

**A meeting of Heapey Parish Council was held on Tuesday 2nd September 2003 in the
White Coppice Room, St Barnabas Church, Chapel Lane, Heapey.**

Present: Councillor J Geddes – Chairman

Councillors D Berry, S Graham, E Riding

Also present: Borough Councillor M E Gray

PC Jim Colclough – Lancs Constabulary

Mr G Edwards

1. Minutes of meeting held on 1st July 2003

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

2. Apologies for absence

Councillors M Agnew and J Ross-Mills

3. Matters Arising

The notice boards have now been completed and possible sites identified. Consultations will take place with Chorley Borough Council and Lancs County Council before a final decision is reached. If there is a delay erecting the notice boards, they will have to be stored.

4. Police report

PC Jim Colclough introduced himself to the meeting and reported that there had been 3 crimes in the area during the past 30 days.

1. Vehicle broken into – Ivy Cottage, Coppice Lane
2. Large section of dry stone walling stolen – Manor House
3. Chain saw stolen – Withnell Farm, Trigg Lane.

Complaints have been received about frequent late night disturbance outside a house on Blackburn Road near the Red Cat. A request for the mobile CCTV to visit the scene will be made.

5. Questions from public

The site of the new notice boards was raised, but, as this had been covered earlier, there was nothing further to add.

6. Financial report

There were two additional accounts to be approved:

W A Geddes – Photocopying and stationery - £14.23 + VAT £0.44 = £14.67

Lancashire Playing Fields Association – Membership fee - £11.00

Authority was given to the Clerk, on advice from Councillor Berry, to purchase a Laser Printer.

Financial report approved.

7. Planning matters

There were no objections to the following applications:

No. 9/03/00732/FUL

Nos. 9/03/00752/FUL and 9/03/00754 (Providing the extensions were in keeping with the rest of the original listed building)

No. 9/03/00755/FUL

Several notices have been posted at the junction of Trigg Lane about the possible upgrading of footpaths to bridleways. Clerk to seek advice from LCC.

8. Old Sand Quarry

During discussions with Mr Roger Handscombe, CBC about a possible compulsory purchase order for the Old Sand Quarry, a statement was made that CBC would provide funds to cover the purchase price of the site over the £33,000 that could be raised by the three Parish Councils. Confirmation of this will have to be given in writing before Councillor Dickenson, Wheelton PC can negotiate with the Charity Commissioners about the release of funds from the Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust.

9. Lancashire Playing Fields Association – Invitation to join

It was agreed that the Parish Council should join and the membership fee of £11 was authorised.

10. Village Design/Parish Plan

Further advertising for volunteers to serve on the Steering Group will be undertaken. There will be notices on the Parish notice boards, in shop windows and an article in the Parish Newsletter. Attempts will be made to have an article printed in the Chorley Guardian drawing attention to the project. CBC will be notified that it is the Council's intention to produce a Parish Plan.

A joint meeting with Wheelton PC to discuss this subject will be held in the village hall on Monday 6th October 2003 at 7.45pm.

11. Heapey Web Site

Councillor Graham gave a very interesting presentation on the progress made so far in setting up the site.

Progress has been made and the target date of October is expected to be met. The site can be found at www.heapeywheelton.org.

12. Parish Newsletter

The next edition is being prepared. It was suggested that articles on the Heapey Web Site and the Parish Plan should be included.

13. LAPTC – Training Seminars – 26th and 28th August 2003

Due to circumstances, the Clerk was unable to attend either of these seminars.

14. Review of Juvenile nuisance – Questionnaire

It was agreed that Councillors Geddes and Graham would complete the questionnaire.

15. Application for Heavy Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

No objection to be made.

16. Items for information

LAPTC AGM – Saturday 8th November 2003 – Councillor Geddes agreed to attend.

LCC – Accessibility Technical Report – Questionnaire – Councillor Geddes to complete.

Chevron sign missing at 4 Lane Ends junction of Chapel Lane. Clerk to report to LCC.

Now that Chapel Lane has been re-surfaced, the road markings need to be replaced. Clerk to inform LCC.

Hedges at Station House, The Railway and Bank Terrace are obstructing the footway and interfering with the sight line of vehicles turning into Tithebarn Lane from Coppice lane.

Clerk to request the owners of the property to have the hedges trimmed.

17. Date of next meeting

Monday 6th October 2003 at 7.45pm. Joint meeting with Wheelton PC in Village Hall.

Tuesday 4th November 2003 at 7.30pm.