

# CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5 June 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

**Present:** Councillors M Almond, A J Shaw, J Hill, Mrs A Bishop, Miss E Walmsley, A Cornwell, L Cheetham, H Heaton and G Brennand. Also present Borough Councillor Leadbetter.

## **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)

Members of the Public Present – reported the nuisance caused to residents of Willow Drive by the Beer Festival at the Football Club. Residents do not feel that the football field is an appropriate place for such events. It was reported that amplified music was played for 6 hours on Friday and 10 hours on Saturday and Sunday of the bank holiday weekend. It was reported that it was extremely loud in resident's gardens and, when they went inside and closed windows and doors, the persistent base beat for a long period of time was disturbing. It was reported that the event went on until midnight each night and meant residents could not sleep. Residents feel that they were prevented from enjoying their weekend by the Beer Festival. Residents reported that the Football Club facility has morphed over recent years into a football club, a social club and now into the entertainment industry. These residents, who have lived in Willow Drive for 35 years and whose garden was approx 50 yards from the music tent, feel they will be forced to leave their home or go on holiday if future events are arranged. Councillor Bishop had spoken to the residents present and suggested that the bands could play inside the football club and that the football club could possibly arrange future events in a more resident friendly or more considerate way. It was suggested that a sound limiter could be put in place with noise levels being set according to guidelines in noise abatement legislation. The Environmental Health Officer could set noise limits and the organisers would have to adhere to these. Whilst this does not stop the event, it could possibly make it more tolerable. It was also suggested that the duration of the loud music could be more limited. Councillor Heaton explained that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Beer Festival at the Football Club, that the event is a fundraising event and, that the football club look at the event as an opportunity for people to come together, to drink cask beer and hear live music. Councillor Heaton did however agree that the band on Saturday night were very loud. Councillor Heaton believes that having the bands playing inside defeats the point. Councillor Shaw confirmed that he sympathised with the residents of Willow Drive who were present to raise concerns about this event however, as this is a once a year event, no other complaints have been received, and the football club did not breach the terms of any of the licences obtained to put on this festival, it is difficult to see what the Parish Council can do. It was agreed that it is very different if you listen to the music because you are attending the event. It was confirmed that the football club are hoping to have a better tent next year which could hopefully reduce sound levels. Complaints were also received in relation to dangerous parking of vehicles by people attending the event on the Sunday at the Hinds Head on Preston Road. It was reported that vehicles were double parked on both sides of the road and many felt this was dangerous. Councillor Shaw confirmed that he had spoken to the Police present who said that, as long as a pram width is maintained on the footways for pedestrian use, they were happy. Also, when a one off event is organised like this one, Police will be more lenient with regard to parked cars. Councillor Shaw also reported that the email complainant to the Parish Council from the Foxwood, did in-fact go to the Hinds Head to make her complaints known. A resident on Preston Road confirmed that the Police did go along this route to ensure that no driveways were blocked by parked vehicles. It was confirmed that the music stopped at 10pm and that no other complaints had been received about this event. Another report of vehicles obstructing the footways was received in relation to staff cars parked on the footway on Town Lane in connection with the Children's Homes. The Clerk will contact Next Stage and ask that staff be asked to park more considerately. A resident of Nursery Close was present to make the Parish Council aware of the problems he is experiencing as a result of development at the r/o 42 Chorley Lane. It was reported that having lived in

the village for 30+ years, they now feel very disappointed that they will be forced to move as a result of this development. They believe development of the site is over intensive and reported that the development will be 1metre higher than neighbouring homes with a gable end wall being less than 9 metres from their home. The resident further confirmed that he believes the builder is not building in accordance with the permission granted. Their position has become so difficult that they have employed experts in the form of a surveyor, a planning consultant and a solicitor to fight the builder and will soon be instructing a barrister to act on their behalf, all at their own cost. It was confirmed that Borough Councillors Leadbetter and Whittaker have visited the resident's home and are supporting all the residents with their complaints and objections. The residents believe that, as the height of the development has been increased by 1 metre, then the stand-off distance between neighbouring properties should also increase pro rata. There is a further amendment to the permission granted, which is on the Agenda this evening, to increase the size of the development by a further house, changing a detached house for a pair of semi-detached houses thereby increasing the density of the site further. To do this, the developer has moved plot 5 closer to the residents' house on Nursery Close. This resident has fought the development from the outset and spent thousands of pounds over the past few years defending their home from adjacent developments in the Parish. The Parish Council confirmed their awareness of many complaints against the development of this site. The Council will write to the Planning Officer outlining their concerns about the development and the way Chorley Council has responded to these. It was reported that overgrown hedges on Preston Road, between Town Lane and Tansley Avenue, need cutting back. Similarly hedges on Park Hall Road and Mill Lane are overgrown and need cutting back. Borough Councillor Leadbetter – Reported, Japanese knotweed at the bottom of Sharratts Path will be treated around September by Lancashire Wildlife Trust. Openreach are working to resolve ongoing internet problems in the Parish.

