

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 April 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

Present: Councillors A J Shaw (Chairman), J Hill, Mrs J Ogden, Mrs C Pilling, Mrs A Bishop, Miss E Walmsley, H Heaton, Mrs L Watson, L Cheetham, and A Cornwell. 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)

Borough Councillor Whittaker – Reported the unanimous refusal by the planning committee of the Camelot planning application and congratulated the Chairman for his contribution at the meeting which was very well attended and unique in that spontaneous applause took place 4 times during the meeting. He confirmed that the input from the Story Homes representative was abysmal. Councillor Heaton agreed that the Story Homes presentation was poor and that applause is not normally allowed at planning committee meetings. It was agreed that the safety of children accessing the site in its current state, is a matter for Story Homes' security and the Police to deal with and is not a planning matter. Chorley planning officers did report that the opinion in this case was finely balanced however, planning officers are always conscious of government guidelines to approve planning applications. The MD for Story Homes was heard to say they will be back in 2 years. The Clerk will forward correspondence received regarding speed survey results on Chorley Lane. Councillor Whittaker reported that he will be pursuing work required on the railway bridge on Chorley Lane with Network Rail. He also raised the point about removal of the old safety surfacing following work at Mossie Close Play Area. Councillor Whittaker confirmed that he will be standing again in the forthcoming May elections however, if this is the last time he addresses the Meeting, he thanked the Parish Council for the courtesy shown to him at Parish Council Meetings since his election.

Borough Councillor Leadbetter – Reported that in previous correspondence relating to bridge work on Chorley Lane, part of the work was to improve/repair the bridge properly, which could increase the weight limit on the bridge which is not what the residents of Chorley Lane want to see happen. It was agreed the bridge is dangerous, with shards of rusty metal and holes in the metalwork. It was confirmed that the Parish is lucky to have Mr & Mrs Brown who, with their colourful planting adjacent to this bridge, provide a beautiful distraction from the ugly bridge.

Members of the Public – Reported traffic lights have been put up today near The Gatehouse on Preston Road, but it is not clear why. It was again reported that importation of materials to Pemberton House Farm took place over Easter and it is possible that the materials they are storing there have polluted the brook on the Charnock Richard/Heskin boundary. Parked vehicles obstructing the footways on Leeson Avenue was raised and it was reported that Councillor Bishop has been monitoring this and the PCO's have patrolled the village on a number of occasions since the last meeting and, the situation appears to have improved considerably. The missing white give-way lines at the junction of Willow Drive and Leeson Avenue will be reported with a request that they be reinstated. A request will be submitted for additional give-way markings to be put in place from the cul-de-sac where the Chorley Community Housing units were built to replace the garages, meets the junction with Leeson Avenue.

151. Apologies - No apologies were received.

152. 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 – **Councillor Hill declared an interest in an account for payment on the Agenda. No further declarations made at this point however Councillors will declare them should they arise in the Meeting.**

