

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4 December 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

Present: Councillors J Hill (Acting Chairman), Mrs J Ogden, Mrs C Pilling, Miss E Walmsley, L Cheetham, A Cornwell, J Taylor, and G Brennan.

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)

Public Present – Reported that 2 very large signs, advertising The Laurels Restaurant, have been erected on land at the corner of Preston Road. The Council will ask if planning permission is required as they could be a distraction and detract from the street scene due to their size. Pot-holes at the Park Hall Road/Mill Lane junction and all down Park Hall Road will be reported to LCC. Road markings at the junction of Preston Road/Mill Lane have completely faded and need re-marking. It seems that rumours are circulating about the possible creation of a motorway junction in Charnock Richard. It was confirmed this is speculation at the moment.

101. **Apologies** - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mr Shaw (holidays), Mrs Bishop (holidays), Mr Heaton (holidays), and Borough Councillors Whittaker (attending another meeting) and Leadbetter (work).
102. **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.**
103. **To Accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 November 2017** - The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6 November 2017 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and it was **Resolved: The Minutes of the Meeting were accepted as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.**
104. **Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 4) – Agreed. Councillor Walmsley confirmed that the entry in the Best Kept Village Competition was promoted on the Parish Council facebook page and website. Councillors pointed out that LCC have been slurry sealing the footways along the A49, Preston Road, and have installed a drop kerb at the junction of the A49, Preston Road and Church Lane but, no work to the footways on Charter Lane is being done and that is where it is really needed. Councillors believe Charter Lane is a higher priority than the A49 and there are trip hazards in several places.
105. **Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:**
 - a) Letter of thanks from Charnock Richard Scouts & Guides for your Donation – **Noted.**
 - b) Further info. on colours for the Royal Air Force Centenary Celebrations – **It was agreed that the RAF Roundel and RAF 100 will be planted at Delph Gardens whilst the planted areas at Mill Lane and Welch Whittle will be planted using red, white and blue bedding plants. The Lengthsman will be asked if he will help with planting and some Councillors may also volunteer to help as planting in Spring/Summer is very busy for Pole Green Nurseries.**
 - c) Request for Agenda Items for the Chorley Liaison Meeting on 17th January 2018 – **Nothing to put forward for the Liaison Meeting in January.**
 - d) Reported complaints about fireworks causing problems in the Parish from the Football Club – **A number of Councillors had been contacted with complaints about the unscheduled firework display at the Football Club. It was agreed that this was a one-off celebration and that**

Football Club staff were not aware of the display until it happened. The Council will ask the Football Club to insist that if a display is to take place, neighbouring residents should be informed and that social media could also be used to inform more people in the village.

- e) Info. from LALC – Training Workshops for 2018 – Details of Finance Workshop – Questions regarding improving attendance at the Area Committee Meetings -
- f) Parish Council Christmas Meal – Tuesday 12th December, 7pm for 7.30pm Da Vinci's – **Noted.**
- g) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Notification the claimed upgrading to a bridleway on Delph Lane was rejected – **Noted.** ii) An email of thanks from Dr Eves for the recognition given to him at the Best Kept Garden Presentation – **Noted.** iii) Notification of Recreational Cycling Development in the Borough – **Noted.** iv) Notification that it is now possible for young people to sign up to join the Chorley Youth Zone – **Noted.**

106. Reports, Complaints, Concerns from Councillors - not addressed at the start of the Meeting:

- 1) Councillors agreed that the Best Kept Garden Presentation Evening was a successful event.
- 2) It was reported that trials bikes are coming from Coppull to Charnock Richard, via Freemans Lane, usually in the afternoon.
- 3) It was reported that Councillor Cornwell had been invited to attend a show being put on by the Scouts on Thursday 7 December as part of their badge work.
- 4) It was confirmed that the 3 planted areas in the Parish have all now been re-planted for winter. An Invoice has been raised which now includes planting costs at Delph Gardens as Pole Green Nurseries do not sponsor this area anymore. An invoice for the Best Kept Garden Gift Vouchers will be forwarded to the Parish Council in due course.
- 5) It was confirmed that Councillor Shaw has purchased new locks for the grit bins and the necessary substance to ensure that they do not cease up. The Lengthsman will fit the new locks.
- 6) It was reported that dog fouling in the Parish is again increasing, possibly due to the dark mornings/nights. Some of the dog poo bag dispensers made and erected by the Scouts have been removed which is disappointing.
- 7) It was reported that information in the Local Life magazine suggested that Chorley Council may be shifting to a 3 weekly collection on green bins.
- 8) Councillor Ogden confirmed that on a recent collection day a pile of rubbish from someone else's bin was left outside her house. She telephoned and complained about this and within a very short period of time Chorley Council had attended, removed it and swept the area.
- 9) Hedges belonging to Casey's on German Lane need cutting back.
- 10) Drainage work remains ongoing at the top of Sibberings Brow. It seems that LCC know where the blockage is and have excavated at this location but, it is unknown what is holding up the repair to the drain. It may be the volume/weight of the rainwater during very wet spells.
- 11) It was reported that there is another outburst of water just lower down the A49.

107. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies – Community Centre Trust
– Councillor Walmsley thanked those who had supported the Christmas Celebration which raised over £200 for the Community Centre. The Trust thanked the Parish Council for their donation. There will be a Coffee Morning on 9th December.

108. Phase III Mossie Close Play Area – Update – Liaison with Chorley Council remains ongoing with regard to securing and transferring the s106 monies to support this Phase of developments. It is still not clear whether the work will be permitted development or will require planning permission however, the Clerk will make further enquiries for the next meeting. Once the funds are agreed by Chorley Council and transferred and, any permissions required are obtained the project can proceed.

109. Orchard Gardens – Update – It was reported that Simon Forster, who was dealing with this project, has moved to a different job, hence the lack of information/progress over the past couple of months. However, the new officer in charge is keen to progress this project but currently has a Christmas deadline to meet on another large project in the Borough and, has therefore agreed to pick this project up again in the New Year.

110. Planning – The Council were required to make observations on the following application:

- 1) 17/01115/FULHH – Single storey rear extension. 74 Lichen Close, Charnock Richard –
Resolved: No objections provided the proposals satisfy all the relevant planning criteria and have no measurable adverse effect on No. 72 Lichen Close.

111. Accounts

Accounts for Payment:

SLCC	Annual Subscription Fee (50% of £165)	£82.50
Charnock Richard FC	Drinks for the Best Kept Garden Presentation	£154.60
Charnock Roofing	Buffet for Best Kept Garden Presentation	£245.00
Mrs C A Cross	Expenses for Best Kept Garden Presentation	£74.16
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 & planting at 3 areas in the Parish, including labour	£651.07

Resolved: That the aforementioned Accounts are approved payments.

112. 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 8 January 2017 (As Monday 1 January is a Bank Holiday)
Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 8.55 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

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

- Confirmation from County Councillor Iddon that he fully understands the Council's concerns on Charter Lane and that he will do all he can to get the work done as soon as possible.
- Copy Minutes from the Chorley Liaison Meeting on Wednesday 18th October 2017.
- Notification that the appointed Auditors for the Parish Council for 5 years from the 2017/18 financial year are PKF Littlejohn LLP.
- Copy Winter 2017 edition of CPRE Fieldwork and Countryside Voice.

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.