

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

July 2015

Chairman's Report 2014/15

Throughout the year the Parish Council has always been working hard as always to address a number of key issues on your behalf.

As in 2013/14, the thorny question of safety within the parish, especially inconsiderate car parking, unsafe double parking, damage to grass verges (you eventually pay for this!) and use of footpaths and pavements. We have been working closely with our local Police and CBC to try to resolve these issues-sometimes with success, other times not so! However, resident safety is the top priority for this Council. Wheelie bins have been left out in parts of the Parish not just on collection days but in one case for 3 weeks forcing anyone in a wheelchair or parent with buggy having to walk into the main road particularly near busy junctions. We would hope this practice ceases within the near future. The Parish Council now has a speed indicator trailer and this should be up and running soon.

This past year again has seen many changes nationally to local planning policies and these have an impact on the area including new infill housing, 'green' spaces and local developments. We as a council are monitoring these developments carefully.

We are trying to secure funding to reset the cobbles/sets on the walkway from Victoria Street up to Westview from the Eastern Parishes Group. When we have further news we will be able to let residents know more details of what will be taking place.

The Parish Council is pursuing the 'Post Office' to maintain a service in the Parish. A meeting has taken place with Royal Mail/Post Office Counters and when we know their full decision again we can let you know.

We are still looking for available land in Higher Wheelton to build a Playground in that part of the Village and the Borough Council would look carefully at helping to secure funds

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the people who spend their time volunteering in our community—they are the people that help make Wheelton a more pleasant place to live. Once again very many thanks for all the work they do, especially the Village Hall Committee.

I thank all my councillor colleagues for all the time they put into our community on your behalf and thank also our Clerk Joanne Carr for her invaluable service to the Council.

Terry Dickenson

Chair 2014/15

Wheelton's heritage secured!

The Parish Council has been informed that the cobbled (setted) walkway from Victoria Street to West View is part of the Eastern Parishes Project. This means that the cobbles/sets will be relayed, new barriers installed, knee rails placed at base of the Village Hall carpark and an entrance made through the stone wall for maintenance purposes.

This work is due to begin the week beginning 11th August and will last for approximately 2 weeks. During that time the access to the walkway will be closed! The Council will leaflet the area nearer the time to remind residents that this is to take place subject to having a firm start date."

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Changes to the disposal of Inert waste (Rubble, soil and plasterboard).

Whereas previously you could take clean soil, hardcore (rubble) and plasterboard down to the Household Waste Recycling Centre, the policy is now changing to one of a permit scheme; starting on the 1st of June.

The new policy allows each household to dispose of the equivalent of a **quarter tonne of inert waste free of charge** every year. This equates to ten 25kg sacks of inert waste, or equivalent items such as toilet bowl, sink, double glazing unit etc.

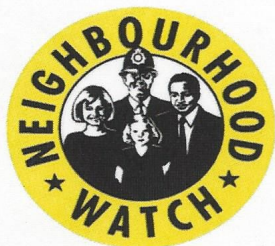
To access this **free** service, householders will need to obtain a permit in advance of their visit through Lancashire Online; **enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk** or via **LCC customer contact centre on 0300-1236701**. There is no charge for the permit, which will require only one application, and which can be used in one visit, or as required throughout the year.

A charge of £3.50 per 25kg bag or equivalent item will be applied for any further inert waste (or equivalent item) disposed of without your **free** license.

Importantly, the County Council will continue to provide free disposal of a reasonable amount of inert waste arising from small scale DIY and gardening projects without charge after applying for a permit.

The new policy does not affect any other form of waste received at Household Waste Recycling Centres, including asbestos, tyres or gas bottles etc. which will continue to be free to dispose of at point of disposal.

Don't forget to check our website
www.heapeyandwheelton.org



Do you currently reside in a Neighbourhood Watch area? Or has your scheme stopped being productive, or is it dormant?

Would you like to see a fully functioning Neighbourhood Watch scheme on your road?

Then why not take the first step to initiating/re-invigorating a scheme on your road by contacting Lynn Wareing, Watch Liaison officer, Chorley Police on 01257-246384.

Further information about Chorley & District Neighbourhood Watch Association is available at their website:
www.cadnwa.co.uk

Benefits of Neighbourhood Watch include:

- Bringing people closer together
- Building a stronger community spirit
- Helping to reduce crime
- Reducing the individual's anxieties about crime by education and prevention
- Strengthening links with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team
- Developing closer relationships with local councils
- Improving the local environment
- Creating a better quality of life

Jobs in the garden for June

- Hoe borders to keep down weeds
- Position summer hanging baskets outside
- Mow the lawn once a week
- Plant out summer bedding
- Stake tall or floppy plants
- Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch. Prune may/spring flowering shrubs



The Big Society- some thoughts!

Given the ballyhoo from Central Government regarding the Big Society five years ago it brought to mind how our community has always been at the forefront of this idea.

We have many local people who give up their time and energy for good causes, whether helping out with the Brownies, Village Hall and so on.

But has the nature of our Village community (Lower and Higher Wheelton) changed again? In the early 1980's it was fairly evident that three distinct groups had formed: people who had been born here, 'new' people bringing up young children and basically some people who stayed here overnight and weekends. We had a significant number of people who commuted to the local cities and towns because of the proximity of the Motorway network; they went where they could find employment. It was also evident that for all these different groups the tranquillity of a place like Wheelton was manna from heaven.

Leap forward 35 years and it would appear we are very similar in diversity, but look again-in that time we have 'lost' a Post Office, a shop, a pub, a church and gained a tea room.

Essentially we are changing again but one fundamental point hasn't and that is our community spirit. The Big Society is action by local people for local people.