- 153. To Accept the Minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 5th February 2018 and the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 March 2018** - The Minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 5th February 2018 and of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5 March 2018 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and it was **Resolved: The Minutes of the Meetings were accepted as correct records and were signed by the Chairman.**
- 154. Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 4) – Agreed. Item a) The Council will request some of the new dog fouling/byelaw signs from Chorley Council. The Council will ask the school for permission to attach some to the fence on Church Lane
Item c) The Chairman suggested that the Silent Soldier could be moved to different locations in the village depending upon the fixings required.
- 155. Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:**
- a) Confirmation that traffic management on Pear Tree Lane, Euxton, 30/4/18-23/7/18, will be full road closure, no traffic signals unless an amendment to the road closure is submitted. Operatives will give consideration to residents' access, as and when safe to do so, access for general traffic will be prohibited during the road closure – **Noted.**
 - b) Action proposed following consideration of the results of the 2017 speed survey Charter Lane – **Noted. Councillors reported that a SPID has been erected on Charter Lane, however, parked cars mean that oncoming vehicles are not picked up by the sensor.**
 - c) Action proposed following consideration of the results of the 2017 speed survey Chorley Lane – **Noted. Councillors welcome the introduction of mobile enforcement on Chorley Lane. Evidence of enforcement has already been seen and will hopefully act as a deterrent.**
 - d) Notification of a temporary event notice licensing application (18/00337/LATEN) for Ingledene, Preston Road, Charnock Richard on 30/6/18-1/7/18 between 1.00pm and 2.00am- Wedding – **Councillors accept that this is a one-off event and hope that consideration will be afforded to neighbours with regard to noise as the evening progresses.**
 - e) Copy email from a member of the public sent to the Headteacher at school re: parking on the double yellow lines from Leeson Avenue to the School on Church Lane at School times – **Councillors feel it is the responsibility of the Head Teacher and the Chair of Governors to address parking issues. It will be suggested that someone patrols outside school prior to school starting and finishing times to ask parents to park safely, legally and considerately. This has been a longstanding problem however, it is becoming worse. Both Church Lane and Charter Lane are badly affected, resulting in both lanes being one-way at school times.**
 - f) Central Lancashire Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy consultation from Chorley Council – **Resolved** – **The Clerk has the necessary knowledge to complete this consultation document.**
 - g) Ethical Standards Consultation and "Trading Standards Rogue Traders" – **Noted.**
 - h) Consultation on proposed changes to disabled person's NoWcard Scheme – **Resolved** – **The Parish Council has no objections to the increase proposed in the consultation.**
 - i) Info. from LALC – Minutes of the Area Committee Meeting 22/2/18 – Notification of Spring Conference 2018, Saturday 28th April, Hallmark Leyland Hotel, cost £35 – Notification of planning workshop, Thursday 10th May 1018, 7-9pm, Howick House, cost £25 – **Noted.**
 - j) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Chorley Council response to reported importation of materials at Pemberton House Farm, Park Hall Road – The Clerk reported that Chorley Council enforcement officer has visited the site and confirmed that it is Bunting Sand which is being imported from the Mawdesley Eating House site and temporarily stored there for approximately 3 months, to save on storage costs – **Noted, but will be monitored.**
- 156. Reports, Complaints, Concerns from Councillors** - not addressed at the beginning of the Meeting
- 1) It was reported that a Snap On Tools van is parking over double yellow lines and on the footway on Church Lane, near the junction with Leeson Avenue. Pedestrians and parents with prams are forced to go into the road to go around the vehicle. The Clerk will report to Snap On Tools.

- 2) The fly tipping recently reported and removed on Town Lane, which contained a name and address, was pursued by the Neighbourhood Officer at Chorley Council but, unfortunately the gentleman named at the address in Wroughtington, does not live there anymore.
- 3) Councillors agreed that the milestone unearthed on Chorley Lane still needs to be re-set into the ground following the collision by the uninsured driver. It will require machinery and a few volunteers to re-set this in the grass verge. Councillors will try to do this in the near future.
- 4) The road gully next to street light no. 13 on Dob Brow is blocked and requires attention.
- 5) Councillors and residents were told to be vigilant following a report of some men in a white Mercedes C Class in the village just before Easter who, after going through a private gate, claimed to be selling cavity wall insulation to the owners of a stone house. They were in fact looking around the home owner's garden and land.
- 6) The street light in the ginnell between Church Lane and Lichen Close is still obscured by overgrown vegetation, however, it was noted that not only can the LCC cherry-picker not access the light, but all the other street lights in Lichen Close have been changed to the LED ones except this one. The Clerk reported that this light does not appear on the LCC street light list.
- 7) The next Community Centre Trust Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 14th April.
- 8) It was confirmed, the Community Centre Trust can put notices in the Parish Council notice board
- 9) The backboard needs replacing on the Church Lane street name sign at the Preston Road junction
- 10) Whilst one pot-hole on Lucas Avenue has been repaired, 3-4 more between Lucas Avenue and Manor House, which is adopted highway, still require attention.
- 11) A resident of Lucas Avenue reported that the right of access at the rear of the houses is now very muddy and a poor access.
- 12) Councillors reported that there had been numerous positive comments about the recent improvements to Mossie Close play area over Easter. An enquiry as to the when the rubbish will be removed has also been received. It was reported the zip-wire will be completed once the grass seed underneath has had time to take hold.
- 13) The Clerk reported that she is currently discussing the proposals to plant Welch Whittle Gardens, the Mill Lane planters and Delph Gardens, to commemorate the RAF Centenary with Fir Tree Fisheries at Appley Bridge. Details will be reported to the Parish Council when received.
- 14) Councillor Cheetham confirmed that he will stain the new fence and gate at Mossie Close Play Area and the planters at Mill Lane at his earliest opportunity.
- 15) It was reported that a generator is currently providing electricity to Meadowlands which is very noisy. There must be a problem at the sub-station.

157. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies - Almshouse Meeting – attended by Councillor Ogden who reported that everything is going according to plan. Chorley Liaison Meeting – attended by Councillor Cornwell who reported that crime in Chorley is up by 18% however, hours are being cut and there is a shortage of manpower to address this issue.

158. Acceptance of Annual Audit Plan for forthcoming year and review of documentation in the Parish Councillors Information Pack – Councillors reviewed their copies in their own time before this meeting to discuss possible amendments required prior to adoption in May. **Resolved: The Annual Audit Plan was accepted for 2018/19. Councillors remain happy with the contents of their Councillors Information Pack without amendment**

159. Phase III Mossie Close Play Area – Completion update – Work at the play area is now almost complete. Site tidying and removal of the old safety surfacing is required and it is understood these matters will be dealt with imminently. It was reported that the 2 footpaths across the Chorley Council owned grassed area leading to the play area are very muddy. The Council will ask Chorley Council if they would be prepared to tarmac both footpaths to make access to the play area inclusive to both able-bodied and disabled users. If this is not possible the Council will then enquire whether it is possible to use CIL money received to undertake this work. It was suggested that the giving out of goody bags should coincide with the opening of the zip-wire or on the early May Bank Holiday.

- 160. Planning** – The Council were required to make observations on the following applications:
- 1) 18/00248/FULHH – Proposed single storey rear extension to provide additional living area. 18 Willow Drive, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections.**
 - 2) 18/00232/PDE – Prior notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 7.1m in depth, with eaves height of 2.9m and maximum height of 3.7m. Spencer House, Brook Lane, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections.**
 - 3) 18/0022FULHH – Single storey rear extension (conservatory). Ingledene, Preston Road, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections.**

161. Accounts

Accounts for Payment:

J L Hill & Son	Tree work Mossie Close Play Area	£144.00
Royal British Legion Surrey	Payment for Silent Soldier	£100.00
CR Community Centre Trust	Payment for use of the building for meetings to 31/3/18	£270.00
MC & MA Stewart	Salt for grit bins	£100.00
MT Fencing	Supply & Fit Gate and Fence – Mossie Close Play Area	£520.00
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
E.on	Electricity used at the telephone box – Chorley Lane	£14.55

(The status of the battery and pads in the defibrillator will be checked and confirmed as both have a limited life)

Resolved: That the aforementioned Accounts are approved payments.

162. Lengthsman's Payment - 5 weeks = 125 Hours @ the hourly rate of £8.00 per hour = £1000.00.

Resolved: Total Paid £1000.00.

Next Meeting: Monday 14 May 2018 Annual Parish Meeting 7:00 pm
(Second Monday) Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7:30 pm
Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 9.10 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

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

- a) Sample copy of No Dog Fouling signs proposed to be erected around the village.
- b) Copy of Notice of Vacancy of Parish Councillor – posted in the Notice Boards.
- c) Information circulated re: silent soldier from Royal British Legion.
- d) Notification of licensing application for Ramada Chorley South, Charnock Richard Motorway Service Area Northbound, Mill Lane, 4/4/18-10/4/18, 0:00-0:00.
- e) Notification of licensing application for Ramada Chorley South, Charnock Richard Motorway Service Area Northbound, Mill Lane, 12/4/18-18/4/18, 0:00-0:00.
- f) Notification of decision re: planning application – 17/00710/OUTMAJ – Camelot Theme Park, Charnock Richard – Planning Consent was refused.
- g) Notification of amended application for a temporary event notice (18/00319/LATEN) at Charnock Richard Football and Cricket Club, Charter Lane, from 25/5/17-27/5/17 between 12.00pm and 12.00 am.

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.