

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2 October 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

Present: Councillors A J Shaw (Chairman), J Hill, Mrs J Ogden, Mrs A Bishop, Miss E Walmsley, A Cornwell, H Heaton, J Taylor and G Brennand. Also present Borough Councillors Leadbetter and Whittaker.

REPORTS, COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC, PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS PRESENT

(At this point in the Meeting members of the public present can report, ask questions, raise issues and make observations on parish matters or items appearing on the Agenda. Reports, Complaints and Concerns will also be received from Parish, Borough and County Councillors if attending – Once closed the Chairman will only suspend standing orders to allow further participation if it will aid discussions)

Chairman – Welcomed everyone to the meeting including the Scouts who are here to observe as part of their Global Challenge which involves finding out about local government and local issues.

Rick Guy – Responsible Individual/Director of Next Stage 4Life introduced himself to those attending and apologised for forgetting to attend the September Parish Council Meeting. Mr Guy explained that Next Stage has been operating a service for vulnerable young people for approx. 3 years and was begun as an offshoot from the service offered for over 30 years to vulnerable adults in the community. There is also a more recent branch of the company which is looking to encourage more fostering in the community rather than in children's homes similar to those operating on Town Lane. Mr Guy confirmed that it is often a tough but rewarding job/service they provide, the aim of which is to try to help these vulnerable people to see a future ahead of them. These young people are more frightened of the community than the other way around. He confirmed that Police personnel attend the homes as a matter of course and not always as a result of something a resident has done. If an ambulance attends, again there is not always a problem it is often a genuine illness. Councillor Heaton confirmed that the work undertaken is admirable, however, the main issue reported at Council Meetings is parking. Mr Guy accepted this and reported that the garage at the house has now been cleared out for use and, they are looking at changing the garden at the front of the bungalow into additional parking provision. If the parking situation does not improve please inform him, call at the house, telephone him or email him and he will respond immediately. Residents reported that the parked cars often prevent residents from reversing out of their driveway safely. Mr Guy confirmed that the age group of the young people is 7-17 years and that they usually come from the Lancashire area. There are currently 3 young people in residence over both homes. The residents do attend school once they are settled enough to do so. Fostering brochures were left and the Chairman thanked Mr Guy for attending.

Borough Councillor Whittaker – Reported that he and Borough Councillor Leadbetter will be holding 2 public meetings to address concerns relating to the proposed development of the Camelot site. There will be a meeting in the Parish Rooms/Community Centre on Saturday 14th October and one in Heskin on the 21st October. As much information as possible will be made available regarding the proposals. Regarding correspondence on speeding issues on Chorley Lane, it would appear that the average speed of vehicles using this route has increased and as a result Police involvement will take place going forward. The Chorley Youth Zone is now well underway and will provide young people with a venue and a focus. Transport will be available to villages in rural areas. Councillor Whittaker believes the money referred to in the Conservative Party info. for local plans is a waste of money.

Borough Councillor Leadbetter – Reported on Meetings with LCC regarding the bus services – there will be 2 services through Charnock Richard, the 327 and the 337, which will provide an hourly service when the tender starts. Any reports regarding leaves please contact Chorley Council, report it and request they be removed. It was again confirmed that there are blocked drains all over the village e.g.: Chorley Lane, Cherry Tree Close, Dob Brow etc. Councillor Leadbetter confirmed that a Housing Needs Assessment has now been completed by Chorley Council. It was confirmed that Taylor Wimpey will not be appealing against the Chorley Council decision to refuse planning permission for development of land in which they had an interest on Charter Lane. The Camelot Design & Access Statement has been slightly revised. Japanese Knotweed on Sharratts Path has been stem treated by

Lancashire Wildlife Trust, 2 more treatments are required to remove this invasive weed and it is hoped that they will have the funding to undertake the treatment again for the next 2 years.

Public Present – The drain in front of Whalley's Farm, Preston Road is bubbling up. Fencing in front of the plot of land at the beginning of Town Lane is breaking down and needs attention. Councillor Shaw has spoken to the landowner in the past who said he would be developing the site, he agreed to speak to him again.

Scouts – Working on their Global Challenge and learning about local government and local issues. They are also hoping to go into Chorley Council and meet the Mayor. They will be working over the next couple of weeks to help with try to alleviate increasing problem of dog fouling in the village. They will be making poo bag dispensers which they will put up around the village to try to encourage dog owners to be more responsible.

