

Welcome

At the January meeting the Parish Councillors welcomed Raymond Smith, who was co-opted to fill a vacancy left by a resignation.

Lancashire Constabulary

Parishes to the north of Chorley now have a new Community Beat Manager, PC Chris Evans, who, following the recent introduction of Neighbourhood Policing, will spend the vast majority of his time in the Wheelton Rural area. Sgt Dave Brown remains in the area in charge of the team.

If you see any crime report it to Crimestoppers on:

0800 555111

Contact local Police on

0845 1253545

Parish Logo

The Parish Council is looking for a logo to use on its correspondence. If you have any ideas please contact the Clerk or Councillors.

Noticeboards

Parish Council noticeboards are located in the War Memorial Grounds (visible from Kenyon Lane), the junction of Blackburn Road with the A574 and the end of Coppice Lane (by the junction with Hollin Lane).

PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Parish Council meetings are held, usually on the first Tuesday in alternate months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov), in The White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Chapel Lane. See the Parish Council noticeboards for dates and times.

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Heapey Parish Council Newsletter

March 2006

Council Tax Freeze

Residents receiving their Council Tax bills for the forthcoming year will be pleased to notice that the Parish Council's portion of the total bill has not increased.

Services provided by the Parish Council include the ongoing maintenance of the Play Area and the War Memorial Grounds, cutting of verges on Blackburn Road, Parish Council noticeboards, wayside seats, the Christmas tree and lights, emptying of dog waste bins and relevant insurance cover. Assistance is provided for the upkeep of the Village Hall and War Memorial. The Parish Council is also a trustee, with ultimate responsibility, of the Village Hall, but this is run and maintained by a separate Committee.

In addition to the services provided, the Parish Council exists to represent the views of Heapey residents to the Borough and County Councils, the Police and various other public and private bodies. If you have an issue the Parish Council may be able to help with please let the Councillors or the Clerk know (contact details on the back page).

Parish Plan

The Heapey and Wheelton Parish Plan was successfully launched on Saturday 11 February at a free party at the Village Hall in the presence of our local MP, Lindsay Hoyle.

The Plan provides a detailed survey of the views of local residents on the direction they wish for the future of the Village. A leaflet containing a summary of the Parish Plan has been delivered to homes throughout the Parish and a more detailed document can be consulted by request to the Clerk, Alan Platt.

Thanks go to the organisers and volunteers who devised the questionnaire and collated the responses. Thanks also to the many residents who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

Local Elections in May

Thursday 4 May is the date for this years local elections. The current Parish Council was elected in 2002 to serve a four year term. The Parish Council election will take place in conjunction with the Borough Council election for the Pennine Ward.

There are six places on the Parish Council and, amongst other qualifications, candidates must live, or work, within three miles of the Heapey Parish boundary. The Parish includes Blackburn Road, from the Red Cat to the Clock, Heapey Chase estate, Ryecroft, Kenyon Lane and White Coppice.

During the past four years members of the Parish Council have been involved in campaigns to defend the Greenbelt at Gale Moss, pushed forward plans to acquire the Sand Quarry on Copthurst Lane and developed a Parish Website and a Parish Plan.

If you are interest in standing for election and would like further information please contact the Clerk or Councillors for details. Nomination papers are available from Chorley Borough Council on 01257 515151.

Parish Council Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2006

| Income | £ | Expenditure | £ |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Parish Precept | 8680 | Staff Costs | 2542 |
| Agency Work (i) | 686 | Administration | 346 |
| Interest | 263 | Insurance | 291 |
| VAT Reclaimed | 40 | Donations | 400 |
| Sundries | 500 | Grounds Maintenance | 1951 |
| | | Subscriptions | 193 |
| | | VAT | 146 |
| | | Sundries | 250 |
| Total | 10169 | Total | 6119 |
| (i) grasscutting carried out on behalf of Lancashire County Council | | Opening Balance | 10425 |
| | | Income | 10169 |
| | | Sub total | 20594 |
| | | Expenditure | 6119 |
| | | Closing Balance | 14475 |

White Coppice Cricket Club

Junior players are required for the 2006 season. Players must be under 15 years of age on 1 September 2005

A qualified coach will host sessions on Monday evenings during the summer, at no cost to the players starting on 24 April 2006.

All coaches, team manager and umpires are CRB checked.

For further details contact Cindy Dixon, Club Secretary, on:
01257 410130

Gale Moss

Chorley Borough Council is currently preparing its Local Development Framework, a 10 year policy for greenbelts, housing, roads etc for the entire borough.

The Parish Council has requested the Greenbelt boundary be redefined using the A674 and the M61, rather than the River Chor which is used at present. This should help prevent large planning applications such as the Steelworks, and present a sensible boundary that would protect the village from future development.

Village Hall

The Village Hall has recently experienced a boom in bookings and is used by the Playgroup, music, tai chi, aerobics and other groups on a regular basis, demonstrating what a much needed resource this is.

Car parking at the Village Hall is severely limited. The car park in front of the Village Hall is private so please don't use it unless you are attending an event.

Cleaner Required

A Cleaner is required for the Village Hall to undertake general cleaning duties.

Hours of work are 7.5 hours per week, with a minimum of 1 hour per day Monday to Friday
Times by arrangement.

Pay £6.50 per hour.

Contact Sue Monaghan on
01254 830475

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Easter Eggstravaganza

Monday 17 April 2006
1.30pm - 4.30pm

Easter Bonnet Parade at 3.00pm
(bring your own Easter Bonnet)

Refreshments, Egg Decorating
and Rolling included

Tickets £2.50 from Wheelton
Post Office and Grape and Grain
Off Licence (until 13 April)