

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st October 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

Present: Councillors A J Shaw (Chairman), Mrs C Pilling, Mrs A Bishop, Mrs L Watson, J Hill, A Cornwell, and H Heaton. Also present Borough Councillor Leadbetter.

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 Leadbetter – reported that Lancashire Wildlife Trust have again stem treated the Japanese Knotweed at the end of Sharratts Path. The Lengthsman will be asked to cut back tree vegetation is obscuring the 30mph speed limit sign at the end of Church Lane. Road markings at the mini-roundabout at the Mill Lane junction still need replacing.

66. Apologies - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs Ogden (holidays), Cheetham (holidays), Miss Walmsley (prior commitment) and G Brennand.

67. 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.**

68. To Accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 September 2018 - The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3 September 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.**

69. Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council: Report 1 (page 4) – Agreed.

70. Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:

- a) Confirmation of completion of the audit of the Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 with no matters arising requiring action or attention by the Parish Council – **Resolved** – **The completion of the audit is accepted and noted by the Parish Council.**
- b) Central Lancs. Local Plan – Call for Sites – possible submission of a site off Sharratts Path – **This site has been refused in the past. It was felt that suggesting this site could have drawn the landowner in to the open to take responsibility for the land. Nothing to submit.**
- c) Response to drainage issues at Town Lane/Preston Road reported in December 2017 – **Noted.**
- d) Current position regarding the inoperative interactive speed sign on Dob Brow – **Noted.**
- e) Response from CC Iddon re: footway resurfacing Charter Lane + Report of inspections, maintenance and public enquiries for Charter Lane 1/4/17-16/8/18 – **Noted.**
- f) Complaints relating to trees, building and fencing at Pole Green Nurseries – **The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Mr H Brennand to present information and to ask questions of those present. He gave Councillors copies of a facebook exchange, and then directed questions relating to the number of people employed by Pole Green Nurseries and, in relation to discussions initiated on the facebook page, at Councillor Bishop. Councillor Bishop responded stating that things have been done at the Nursery without planning permission i.e.: removal of the old and lengthy piece of hedge at the front of the nursery which, Mr G Brennand was told at a Parish Council Meeting could not be removed under Hedgerows Legislation without planning permission. He was also informed that planning permission would be required for the erection of the fence because it was adjacent to the highway. Councillor Bishop confirmed that in the facebook exchange, Borough Councillor**

Leadbetter reported, nothing could be done about removal of the hedge as that had been done but, he informed facebook users that a planning application for all these matters would be submitted in due course, to which the Parish Council will have the opportunity to respond. Councillor Heaton suggested, current discussions indicated that some Councillors have pre-determined their decision on a planning application and should therefore not take part in discussions on an application. The Chairman stated that this was not the case, as Councillors present cannot pre-determine their decision until they know the details of a planning application and, as one has not as yet been received, pre-determination is not possible. The Clerk read aloud Mr Brennand's correspondence whereupon the Chairman confirmed that, whilst taking his comments on board, he believes that the subject of these discussions is a personal matter between Mr Brennand and Mrs Bishop. The Chairman does not feel that either the Parish Council, or any individual Parish Councillors, have pre-determined a planning application for this site as none has as yet been received. Councillor Bishop was too angry to respond at this stage particularly to the suggestion that she does not serve this community. Mr H Brennand agreed to pursue removal of the dead trees on the Mosses footpath. The Chairman re-convened the Meeting.

- g) Response to Parish Council observations on the Draft Pastoral Scheme for Charnock Richard – **It was reported that documentation exists which is evidence of what was paid, and by whom, towards the building of the Vicarage. The Clerk will determine the position with regard to the land at Orchard Gardens and land adjacent being exempt from any sale or transfer of the Vicarage as part of the draft pastoral scheme for Charnock Richard. It was confirmed that the proposals are not what the community want in Charnock Richard. The Clerk will request clarification that the land rented by the Council will not form part of the proposals.**
- h) Complaint about trees at the rear of houses on Willow Drive – **It was confirmed that this is not a Parish Council matter as the trees in question are on land rented by the Football Club.**
- i) Info. from LALC – Nothing to report.
- j) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Response received by Mr Ogden to reported issues relating to tree works to TPO'd trees on Church Lane to which the Parish Council objected – **The Council are extremely disappointed that this work has been permitted and, given that there is other work proposed to other TPO'd trees in the Parish, gives cause for concern. Councillor Leadbetter agreed to pursue this matter with Chorley Council.** ii) Confirmation from Network Rail that a minor works package for removal of saplings from the bridge on Church Lane has been ordered – **Noted.** iii) Request for Agenda Items for the Chorley Liaison Meeting – **The following question may not be appropriate for the Liaison Meeting but will be asked – Do Chorley Council have a policy in place to fill the empty shops in the Town Centre?** iv) Notification of the Lancashire Minerals & Waste Local Plan Review – **Circulate to Parish Councillors for possible response at the November Meeting.**