73. Apologies - Were received and accepted from Councillors Cheetham (holidays) and Mrs Pilling (holidays).

74. Declarations of Interest – Members were asked to consider any disclosable pecuniary interest they may have to declare in relation to matters on this Agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, Parish Council Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct currently in force – **No declarations were made at this point however Councillors will declare them should they arise in the Meeting.**

75. To Accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4 September 2017 - The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4 September 2017 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and following amendment at Minute 69(1) to “Highways England” it was **Resolved: The Minutes of the Meeting were accepted as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.**

76. Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council: Report 1 (page 4) – Agreed. The Enforcement Officer will be asked to check building work at Iddon's Farm Barn.

77. Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:

- a) Notification of completion of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31 March 2017 with no matters arising requiring the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report - **Resolved** – **The completion of the audit is accepted and noted by the Parish Council.**
- b) ROSPA report following Mossie Close play area inspection 2017 – **Noted and a copy handed to each of those responsible for the monthly play area inspections.**
- c) Correspondence and info. re: speeding Charter Lane and recent speed survey results – **Noted.**
- d) Correspondence and info re: speeding Chorley Lane and recent speed survey results – **Councillor Taylor has compared these results to previous surveys and whilst the general perception in the Parish is that vehicle speeds are getting worse, theses recent figures indicate that by comparison, this is not the case. However, many residents still believe that motorists are travelling along this route at excessive speeds. Some Councillors believe that other factors should be taken in to consideration e.g.: the number of elderly residents who live on this route, or who get off the bus on Chorley Lane and, the elderly peoples bungalows on Chorley Lane. Also, the narrow footways along Chorley Lane should be considered. The results of this survey indicate that mobile enforcement is necessary.**
- e) Info. via Councillor Heaton on £22.8 million boost to give power back to communities – **Noted.**
- f) Info. from LALC – Agenda for the Area Committee Meeting on 5 October 2017 – **Noted.**
- g) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Notification of Royal Air Force Centenary Celebrations and suggestion that Parish Councils could support the celebrations by planting an area in RAF colours – **Further information on colours will be requested.** ii) Notification of a new operating centre at Charnock Brow Cottage, Preston Road, for 6 vehicles and 3 trailers by S Ollerton Ltd – **No Objections.**

78. Reports, Complaints, Concerns from Councillors - not addressed at the beginning of the Meeting

- 1) The Lengthsman will be asked to sweep leaves off the footway in front of Church.
- 2) Chorley BC will be asked to undertake a footway sweep on Church Lane and Charter Lane during the school half-term.

- 3) It was confirmed that original sponsorship signs have been removed from Delph Gardens and new ones are being re-worked at the moment for the kennels on Delph Lane.
- 4) Mr Brennand was instructed to re-plant Delph Gardens, Welch Whittle Gardens and the planters on Mill Lane with a mix of Violas and Pansies as soon as required.
- 5) Dog fouling is a serious problem all over the Parish. Work by the Scouts will hopefully help.
- 6) 2 post mounted litter bins have now been installed on Meadowlands by the Lengthsman. They will be monitored and reported for emptying as soon as necessary.
- 7) Following a number of facebook reports regarding men in vans in the village, residents are asked to be particularly vigilant and report anything unusual to the Police on 101. The Council will request enhanced Police presence later in the evening and early mornings.
- 8) The Police will also be asked to assess the problems caused by a red car parking on the blind bend on Church Lane, making it very dangerous to pass.
- 9) Parked vehicles on Willow Drive, opposite the elderly peoples bungalows, is causing problems.
- 10) Line marking on Church Lane is very poor, particularly from Iddon's Farm Barn to the junction with Chorley Lane. It would appear that the paint was running out and the lines fade as they approach the junction. It was also reported that when marking near the school, at school closing time, the men undertaking the work were using foul language and were rude to the parents present.
- 11) The Council will request SLOW on the road on the bend on Church Lane.
- 12) The white lines from Church on Church Lane are not straight and are offset from the cat's eyes.
- 13) The grid at the end of German Lane is blocked with leaves.
- 14) The blocked carrier drain underneath the footway opposite the top of Sibberings Brow, on the A49, is still a problem. The work undertaken in March does not appear to have solved the problem.

79. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies – Almshouse Meeting – attended by Mrs Ogden, everything is running fine. Community Centre Trust – Coffee Morning on Saturday 21 October 2017, new windows have been installed and other work undertaken which has made a big difference to the building. Charnock Richard United Charity Trustees – Met this evening and reported that they are still waiting for Registered Title from the land registry.

80. Best Kept Garden Competition – Presentation Evening – 7.30 pm, Thursday 9 November 2017. Wooden plaques have been ordered however, the cost has increased significantly this year. The Council may choose to replace these next year. The Mayor has confirmed his attendance. Borough Councillors, the County Councillor, the MP, the Police, the Judge, the Lengthsman and all nominees will be invited to attend.

