

# CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2 July 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

**Present:** Councillors Mrs A Bishop (Vice-Chairman, Chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman), Mrs J Ogden, J Hill, Mrs C Pilling, L Cheetham, A Cornwell, H Heaton, Miss E Walmsley 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)

Borough Councillors Whittaker and Leadbetter – Reported attending a Meeting to discuss a new plan for development of land in Chorley. The current plan runs until 2026 and the next one will run until 2034. This will be a joint initiative between Chorley, South Ribble and Preston. Information and consultation on this matter, together with details of the type of land to be included in the proposals, will become available in due course. The Borough Councillors also reported on the current Boundary Commission consultation. Chorley Councils proposals to reduce the number of ward councillors to 42 has been accepted by central government with the first draft of proposals showing 14 wards in the Borough, with each ward having 3 Borough Councillors. Suggestions for the wards have now been requested. It is anticipated that the division will be based on the population figures so that ward Councillors will have almost equal representation. It was suggested that Heskin, Charnock Richard and Eccleston could be an appropriate possibility. Further discussions were reported on the forthcoming elections in 2019. Chorley Council has asked that the 2019 Borough Council elections be deferred, pending the ward changes, which will become effective in 2020, however, to date this is not acceptable to the Secretary of State who still favours 2 Borough Council elections in 2019 and 2020. If the Borough Council elections are deferred this will have a significant financial impact on Parishes whose elections are due in 2019 of which Charnock Richard is one, as they will be liable for all costs associated with the election process rather than a proportion of them which is usually the case when they coincide with Borough Council elections. BC Whittaker is pursuing this matter with the Borough Council.

Members of the Public Present – reported that parking problems from the children's homes on Town Lane are once again an issue. The Council will request double yellow lines be installed by LCC. The Council will again ask that the double yellow lines on Church Lane, from Leeson Avenue towards the school, be extended to include the front of the terraced houses. Parked cars in front of these houses continue to compromise highway safety and, with increasing numbers of larger vehicles and buses using Church Lane, the dangers are significantly greater. The Council will suggest to the School Governors that a staff car park be created on land near the Scout Hut off Charter Lane. Councillor Heaton also confirmed that the offer to use the football club car park to parents and staff remains open. It was reported that the gutters at the edge of the carriageway on Town Lane are full of weeds as initial weed spraying was undertaken very early and when the weather was still cold and wet.

**29. Apologies** - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs Watson (surgery) and A J Shaw (holidays).

**30. 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 Cornwell declared an interest in Planning Application 18/00597/FULHH. Councillor Hill declared an interest in Accounts (JL Hill & Son). No further declarations were made at this point however Councillors will declare them should they arise in the Meeting.**

**31. To Accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4 June 2018** - The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4 June 2018 had been circulated in

advance, and it was **Resolved: The Minutes of the Meeting were accepted as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.**

- 32. Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 4) – Agreed. **Report 1(d) – The Clerk will reiterate the request informing the Council that there is no litter at this location because the Parish Lengthsman picks it up and, that the request was for a dog waste bin rather than a litter bin as there are no bins on the footpath through the golf course anymore.**
- 33. Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:**
- a) Response from the school to litter and parking issues reported at the previous meeting – **Noted.**
  - b) Negative response from LCC to your request for a 20mph speed limit on Freemans Lane – **Noted**
  - c) Response from LCC to your request for additional signage at Birkacre Road – **There appears to be confusion as to which end of Birkacre Road the problem arises. The Clerk will clarify that the problem is at the Charnock Richard end of the road and request that the signs be re-aligned to face motorists rather than the field opposite.**
  - d) Report from Coppull PC of Hogweed on the field known as The Meadows, off Dob Brow – **It was confirmed that BC Leadbetter quickly dealt with this issue.**
  - e) Complaint re: disturbance on Croston Lane on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – **The Parish Council will write to the landowner and request that the event start times are put back to a more reasonable hour and, that more consideration be given to the residents of Croston Lane when arranging/allowing future events to take place.**
  - f) Complaint about trees on land owned by the Trustees and rented by the Parish Council at the rear of houses on Willow Drive – **The Clerk reported the history of tree related issues at the rear of these houses, including the fact a Willow Tree had broken and subsequently been removed following recent high winds as it was discovered to be rotten inside. The Chairman, as the Parish Councils Tree Officer, has requested that the Council allow him to meet Chorley Councils Tree Officer on site to discuss the health of the existing trees and any work which may, or may not, be required to ensure the long term health of the mature trees along this tree line. He will then report back to the Council and the Trustees.**
  - g) Complaint from a resident about the smell of burning in the village week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> June – **It was noted that local moorland fires occurred during this time.**
  - h) Notification of Chorley & Preston Retail Study which commenced on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – **Noted**
  - i) Launch of Children and Family Wellbeing Service Consultation – **Noted, on file.**
  - j) Reminder Cross Committee Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, Parish Rooms – **Cancelled.**
  - k) Info. from LALC – Notification of Neighbourhood Planning Workshop, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018, Howick House, 7pm-9pm. Notification of the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 at 10am at Howick House, Penwortham – **Councillor Cornwell will attend the AGM**
  - l) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Notification from PCSO Prescott that she will no longer be our neighbourhood officer and that PCSO Fetherstone is on sick leave – **Noted.** ii) Email complaint from a resident regarding excessive noise and music late into the night from the Hinds Head – **It was confirmed that the music in the afternoon was from the Hinds Head but, the evening and late night music was from a wedding taking place further along Preston Road. It was confirmed that the Hinds Head have a licence for music outside. The fireworks were also from the Wedding. Parish Councillors feel that the use of fireworks in the current weather conditions was dangerous and irresponsible considering the close proximity to local livestock and liveries and recent grass fires.** iii) Donation request from the Scouts – **On file until donations are discussed in August.** iv) Consultation on potential new ward boundaries for Chorley – **A suggestion that Heskin, Charnock Richard & Eccleston should be 1 ward was made – The Council agreed that population figures permitting, this seems an appropriate suggestion but will discuss this again at the August Parish Council Meeting before submitting a suggestion.** v) Request for updated and additional schemes for Chorley's Regulation 123 list – **The Council is happy with the current proposals. The Parish Council will now pursue the Orchard Gardens project.** vi) A telephone call requesting information on the proposed closure of the motorway slip roads off Mill Lane – **It was confirmed that this not a Parish Council matter.**

