community Futures has been invited to attend the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday 25th March at 8.0pm in the Village Hall, to advise us on the next steps to take.

11. Heapey Web Site

Despite all efforts, the site is not yet up and running. Extra effort will be made to be on-line by the end of March.

12. Lancashire Youth Association Appeal

It was agreed that, as all our funds for donations for the current year has been spent, we could not donate on this occasion.

13. Buckingham Palace Garden Party 13th July

It was agreed that Councillor Ross-Mills would be nominated to LAPTIC for inclusion in the ballot for invitations to the Royal Garden Party.

14. Items for Information

Noted with the following additions:

Chorley and South Ribble Voluntary Services – Literature

Standards Board – Local investigation of allegations of misconduct
Ron McCombe – Notice boards
Record – Playground equipment
LCC – Parish Partnership on highway issues
Best Kept Village Competition – Entry forms
Chorley Borough Council – Reports for meeting 24th February

The joint newsletter is almost ready for publication. It is hoped to have it ready for distribution before the end of March.

The white lines on Chapel Lane and Logwood are in a poor state of repair and need renewing. Clerk to advise LCC.

15. Items for Consultation

None.

16. Date of next Meeting

Joint meeting with Wheelton Parish Council on Monday 5th April at 7.30pm in the Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall.

Tuesday 4th May 2004 at 7.30pm in the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Chapel Lane, Heapey.