81. Phase III Mossie Close Play Area – The Chairman confirmed that, after consideration, the scheme chosen was that provided by Wicksteed at an initial cost of £63,000.00. The Chairman has however, negotiated a reduced figure of £54,000.00 which will include all groundwork, removal of existing play equipment as required and faulty safety surfacing. For health & safety reasons it is better this work is undertaken by Wicksteed. The area will be properly fenced off during the work which will be undertaken over the winter months so that the play area is ready for spring. The Chairman and other Councillors will attend a further site meeting to agree the final layout, taking account of all safety distance requirements between pieces of equipment. The Clerk outlined that the funding is available at Chorley Council but will need to be ratified by executive committee before being transferred to the Parish Council. Wicksteed will provide a plan for submission to Chorley Council to obtain planning permission, the cost of which will be met by the Parish Council.

82. Orchard Gardens – The Clerk confirmed that plans are now available to support the Parish Council application for planning permission. Having taken advice, it would appear the bandstand, which although not being erected in the current scheme of things, but maybe in the future, means that a full planning application is required, the cost of which will be £97.50 (50% off due to being a Parish Council application). The Clerk needs to know the area of the site and a site location plan will be required to proceed with the application. The Clerk confirmed that there is £600 remaining from last year's Neighbourhood Team budget following tree works by the Borough Council + £2000.00 from this year's budget. Mr Forster, Chorley BC officer, has suggested that the £600 could be used to commence the creation of paths, planted beds and grassed areas. The installation of the drop kerb

and work on the car park for the next phase of this project could commence using this year's £2000.00. The Clerk, having heard about another possible funding source, has submitted an application for the maximum £1000.00 which would be used towards planting, paths, benches and picnic tables on the garden side of the site if successful.

83. Annual Donations – The following applications received were discussed: i) Christ Church CR PCC – towards grounds maintenance. ii) Christ Church CR PCC – towards chronicle printing costs. iii) Charnock Richard Scouts & Guides – towards a new microwave. iv) Scarecrow Festival Committee – towards next year's event. v) Charnock Richard Pre-school – towards outdoor play equipment. vi) North West Air Ambulance. vii) Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust – towards replacing an external door. viii) Christ Church Ladies Coffee Mornings – towards new crockery. **Resolved** – **Approved that each applicant would receive a £125.00 donation for 2017.**

84. Parish Council Vacancy – A poster advertising the vacancy will be placed in the Notice Boards, and on Facebook and the Website and, Councillors if approached, will inform anyone interested to apply in writing or by email to the Clerk. Applications will be discussed at the November Meeting.

85. Planning – The Council will be required to make observations on the following applications:

- 1) 17/00889/FULHH – Erection of two storey rear extension. Oakfield, Preston Road, Charnock Richard. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 2) 17/00831/FULHH – Two storey side extension and driveway entrance gates. 110 Church Lane, Charnock Richard. **Resolved: No Objections.**

86. Accounts

Accounts for Payment:

BDO LLP	Audit Fee for year ending 31/3/17	£240.00
Playsafety Limited	ROSPA play equipment Inspections – Mossie Close	£96.60
Mrs C A Cross	Salary – (Net)	£740.64
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£87.36
	NI due by Parish Council	£6.62
		£93.98

Resolved: That the aforementioned Accounts are approved payments.

87. Lengthsman's Payment - 4 weeks = 100 Hours @ the hourly rate of £8.00 per hour = £800.00.

Resolved: Total Paid £800.00.

Next Meeting: Monday 6 November 2017

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 9.22 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

Matters Arising from the Minutes to be noted by the Parish Council:

- a) Confirmation that the Enforcement Officer has visited Coopers Barn, Church Lane, and checked the records at building control who have confirmed building work began on 25/10/2006.
- b) Minutes from the Neighbourhood Area Meeting – Southern Parishes – on Wednesday 5 July.
- c) Confirmation that the Mayor will be attending the Best Kept Garden Presentation Evening.
- d) Letter of introduction from BHIB Insurance Brokers who will be providing your quotation for Parish Council Insurance for June 2018/19.
- e) Copy CPRE Fieldwork (Summer 2017) & Countryside Voice (Summer 2017)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

If the interest to be declared arises only as a result of your membership of another public body or one to which you have been appointed by the Council, then you only need to declare it if you intend to speak. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, you must withdraw from the meeting. You should leave the room before the business starts to be discussed. You do however, have the same right to speak as a member of the public and may remain in the room to enable you to exercise that right and then leave immediately. In either case you must not seek to improperly influence a decision of the matter.