1. **Apologies** - Were received and accepted from Councillors Ogden (holidays), Pilling (holidays), Taylor (personal commitment). Apologies were also received from BC Whittaker (Attending a Borough Council Meeting).
2. **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.**
3. **To Accept the Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 8 May 2017** - The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8 May 2017 and the Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (to be held on file) had been circulated in advance of the Meeting. **Resolved: The Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were accepted as correct records and were signed by the Chairman.**
4. **Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 4) – Agreed.
5. **Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:**
  - a) Confirmation that Network Rail will be undertaking refurbishment works to the bridge on Chorley Lane in the period 2018/2019 and it is therefore not considered appropriate to undertake the community art project on the bridge – **Noted with disappointment.**
  - b) Response from Casey's to your request for hedge cutting on German Lane, confirming this work will be scheduled for early October due to the possibility of nesting birds – **Noted.**
  - c) Enquiry whether the litter bin removed from the Southgates junction is a Parish Council one - **It appears that all post mounted litter bins in the Parish have been removed. Chorley Council say they have not removed them. It has also been reported that the yellow community concern signs have been removed on Chorley Lane. The Council will check that Chorley Council will empty any bins they replace.**
  - d) Complaints of noise and disruption over the bank holiday weekend from the Hinds Head and the Beer Festival at the Football Club –Copy plans for the Mawdesley development and confirmation that discussions and a decision on the application have been deferred pending a site

visit – **It was again confirmed that the Parish Council sympathise with the residents affected by both these events.**

- e) Info. from LALC – Reminder next Area Committee Meeting 22 June 2017 – Noted.
- f) Details of late items of correspondence received i) Licensing consultation for a private function at a house on Chorley Lane – **Concerns were expressed in relation to parking and the noise levels for elderly residents in this vicinity.** ii) Confirmation from the Police, via BC Whittaker that Clay Pigeon Shoots will cease at Pemberton House Farm – **Noted.** iii) It was reported by Councillor Taylor, and confirmed by Councillor Bishop, that a fence has been erected around a field across which a public footpath runs, off German Lane. A 1m strip has been cut around the field with the intention of diverting footpath users on to this route. No application for a footpath diversion has been received – **The Council will inform the landowner that it is illegal to obstruct and divert a public footpath, and request that the obstruction is removed.**

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

- 1) Overgrown hedges on Charter Lane need cutting back. Landowners will be informed.
- 2) Details of road closures on Church Lane will be forwarded to Councillor Brennand.
- 3) Councillor Brennand confirmed his ditches will be cleaned out this week.
- 4) Councillor Brennand reported complaints received from residents of Cherry Tree Close when he was rotivating his field. This is a necessary part of his business.
- 5) Councillor Walmsley clarified the posts on the social media site reporting motorists being charged for using the services. It appears that the ANPR cameras have been recording car registration numbers going on to the site and not leaving the site, therefore motorists have been charged as if they are parking there for long periods of time. It is possible to appeal these fines.
- 6) Gullies on both sides of Dob Brow are blocked.
- 7) The third gully on Delph Lane is blocked.
- 8) The large branch across the footpath through the Mosses will be cut this week.
- 9) Weeds from the bungalow at Pole Green Nurseries are overgrowing the footway on Church Lane
- 10) Councillors feel that the planted beds in the village are looking poor and require some attention, with the recent grass cut undertaken by Chorley Council being poor. It was agreed that the Council need a plan to smarten the village up. The raised beds need weeding, planting and painting where necessary and a full width grass cut needs undertaking if it can be completed between now and Chorley Councils next cut. This grass cut will then expose litter hidden under the hedges in the long grass and therefore a good litter pick will be required. It was confirmed that Mr Brennand does not have the manpower to plant the raised beds in the village. Councillor Heaton agreed to contact Mr Gareth Jones and request that he collect plants from Pole Green Nurseries and plant the raised beds in the Parish. Metcalfe's will be asked to do a full width cut before the Borough Council cut in July. It was further reported that there is a lot more litter visible in the Parish since all the litter bins have disappeared. The Lengthsman will be instructed to re-plant the hanging baskets where necessary and remove the baskets from the village name sign on the Charnock Richard/Euxton boundary.
- 11) The footway at Southgates, damaged by an HGV, has been reported to LCC by the Chairman.

