

# CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4 June 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

**Present:** Councillors A J Shaw (Chairman), J Hill, L Cheetham, A Cornwell, H Heaton and Miss E Walmsley.

## 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 – In his absence the Clerk reported that following his challenging Network Rail regarding the poor condition of the railway bridge on Chorley Lane he has today been informed by a resident living adjacent to the bridge that, according to an operative from Network Rail, work is now scheduled to start on the bridge immediately.

Members of the Public Present – reported 6 sheets of asbestos have been fly-tipped on Town Lane. It was suggested that Electricity Northwest's suggestion of putting a CCTV camera on the sub-station could be a useful deterrent. Despite the drain repair on Preston Road, between Town Lane and the Coppull boundary the road was flooded again in the dip on 1<sup>st</sup> June. It was confirmed that the planters opposite Town Lane will have some red, white and blue planting to commemorate the RAF Centenary. Flooding on Chorley Lane and of the farmer's field adjacent, near the bus shelter has again been a problem and it was confirmed that recent remedial work to the broken drain in this vicinity may not have solved the problem.

**18. Apologies** - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs Pilling (holiday), Mrs Ogden (holiday), Mrs Bishop (illness) Mrs Watson (illness) and G Brennand (work). Apologies were also received from BC Whittaker (prior meeting) and BC Leadbetter.

**19. 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.**

**20. To Accept the Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 May 2018** - The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14 May 2018 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.**

**21. Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 4) – Agreed. Pemberton House Farm – Councillor Walmsley expressed her disappointment that consideration is being given to housing at Pemberton House Farm. Councillor Walmsley felt the previous proposal for a rehabilitation home would have been a service in the village. Defibrillators – Councillor Walmsley asked whether the defibrillator currently located outside the Football Club could be relocated at a point further along Chorley Lane e.g.: near the Dog & Partridge, as it is now known that there is a defibrillator in the Football Club changing rooms. Points raised about this subject in Councillor Bishop's email were reported. The school have agreed to accept responsibility for the defibrillator donated to them by the William's family. Councillor Heaton reported that the family had requested that a defibrillator be located outside the football club, however, this is a community defibrillator and the football club have responsibility for the defibrillator in the changing rooms not the one outside the building. Councillors present agreed that consideration will be given to acquiring and locating another defibrillator further down Chorley Lane at a future meeting.

## **22. Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:**

- a) Confirmation that no request for an election has been received following the resignation of Councillor John Taylor, therefore, the Parish Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy – **Resolved** – **notices will be placed in the Parish Council Notice Boards with a closing date at the beginning of August.**
- b) Correspondence from the Camelot Team at the Magical Kingdom of Camelot re: what they would like to do to re-open Camelot – **On file.**
- c) Request for a donation from Mr & Mrs Horrocks who run the U10's Charnock Richard Football Team – **Resolved** – **This request will be held on file until Donations are discussed at the August Parish Council Meeting.**
- d) Complaints of noise and disruption over the bank holiday weekend from the Hinds Head Garden Party – **It was confirmed that residents had to walk on the road to pass parked cars and, when a brawl spilled out on the road there was almost an accident. It was further reported that some men were seen relieving themselves in gardens close to the Hinds Head later in the evening and therefore, toilet facilities on the site were inadequate. It was confirmed that the numbers attending seemed excessive for the size of the site and also that the overspill car park was used for children's rides. Further health and safety and fire safety regulation concerns were raised regarding the front door to the pub and the gate to the car park being locked meaning only 1 access/egress. The event was too big and too busy with many visitors also coming from outside the village. These concerns will be expressed to the organisers and the Police will be asked to respond to parking problems at future events.**
- e) Info and enquiry whether you wish to opt-in to the LCC Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme – **Resolved** – **The Council will not be opting in to this scheme.**
- f) Request from Seafarers UK to fly the Red Ensign flag on Merchant Navy Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> September – **Following discussions it was Resolved – That a red ensign flag be purchased.**
- g) Info. from LALC – Nothing to report.
- h) Details of late items of correspondence received i) Request for financial assistance from Chorley Council towards the Astley Hall funding bid – **The Council will confirm that they have a limited budget and priority is given to Parish Council projects.** ii) Confirmation from Wicksteed that grass seed and restoration work at Mossie Close Play Area is now established and the seat has been fitted to the zip-wire – **Noted. The Council now await the invoice.** iii) Confirmation that County Councillor Iddon has asked LCC officers to look at footways in the Parish and will respond in due course – **Noted.** iv) A request for Agenda Items for the forthcoming Chorley Liaison Meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – **Nothing to submit. Councillor Cornwell will attend this meeting.**

