

**A meeting of Heapey Parish Council was held on Tuesday 2nd November 2004
In the White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Chapel Lane, Heapey**

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

Also present: Mr A Platt – newly appointed clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs M E Gray

The Chairman welcomed Alan and congratulated him on his appointment as Parish Clerk.

11/04/42 Minutes of meeting held on 7th September 2004

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

11/04/43 Apologies for absence

None.

11/04/44 Police report

Concern was expressed about security at the MOD site in the Parish. A Parishioner had been stopped by a stranger seeking directions to the site. This had been reported to the Police. The MOD site featured on the internet and the Clerk was asked to raise the matter with Sgt Brown to see if there was any follow-up to this incident. The Clerk was also instructed to ask Sgt Brown if, on those occasions when he was unable to attend Parish Council meetings, he would send a report.

11/04/45 Questions from public

A question was asked about work that was taking place at Gale Moss. No one seemed to know what was happening. Clerk to make enquiries from neighbouring Parish Councils. (Enquires revealed that work is being carried out by British Waterways. They are laying down a track and fencing it off so that they can transport equipment to carry out repairs to a culvert under the Leeds Liverpool canal).

11/04/46 Matters arising

None.

11/04/47 Financial report

The financial report was agreed with the following additions:

Accounts

W A Geddes – stationery - £3.98

North West Air Ambulance – donation - £50.00

The safety surface in the play area has to be replaced and it was suggested that enquiries about the supply and price of suitable bark should be made from Steve Kirkby. Prices for safety tiles will also be made.

11/04/48 Budget /Precept 05/06

After discussion, the figures presented by the Clerk were accepted and it was resolved that a precept of £8040 would be set for 2005/06. This represents an increase of £2.54 over the previous year for a Band D property.

A copy of the agreed precept is attached.

11/04/49 North West Air Ambulance – Appeal

It was agreed that a donation of £50.00 would be made to this very worthy cause.

11/04/50 Planning matters

No. 04/01139/FUL – Erection of single storey rear extension – 5 Black Brook Close, Heapey. No objection providing the extension is in keeping with the rest of the property.

No. 04/01152/FUL – Erection of boundary fence – Wheelton Boat Yard, Kenyon Lane, Heapey.
No objection providing the soft landscaping proposed in the plans is in the form of a hawthorn hedge.

The Supplementary Planning Guidance – Design Guidance – has now been adopted by Chorley Borough Council and can be viewed at the Council's web site www.chorley.gov.uk/planning.

11/04/51 Parish Clerk's vacancy

The handover to the new Clerk will take place during November/December. It was agreed that, as the laser printer was now surplus to requirements, it would be loaned to Councillor Ross-Mills for her work on the Sand Quarry Business Plan.

11/04/52 The Sand Quarry

Work on the Business Plan is progressing. The meeting with Jamie Carson Chorley Borough Council was very productive. A meeting of representatives from the three Parish Councils will be held on 11th November 2004 at 10.30 am.

11/04/53 Parish Plan

Work continues on the questionnaire. A meeting of the Steering Group will be held on Thursday 11th November at 8.0 pm.

11/04/54 Items for consultation

Chorley Borough Council Draft Licensing Policy
Noted.

LAPTC – AGM

As Councillor Geddes would attend the AGM as Heapey's representative, the resolutions before the meeting were discussed and instructions given how she should vote.

11/04/55 Items for information

Noted with the following additions:

Whittle-le-Woods PC – Invitation to attend Parish Plan launch on 19th November at Shaw Hill. (Councillor Ross-Mills to attend)

ODPM – New Ethical Framework Regulations

Chorley Borough Council – Licensing Policy Forums

Chorley Borough Council – Re-cycling and refuse collections

Councillor Ross-Mills will attend the Lancs Police Authority meeting on 30th November on policing objectives for 2005/06.

Councillor Geddes will attend the LCC's Parish and Town Council Conference on 23rd November.

Councillor Graham tendered her resignation from the Parish Council. Councillor Geddes accepted with regret and thanked her for all the work she had done since she was elected over ten years ago. She would be sorely missed.

Complaints have been received about the traffic problems caused by horses being ridden two and sometimes three abreast on the roads in the Parish. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to stables and riding schools asking them to stop these dangerous practices before an accident is caused.

Councillor Greenhalgh presented her apologies as she would be unable to attend the next meeting.

11/04/56 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 4th January 2005 at 7.30pm.