

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3 September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

Present: Councillors A J Shaw (Chairman), Mrs A Bishop, Mrs J Ogden, 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)

Members of the Public Present – Mrs Stewart asked whether the Council were aware of the “There but not there” campaign, a see through silhouette of a soldier who can be placed in a pew or on a bench to mark 100 years since the end of WW1. All proceeds from the sale of the silhouettes will go to military charities and the Church is going to purchase one @ £42. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council has purchased a Silent Soldier, a black silhouette of a soldier which they will be placing in the memorial garden for Remembrance Day and, depending on the fittings, will then be moving around the village e.g. maybe near the war graves in the Churchyard. They have arranged for the flying of the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day and planted all the beds in the Parish in red, white and blue and added RAF bunting to mark the Centenary of the RAF.

54. Apologies - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs Watson (illness) and Mrs Pilling (holidays). Apologies were also received from Borough Councillors Whittaker (prior meeting) and Leadbetter (work).

55. Declarations of Interest – Members are 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.**

56. To Accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 August 2018 - The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6 August 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.**

57. Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council: Report 1 (page 4) – Agreed. No Entry signs – Birkacre Road – The Lengthsman will be asked to cut back vegetation. Footways on Charter Lane – It was reported that some patching has recently been undertaken to the footways on Charter Lane, covering approx. 3 metres. On speaking to the contractor on site it was revealed that this work should have been completed in 2015/16 but had been continually carried forward in the program of works until now. The Council will thank Councillor Iddon for this work and ask when the remainder of the footways will receive attention as they are considered unfit for purpose. The contractor also stated that he felt the whole length of the footway needed taking up due to root growth lifting it. The Parish Council will also suggest that LCC report poor reinstatement of the footways where the new houses have been built to United Utilities for investigation/action.

58. Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:

- a) Consultation on warding arrangements from Chorley and request for observations/suggestions – The current proposals, which are changed from those reported at last month’s meeting put Charnock Richard with Eccleston and Heskin – **The Council agree seems more acceptable.**
- b) Central Lancashire Local Plan – Call for Sites Consultation – **It was suggested that the area of land to the left hand side of Sharratts Path, going down to the brook, could be suggested. The land is derelict and full of Japanese knotweed and ownership is unknown. Proposing**

this site may bring the landowner to the forefront to take responsibility for its maintenance. This item will be placed on the September Agenda for further discussion.

- c) Response to request for a replacement litter bin in the lay-by on Preston Road – stating that it is not felt that a litter bin at this location is necessary – **The Council will enquire of the Lengthsman as to the quantity of litter at this location when he litter picks. The Council think this is an unacceptable response and will encourage fly-tipping in the lay-by. It was confirmed that a litter bin has been placed just inside the golf course off the A49, opposite Moss House Farm. The bin is being used and being emptied.**
- d) ROSPA play safety inspection report for August 2018 – **It was confirmed that some work is required to the roundabout which will involve jacking it up to check the roller bearings. Councillors will look in to this over the coming weeks.**
- e) Request to put link on the website from Adzuna – **This matter will not be pursued.**
- f) Info. from LALC – Reported Chairmanship Workshop (October) and Finance Workshop (November) – **Councillor Bishop will attend the Chairmanship workshop in October.**
- g) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) To discuss and respond to the Christ Church Charnock Richard and St Mary the Virgin Eccleston Draft Pastoral Scheme – **Resolved – Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mrs Stewart to take part in discussions on this matter. Mrs Stewart reported that documents have been found which support the fact that the PCC and donations from the Parish were used to fund over 50% of the cost of building the Vicarage in Charnock Richard. Therefore, the Parish will be requesting that 50% of the sale costs be paid back to Charnock Richard for the benefit of the community. The Parish Council will also point out that no money from the rental of the Vicarage has ever been paid back to the community either. The requests for a public meeting on this subject are being ignored by the Diocese. Mrs Stewart is aware that at least 40 people have sent responses to this consultation. The Parish Council will support the residents and PCC request that 50% of any sale price is contributed back to the community of Charnock Richard for the benefit of the village. The Parish Council will also request clarification of the land to be included in the proposed sale to safeguard their plans for Orchard Gardens.**