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

- 1) Councillor Cheetham endorsed concerns over behaviour at the Hinds Head garden party.
- 2) It was confirmed that Councillor Walmsley can go ahead with website renewal @ £36 per year.
- 3) Councillors reported that some motorists are accessing Birkacre Road the wrong way despite the no entry signs. The Council will request the no entry signs be turned to face motorists in both directions rather than facing the field opposite or, that no right or left turn signs be erected when approaching Birkacre Road from both directions when going out of or coming in to the village.
- 4) In her absence the Clerk reported the following from Councillor Bishop a) hedges on the A49, opposite the Bowling Green and towards Church Lane need cutting back b) a new battery will be placed in the defibrillator in the telephone box and, time to take over responsibility for these community defibrillators is now approaching c) broken gully pots on Church Lane and Charter Lane, marked for replacement, are now worse than ever and if it rains will cause flooding d) the step to the bridge over the brook on the public footpath from Chorley Lane to Coppull is still in the brook despite now having been reported several times e) the estate agents sign at the Brook Lane junction still needs removing f) confirmation that Councillor Bishop believes the defibrillator outside the football club should be their responsibility as it was the first one to be erected in the village and was specifically placed at this location, near the sports facility, in case there was an emergency. Furthermore, the school are accepting responsibility for the one located there and the Parish Council accepting responsibility for the one in the telephone box, therefore, the one at the football club

should be their responsibility g) confirmation that TPO'd trees the subject of the planning application below should be left untouched and that it would be more appropriate to prune the Leylandii trees which are obstructing light from the street lamp at this location.

5) In her absence the Clerk reported the following request from Councillor Ogden – that the white line on the road outside the Almshouses entrance on Church Lane be reinstated.

6) In her absence the Clerk reported the following incident from Councillor Watson – an incident following a funeral in the village which resulted in a serious assault and arrests being made. The Chairman confirmed that he had knowledge of this incident and would be discussing this later, in the absence of the public to preserve the identity of the parties.

## **24. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies – Southern Parishes**

Neighbourhood Meeting - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm – will be attended by Councillor Heaton.

Community Centre Trust – Councillor Walmsley reported on the work being undertaken over summer to the floor in the main hall. Councillors agreed that a Cross Committee Meeting is required to update the Parish Council, and a provisional date of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July was set, to be confirmed.

## **25. Best Kept Village Competition and Best Kept Garden Competition – A reminder that nominations for the Best Kept Garden Competition area required at the latest for the July Meeting, preferably before that date. Councillor Cheetham agreed to take over nominations for Chorley Lane due to Councillor Watson's illness. The Chairman confirmed that he will be meeting with Fir Tree Fisheries regarding the red, white and blue planting of the planted locations in the village.**

## **26. Planning – The Council were required to make observations on the following applications:**

- 1) 18/00478/TPO – Works to protected trees Chorley BC TPO7 (Charnock Richard) 25% crown reduction to Oak Trees (T5 and T6). 14 Lichen Close, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – The Council delegate this decision to their tree officer Councillor Shaw who will visit the site, assess the trees and comment as he thinks appropriate. Councillor Shaw submitted the following response: The Parish Council has no objections to these proposals provided the work is undertaken by a professional tree surgeon & the work is completed sympathetically to protect the health and visual appearance of the trees.**
- 2) 18/00519/PDE – Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 8m in depth, with eaves height of 2.7m and a maximum height of 3.9m. Whitelands, Back Lane, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 3) 18/00491/FULHH - Two storey side extension. 2 Yewlands Avenue, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections.**

## **27. Accounts**

### **Accounts for Payment:**

|                      |                                |         |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| BHIB Ltd             | Annual Insurance Premium (1/3) | £479.93 |
| Mrs C A Cross        | Salary – (Net)                 | £623.68 |
| HM Revenue & Customs | Tax & NI due by Clerk          | £104.32 |
|                      | NI due by Parish Council       | £3.59   |
|                      |                                | £107.91 |

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

## **28. Lengthsman's Payment - Work undertaken this month totals 75 Hours @ £8.50 per hour = £637.50. **Resolved: Total Paid £637.50.****

Next Meeting: Monday 2 July 2018

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

The Chairman closed the Meeting to the public at 8:48pm.

Meeting Closed: 9.00 pm

Chairman:

Date:

## REPORT 1

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

- a) Notification planning permission granted for single storey rear extension (conservatory).  
Ingledene, Preston Road, Charnock Richard.
- b) Confirmation that the access road at the rear of the houses on Lucas Avenue is classed as a local access footway and not maintained by LCC.

#### **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.

#### **Item discussed in the absence of the public:**

The Chairman reported on a disturbing incident after a recent funeral in the village. The incident involved local residents one of whom was severely beaten and subsequently hospitalised and who will require facial surgery to correct his injuries. It is understood the incident began outside the Football Club on Charter Lane and finished near the deceased's house. It was reported that the incident occurred as a result of narcotic induced anger which, coupled with steroid use and alcohol, resulted in a very serious assault leading to an arrest for assault and possession of drugs. Following on from this assault it is believed that there are threats of retribution from the victim's family to the assailant who has been released on bail. Both parties in this incident are residents in the village and it is understood this took place in front of the victim's wife and child. This is apparently not the first incident involving cocaine in the village. The Chairman would like the Parish Council to write to the Police expressing concern about cocaine use in the village and about this incident and the resultant threats of retribution. It is hoped that the letter will assist the Police in understanding that the Parish Council support any action they take as result of this, and similar incidents which may occur. It was reported that the brawl which took place outside the Hinds Head on the day of the garden party was also drug and alcohol induced. The Parish Council will ask if the Police have any ideas or strategies which could be put in place to ensure that drugs and drug related incidents in the Parish are reduced or eradicated if possible for the protection and reassurance of the residents in the village.

The Chairman closed this part of the Meeting at 9.00pm