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

- 1) Overgrown vegetation is obscuring the chevrons on the A49 near Yew Tree Villas.
- 2) Story Homes and Welcome Break hedges on Park Hall Road and Mill Lane need cutting back.
- 3) Parish Council Christmas Meal will be discussed at the November Meeting.
- 4) The original extension constructed under permitted development rights at 10 Freemans Lane is reportedly coming away from the original rear wall of this property. Will be reported to Chorley BC.
- 5) Litter bin, top of Dob Brow has not been emptied. Councillor Bishop to check & report back.
- 6) The Lengthsman has filled some potholes in the lay by on Chorley Lane.
- 7) Next IT course commences Tues 30th Oct, 10am-12pm, 6 weeks, at the Scout Hut, Charter Lane.
- 8) It was reported that an elderly lady has fallen as a result of the poor footways on Charter Lane.
- 9) The red rumble strips on Dob Brow still need reinstating.
- 10) Conifers in front of 130 Chorley Lane are overhanging the footway.
- 11) The stone wall in front of 130-132 Chorley Lane is in danger of falling down on to the footway.
- 12) Inconsiderate parking on pavements throughout the village is increasing and causing problems for people with prams, mobility scooter or wheelchair users.

72. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies – Charnock Richard United Charity Trustees Meeting – little to report however, it is hoped that significant progress can start to be

made shortly. LALC Area Committee Meeting – was only attended by representatives of 3 Parishes in the Borough and a decision has been made to cease the meetings. Councillor Cornwell, as the Parish Council representative, questions the legality of stopping meeting. The Council will ask why Parish representatives are not attending, how many representatives should be attending and what process the LALC area committee will undertake to encourage members to attend.

73. Best Kept Village Competition and Best Kept Garden Competition – Best Kept Garden Presentation Evening – 7.30 pm, Tuesday 13 November 2018, Charnock Richard Football Club. The Mayor will be invited to present the prizes, nominees, and all usual invitations will be sent out. An alternative plaque will be looked at as the solid oak, stained and treated plaques, initially purchased for display in the winning gardens, have never been seen on display in the winning gardens and, at approximately £70 each could be considered an unnecessary expense.

74. Orchard Gardens Project – To discuss quotations for work. The Clerk confirmed that Simon Forster has confirmed that the quotations he has received for this work are coming in around £8000 which is much more than the Parish Council currently have at their disposal. Mr Forster has suggested only undertaking a small section of the path at the front edge of the site to utilise the funding which is currently available. Councillors present agreed to approach contractors, using the specification used by Chorley Council, to see if they can obtain a more favourable and reasonable quotation for the work. This will therefore be placed on hold until further information is obtained.

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

- 1) 18/00798/FUL – Raised access platform to link first floor roof terrace to existing French doors. 216 Chorley Lane, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections.**

76. Accounts

Accounts for Payment:

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| PKF Littlejohn LLP | Audit Fee for year ending 31/3/18 | £360.00 |
| 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

77. Lengthsman's Payment - Work undertaken this month totals 100 Hours @ £8.50 per hour = £850.00. **Resolved: Total Paid £850.00.**

Next Meeting: Monday 5 November 2018

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 9.15 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

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

- a) Notification permission granted for change of use to veterinary ophthalmic clinic. Park Hall
- b) Letter of thanks from NW Air Ambulance for your donation.
- c) Letter of thanks from Bowland Pennine MRT for your donation.
- d) Confirmation, alleged breach of planning control on land at 71 Church Lane will be investigated.
- e) Confirmation your request for saplings to be removed from the bridge structure on Church Lane has been referred to the RAM Structures team for investigation.
- f) Clarification information on the electoral review of Chorley Council – circulated.
- g) Request for registration for the Parish & Town Council conference on 24th November 2018.
- h) Request from Royal Mail to display posters to raise awareness of scam mail.

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.