It's A Dogs Life

Wag, bark & play the day away
Coppull/Chorley/Standish/Shevington &
surrounding areas



Dog walking, Daycare & Home boarding services

Individual group walks tailored to suit each dogs needs. Doggy daycare and Home Boarding. Caring, friendly and reliable service. Fully licenced, insured and CRB checked.

For more information please call Kathryn on Tel:01257 795945
Mob: 07723 403128 www.itsadogslifechorley.uk
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Pop in service and small animal drop in available.

Forthcoming Dates of the Parish Council

Meetings are held on Mondays at 8.00pm in Wheelton Village Hall



No meeting in August
7 September 2015
5 October 2015
2 November 2015
7 December 2015

Public participation is welcomed, just contact the Clerk at least 14 days prior to the meeting so that the matter you wish to raise can be researched and added to the agenda.

1st Wheelton Brownies

2015 saw a number of girls, making their Promise as a member of 1st Wheelton Brownies, and during this time the Brownies worked towards and gained their Disability Awareness Badge. We looked at the challenges that are faced when you have a disability including sight, hearing, mobility, and/or learning difficulties such as dyslexia and also how to care for someone who maybe struggling to do everyday things for themselves and how frustrating this can be. Visitors to the unit included a lady with a Guide Dog and a lady who taught us to "sign" our names.

In February some of the Brownies joined with other Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members within Heapey Moor District to Celebrate World Thinking Day. A special day in Guiding terms as it is the Joint Birthday of Lord Baden-Powell and his wife Lady Olave Baden-Powell and every year Girl Guides and Girl Scouts across the World celebrate this day and undertake various activities from all over the World and think of all members of the Guiding movement. Pasta necklaces, masks, making a woven place mat and a leaning tower were all activities they completed. The highlight was when a Samba Band came in and all were taught Samba dancing and even allowed to play on the instruments. One of our Brownies joined the band playing one of the drums, and even the leaders attending got to join in with the Samba Dancing, a brilliant end to a special day.

Our next adventure happened in April when we went on Holiday for the weekend to Waddow Hall, just outside Clitheroe. A National Training and Activity Centre for Girlguiding. Our theme for the weekend was Alice in Wonderland including a Mad Hatter's Tea Party and we enjoyed all the thrills of an activity holiday including grass sledging and archery, with a Brownie who had a broken wrist, managing to hit the target. Definitely a Brownie well done. Brownies undertook household chores during the weekend including learning how to put covers on duvet's, washing and drying of pots and pans. The Brownies decorated a bag in the theme of the weekend, which they could put all their craft activities in and take home.

Our next outdoor adventure was completing a nature trail by the canal and around the village, and there is more adventures to come.

One of our leaders, Nikki was selected to represent her Guiding County, Lancashire North West as a member of North West England Regions Service Team who were assisting at Buckingham Palace Garden party, hosted by the Queen. Not only do Brownies get the opportunity to make new friends and experience the Guiding Adventure, but leaders do too.

Our Unit Helper, Simone, who has never been involved in the movement asked to make her promise as a member of Girlguiding and 1st Wheelton Brownies, and this she did, underneath the flagpole at Waddow Hall. Welcome to the family of Guiding.

More adventures to be in the spotlight in the next newsletter.

From all members of 1st Wheelton Brownies

If you are interested in helping or your daughter would like to join 1st Wheelton Brownies, please contact:
Jacqueline Berry, on jberry.brownie@hotmail.co.uk

Advertising in the Newsletter

We are seriously looking at ways of raising revenue for the Play Ground (Trust) and are considering, for the first time, advertising by local businesses in the Parish Newsletter.

What's your view on this?

If you have any ideas you would like to share whether for or against then please can you contact the Clerk or email tdickenson@tesco.net
If we can help in any way we will!

Contact your Clerk: Mrs Joanne Carr.

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Could you share **your home** with an **adult who needs support**?

Find out about the **rewards** and **benefits** of becoming a Shared Lives carer

If you have room in your heart and room in your home, we want to hear from you!

There is no typical Shared Lives Carer for us. Our Carers come from all types of backgrounds.

What matters to us are your personal qualities such as patience, flexibility, understanding, fairness, commitment and determination.

You can make a difference to someone's life by:

- supporting independence
- helping make choices
- being part of your family and home
- accessing the local community

In return you will receive

- £300 - £450 a week**
- ongoing training**
- practical support**
- respite & breaks**



We are recruiting now contact
Shared Lives 01257 516036 sharedlives@lancashire.gov.uk

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Did you know about the Mobile Library visits to Heapey? this is a valuable community resource that that people may not be aware of. The Mobile Library visits Heapey every two weeks stopping at Coppice Lane, Opposite Station House Kennels between 10 am and 10.15 am and then outside Warth Cottage in White Coppice between 10.20am and 10.35 am. It stocks fiction, non-fiction, large print, children's books and talking books.

Please let me know if you require more information

Victoria Roberts
Library Frontline Officer, Clayton Green Mobile Library
01772 312282 www.lancashire.gov.uk

Meals on Wheels update

The number of subsidised meals offered to the customer per week by Chorley Council has now increased from three to five. The service will continue to be provided by Lancashire Fayre who currently provide the service, and meals can still be delivered seven days a week; but this now means that the cost to the customer of the first five meals per week will reduce to £3.65 per meal.

In addition an introductory offer has been launched which means that any new customers who sign up to the Meals on Wheels service will receive their meals for the first two weeks at half price, Chorley Council will subsidise the cost of the first five meals for two weeks reducing the price to only £2.12 for a main meal and dessert.

There are certain eligibility criteria to meet to qualify for the subsidised service, however those who are not eligible can still receive the Meals on Wheels service for the low price of £4.25.

If you know someone who would benefit from this service they can contact

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