**7. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies – Charnock Richard United Charities – Cancelled. Community Centre Trust – Reported, fundraising Coffee Morning on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Stickers to raise the totals on the Barometer will be given to Margaret Stewart.**

**8. Parish Council Website – Web hosting and domain name update. Councillor Heaton believes Councillor Walmsley has misunderstood the situation regarding the website. Mrs Crompton's invoice is for domain name costs, which she has been paying up to now. It was confirmed that Mrs Crompton still has control of the domain name but that she is happy to transfer it to the Parish Council. It was further confirmed that confirmation/details of payments made by Mrs Crompton for the Parish Council domain name will be required to support the invoice received, before payment can be made to Mrs Crompton. Councillor Walmsley has been updating the website which is, as she correctly stated, free. When Councillor Walmsley tried to clear up any misunderstanding following last month's meeting, by sending an email enquiry for details and information from Mrs Crompton to Councillor Heaton, no response was received. Mrs Crompton did however close the Parish**

Council website down for maintenance. Doing this caused considerable nuisance and meant Parish Council details and information were unavailable for several days. This created additional work for Councillor Walmsley. Councillor Cheetham confirmed that once a domain name is registered payment for the licence of the domain name is required. The Parish Council agreed that the domain name should be transferred from Mrs Crompton to the Parish Council with any further invoices being received by the Parish Council for direct payment. Once payment details have been received to support Mrs Crompton's invoice, payment will be made by the Parish Council.

**9. Phase III Mossie Close Play Area** –Update - Councillors who attended the site meetings confirmed that the wooden boat and train are set into the ground with 4 tubular poles set in concrete and therefore, could prove difficult to remove. Some Councillor reported that they could access the machinery required to remove the boat and train. It was reported that Councillor Taylor has suggested a double zip-wire, if the Parish Council can afford it from the available funds. Councillors agreed to ask the play equipment representatives who attend about the cost implications of a single and a double zip-wire, when they meet on site. Dates and times for the 3 site meetings will be sent to all Parish Councillors when confirmed.

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

- 1) 17/00488/FUL – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling and detached garage. 71 Town Lane, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections.**

### **11. Accounts**

#### **Accounts for Payment:**

Mrs C A Cross	Salary – (Net)		£640.64
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£87.36	
	NI due by Parish Council	£6.62	£93.98
Pole Green Nurseries	Plants and Compost		£29.00

**Resolved: That the aforementioned Accounts are approved payments.**

**12. Lengthsman's Payment** - 100 Hours @ the hourly rate of £8.00 per hour = £800.00 + £53.70 materials. **Resolved: Total Paid £853.70.**

Next Meeting: Monday 3 July 2017

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 9.42 pm

Chairman:

Date:

### **REPORT 1**

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

- a) Confirmation that Mr Unsworth would like the Lengthsman to continue maintaining the strip of land bordering the footway on Chorley Lane going forwards.
- b) Confirmation that Chorley Council take onboard your comments and will arrange for a workshop at the Town Hall for Parish Councillors to cover everything CIL related including how monies collected are divided up, allocated and spent, including the Regulation 123 list, in Sept/October.
- c) Confirmation from Councillor Leadbetter that he has emailed the owner of Pemberton House Farm about the clay pigeon shoot explaining footpath concerns and requesting that he contact him. Also, confirming that the Senior Operations Manager at Openreach is taking a team of senior technicians to the broadband site to do tests and find out what the problem really is.
- d) Notification of a late temporary event notice for 13, Chorley Lane, Charnock Richard, where the home owners will be having a marquee in the garden for a wedding.

#### **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.