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

- 1) Councillor Cheetham thanked Councillor Cornwell for his assistance in erecting the flagpole and flying the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day in the memorial gardens.
- 2) The Chairman confirmed the Council are looking to erect a permanent flagpole on this site.
- 3) It was reported that the occupier of 10 Freemans Lane is allowing litter from his/her driveway to blow along Freemans Lane. Councillor Cornwell will not be picking up the litter in the future.
- 4) Story Homes and Welcome Break hedges on Park Hall Road need cutting back.
- 5) Complaints are being made that work is continuing to be undertaken on/from Mr Hough's land on Church Lane. The enforcement officer will be asked to look in to this.
- 6) Slow markings/lines have been marked on one side of the bridge on Church Lane, they are now required on the other side. Road markings on Dob Brow still need replacing. No speed related road markings/signage has appeared on Chorley Lane where it is most needed due to speeding motorists. Road markings need replacing on the approach to the mini-roundabout at the A49 Preston Road/ Mill Lane junction.
- 7) Councillor Heaton confirmed that he had instructed the contractor to cut back the overgrown hedges at Orchard Gardens. Future cuts will now be more manageable.
- 8) The notice board outside the Parish Rooms needs replacing as the recent painting has not been very successful.
- 9) Saplings/small trees are growing out of the stonework on the railway bridge on Church Lane. These need removing as they will weaken the structure of the bridge.
- 10) A request for a grass cut on Meadowlands before the Scarecrow Festival will be raised.
- 11) The Lengthsman will be asked to sweep the ginnell from Meadowlands.
- 12) Councillor Mrs Bishop was thanked for all her hard work and input into the recent computer classes at the Scout Hut, her homemade biscuits and coffee were an added benefit which were well received. It was confirmed that there is another course in October.

- 13) The Hinds Head advertising signs are now in place at Welch Whittle Gardens, however, it was suggested, they may need adjusting to face motorists as they approach rather than houses opposite.
- 14) A robbery in the middle of the day was reported at Heaton's Farm. Residents were reminded to be vigilant and ensure that their property is secure at all times.

- 60. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies – Community Centre Trust –** reported work to the floor is now complete and it was agreed it looks beautiful and has made a huge difference to the appearance inside the building. The Committee thank everyone for their support. Future events include: Voices in Harmony in Church on the 7th September, the Coffee Morning on the 15th September, Messy Church on the 22nd September and a Clothing & Toy sale on the 6th of October. Almshouse Committee – meeting will be held next week and attended by Councillor Ogden. Charnock Richard United Charities – The Term of Office of Representative Trustees Councillors Hill & Shaw is due for renewal – **Resolved – Both Councillors will continue as representative trustees for a further 4 year term.** Reported that slight progress had been made at this evenings Meeting, however, it is hoped that matters will progress faster over coming months.
- 61. Best Kept Village Competition and Best Kept Garden Competition** – Action required for both competitions. Councillor Heaton will check availability for the presentation evening. Once a date is secured the Mayor will be invited to attend.
- 62. Progress with Orchard Gardens Project** – The Clerk updated Councillors on the amended proposals for the path to allow for a community Orchard. Once agreed and confirmed with Simon Forster, Chorley Council, he will obtain quotations for the work to create the path, grassed areas and the gate. Councillor Bishop suggested getting a working party together to keep on top of the re-growth on the proposed car park side of the site to ensure that money already spent on sapling removal and clearing is not wasted. The working party could commence at the start of next 2019.
- 63. Planning** – The Council will be required to make observations on the following applications:
- 1) 18/00751/FUL – Single storey rear extension. Spencer House, Brook Lane, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections.**
 - 2) 18/00774/TPO – T1 Horse Chestnut, reduce over hanging branches by 1-1.5m and reduce to clear building up to 3m subject to appropriate pruning point and reduce to clear phone cable. 29 Church Lane, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections provided the work is undertaken by a professional tree surgeon, is not to the detriment of the tree and will not affect the future health of the tree.**

64. Accounts

Accounts for Payment:

Emblems Gifts Ltd	Lest We Forget RAF Bunting	£23.49
MC & MA Stewart Haulage	VAT from earlier invoice for salt for salt bins	£20.00
Play Safety Ltd	ROSPA Play Area Inspection – Mossie Close	£113.40
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
Lancs. Cty Training Ptnshp	Chairmanship Workshop	£25.00

Resolved: That the aforementioned Accounts are approved payments

- 65. Lengthsman's Payment** - Work undertaken this month totals 106 Hours @ £8.50 per hour = £901.00. **Resolved: Total Paid £901.00.**

Next Meeting: Monday 1 October 2018

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 8.58 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

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

- a) Notification approved extension GPD for proposed single storey rear extension measuring 8m in depth, with eaves height of 2.6m and a maximum height of 3.93m. Whitelands, Back Lane.
- b) Notification planning permission granted for single storey rear extension. 10 Freemans Lane, Charnock Richard.
- c) Notification planning permission granted for two storey side extension. 2 Yewlands Avenue, Charnock Richard.
- d) Confirmation, your request for inspection reports for footways on Charter Lane, Chorley Lane and Preston Road have been passed to the appropriate officers within Highway Services who will respond directly.
- e) Confirmation that LCC officers have considered your comments and that, as requested, the no entry signs at Birkacre Road will be adjusted as soon as possible.

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.