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

- 1) It was confirmed that overhanging hedges from the Cricket Pitch on Charter Lane and Chorley Lane will be cut back next week.
- 2) Councillor Heaton has asked Bill Heaps to cut back the Orchard Garden hedges, top and front.
- 3) The school and Conlon's will be asked to cut back overgrown hedges on Charter Lane. The Clerk will also try to find out who owns the vacant building plots, originally Baybutt's, as they are also obstructing the footway and need cutting back.
- 4) Complaints were received about bad language and feelings of intimidation caused by Football Club patrons sitting on the wall or standing on the footway outside the emergency exit drinking and smoking. This is a particular problem when families, or women alone, are passing. Bad language is inappropriate and unnecessary and people passing the football club should not feel intimidated. Councillors present felt that congregating on the footway is unnecessary when there is an outdoor paved area with seating at the other side of the building, which they should be instructed to use. Councillor Heaton agreed to request that the Football Club erect notices on the door stating that it should only be used in the event of an emergency or for disabled access if required.
- 5) Complaints were received about litter on the junior football pitches following a match. The Lengthsman will be asked to erect a bin on the gatepost if we still have a spare bin and, the manager of the junior football teams will be asked to litter pick the area following matches.
- 6) The bus stop sign obscured by overgrown hedges on Chorley Lane from the cricket pitch will be visible again once the hedges have been cut next week.
- 7) Councillor Ogden reported that tree work has recently been undertaken at 14 Lichen Close, when the fronts and tops of the leylandii trees were trimmed and the street light is now visible.
- 8) A number of complaints have been received regarding the various building sites around the village, many of which are untidy. There is little the Parish Council can do about this.
- 9) Speeding vehicles on Church Lane and Chorley Lane were again reported.
- 10) In her absence the Clerk reported the following from Councillor Watson: - overgrown hedges on Charter Lane. A request that Chorley Community Housing paint the fences at the bungalows on Chorley Lane. That mobile speed enforcement has again been present on Chorley Lane. The 'Maria B Evans' for sale sign at the Brook Lane junction needs removing. Confirmed reports of fireworks at the recent wedding and the late timing and nuisance caused by these.

**35. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies** - Community Centre Trust – Councillor Walmsley reported the next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**36. Best Kept Village Competition and Best Kept Garden Competition** – Action required for both competitions. Nominations for the Best Kept Garden Competition are now required if not already submitted. Confirmation that the Chairman has agreed work to proceed at the planted areas in the Parish with Fir Tree Fisheries. Confirmation that the Chairman agreed that the Lengthsman repaint the village name signs and replace and replant the hanging baskets which were corroded and broken at an approximate cost of £300. The Lengthsman has recently repainted the Notice Board at the Hinds Head. Councillors confirmed that something similar can be done to the notice board at the Community Centre to tidy it up.

**37. Planning** – The Council made observations on the following applications:

- 1) 18/00567/TPO – Application for works to protected trees, Chorley BC TPO No.4 (Charnock Richard) 1991. Fell Goat Willow Tree (T1) and replacement prunus tree will be planted in close proximity to the space of the felled willow tree. 5 Cherry Tree Close, Charnock Richard.  
**Resolved – No Objections.**
- 2) 18/00597/FULHH – Single storey rear extension. 10 Freemans Lane, Charnock Richard.  
**Resolved - No objections to the proposals provided they comply with all relevant planning requirements, however, concern has been expressed regarding possible loss of amenity to the neighbour at 12 Freemans Lane whose right to light may be compromised.**

**38. Accounts**

Accounts for Payment:

Miss Walmsley	Reimburse payment for website renewal	£30.00
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J L Hill & Son	Tree work on land rented by the Parish Council	£678.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Payment for work at Mossie Close Play Area	£64,546.44
Mrs C A Cross	Salary – (Net)	£623.88
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£104.12
	NI due by Parish Council	£3.59
		£107.71
Pole Green Nurseries	Plants collected by the Lengthsman	£43.52

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

**39. Lengthsman's Payment** - Work undertaken this month totals 100 Hours @ £8.50 per hour = £850.00 + £300.00 for work to signs and hanging baskets + £53.82 plants, compost and materials.

**Resolved: Total Paid £1203.82.**

Next Meeting: Monday 6 August 2018

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 9.30 pm

Chairman:

Date:

## **REPORT 1**

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

- Notification planning permission granted for removal of basement from the proposals on land between 1 and 5 Town Lane, Charnock Richard.
- Confirmation that notices requesting donations from the Parish Council have been placed in the notice boards with a closing date for applications of 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- Confirmation that notices advertising the Parish Council Vacancy have been placed in the notice boards with a closing date for applications of 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- Confirmation that a site visit has been undertaken following a request for a litter/dog waste bin on Preston Road and as there is no litter, the request cannot be sanctioned.
- Prior notification of information on the forthcoming Central Lancs. Local Plan Review.

#### **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.