

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5 August 2019 at 7.30 pm, in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

Present: Councillors Mr A J Shaw (Chairman), Mrs A Bishop, Mrs J Ogden, Mrs E Butcher, Mrs L Birchall, H Heaton, L Cheetham, A Cornwell, and G Brennand. Also present Borough Councillor 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 that Network Rail is running a competition to win a decommissioned rail carriage for use as a community space. He agreed to obtain dimensions and forward them to the Clerk. Councillor Whittaker confirmed his promise, to look in to getting some transport to allow young people in rural areas to access Chorley Youth Zone, remains ongoing and he hopes to make progress with this in the future. Councillor Bishop confirmed that the Youth Zone is well used by young people from Charnock Richard who do manage to get there. The Youth Zone is very useful particularly in school holidays. It has proved a huge benefit to Chorley. Councillor Whittaker reported that the proposals for development at The Laurels will be discussed by the Planning Committee at the Development Control Meeting on Tuesday 13th August, with a recommendation for refusal.

- 43. Apologies** - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs L Watson, J Hill and late apologies received from Councillor Mrs C Jackson (received the following day). Councillor Mrs Birchall also apologised for the fact that she would be leaving the meeting early.
- 44. 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.**
- 45. To Accept the draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st July 2019** - The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st July 2019 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting. **Resolved: The Minutes of the Meeting were accepted as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.**
- 46. Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 4) – Agreed.
- 47. Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:**
- a) Response from Chorley Council to observations on Website Usability Testing project – **Noted.**
 - b) Responses from PCSO Featherstone to times when she has been at school, reported drugs and firearms incidents German Lane and request for additional patrols at Mossie Close Play Area – **PCSO Featherstone has again confirmed that any incidents need to be reported to the Police at the time the incident is taking place rather than through the Parish Council at a later date. The recent reports of drug related activity on Willow Drive near the entrance to Mossie Close Play Area, has been reported to the PCSO however, the vehicle registration numbers provided do not appear to be pulling anything up. The occupants of the BMW have been seen supplying young people from the play area with small packets, following which incidences of abnormal activity have been reported eg: young people becoming very vocal or aggressive when confronted. There are 2 vehicles involved in the Willow Drive area. Councillor Birchall confirmed that the PCSO had replied to one of her early emails in relation to firearms incidents on German Lane. There has been no further contact from the tactical team, or from BC Julia Berry who also promised to report Councillor**

Birchall's comments. Councillor Birchall is disappointed and feels there is, nor has been, any regular contact.

- c) Notification/request for observations on Chorley Council Polling Place Review – **No Objections**
- d) Email from Lindsay Hoyle MP regarding the opportunity for communities to bid for old decommissioned railway carriages to be installed as community assets – **Noted.**
- e) Quotation and confirmation of order for, a replacement bearing unit cover and wet pour repair kit for use at Mossie Close Play Area – **Noted and agreed as required.**
- f) Info. from LALC – Info. from LCC on potholes and Transport Asset Management Plan – (Emailed to Councillors for reading prior to the Meeting.) Notification of next area committee meeting which Councillor Cornwell will attend – **Noted.**
- g) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Updated plan for the proposed development at The Laurels – **Noted.** ii) Complaint about overgrown hedges on Chorley Lane, from the edge of the Cricket field to the terraced houses – **The landowner will be asked to cut them back.** iii) Request for Councillors and the Clerk to complete elections survey by NALC – **To be completed.** iv) Notification that CC Toon, Chair of Lancashire Local Access Forum, will be pursuing the request that the cut off date of 2026 in the Crow Act for registration of historic rights of way should be repealed – **Noted.**

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

- 1) Councillor Cornwell reported that line repairs by Network Rail will take place at the end of August, beginning of September.
- 2) Councillor Cornwell asked Councillor Heaton if he was aware of Mr Storey's plans for The Laurels if planning permission is refused. He confirmed that he did know, but would not disclose.
- 3) Hedges on Mill Lane and Park Hall road need cutting back as they are overgrowing the footways
- 4) A report of a car accident on Mill Lane on Saturday 3rd August at 9pm was given.
- 5) Public liability insurance was discussed in relation to Orchard Gardens. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council has the necessary public liability insurance. Dogs' being on leads at Orchard Gardens was discussed. It was confirmed that this is not necessary. If a dog bit someone on Orchard Gardens it would be the dog owner's responsibility not the Parish Councils. By-laws covering where and when dogs should be on a lead are available on Chorley Council website, however, since Orchard Gardens is no longer a play area, the by-laws in question do not apply. It was reported that there is no issue with dogs on Orchard Gardens however, dogs on the Mossie Close site should be looked at as they are not always on leads on the play area or on the playing field. As a result of this, dog fouling is an issue. The Chairman agreed to check signage on the play area.
- 6) Councillor Birchall asked whether the dangers associated with the narrow railway bridge on Church Lane, and the lack of pedestrian footways over the bridge, had been raised in the past. It was confirmed that ideas such as a footway around the bridge or overhead has been suggested but Network Rail stated that this is cost prohibitive. It was further reported that accident statistics at this location do not support any safety measures to address this issue. Speeding motorists on Church Lane, taking the bend too fast, and finding themselves in the path of oncoming traffic, is also a dangerous issue. The Council will again contact LCC expressing their concerns.
- 7) It was reported that some participants in the recent Manchester to Blackpool cycle ride were seen without helmets. It is felt that cycling helmets should be compulsory for all participants.
- 8) Motorbike nuisance in the quarry on German Lane is again an issue. This needs to be reported to the Police, using 101, at the time it is occurring.
- 9) Hedges overgrowing the footway on Church Lane were reported, however, as it is felt that they may have already been cut back, Councillor Bishop agreed to check and report back to the Clerk.
- 10) Overgrown hedges on Church Lane, from the church gate to the junction with Preston Road, need cutting back. A written request will be sent to the landowner.
- 11) Overgrown hedges on German Lane need cutting back. A written request will be sent to the landowners responsible.
- 12) Fly-tipping at Whittle Bottoms will be reported to Chorley Council.
- 13) It was reported that live pigeons were left in a box near the Church recently. It was noted that they were left for quite a while before being removed. Empty boxes are also left there on occasion.
- 14) There will be a Community Centre Trust Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th August.

- 15) Fly-tipping in the gateway opposite Church on Church Lane will be reported to Chorley Council.
- 16) Plants have been stolen from 2 sites on Chorley Lane, near Robin Close and the Hinds Head.
- 17) Fireworks were again heard going off on the night of Saturday 3rd August at 11.45pm.
- 18) A complaint has been received that, having completed work on the bridge on Chorley Lane, Network Rail staff were strimming the railway embankment at an unreasonable hour without any notification having been given to residents living close by.
- 19) It was reported that despite some cutting back work by Network Rail near the bridge on Church Lane, saplings are still growing in the stone structure of the bridge.
- 20) It was reported that 2 young boys were seen racing through the Almshouse gardens on bicycles, displacing the gravel, as they passed. It was suggested that the gates at the entrance to the site should be closed.
- 21) The Lengthsman has cut the overgrowing hedges near the Scout Hut, Charter Lane.
- 22) The Parish Council thanked Harry Brennand for the plants he recently donated for use around the Parish, and for the work done on the car park which looks good at the moment.
- 23) Hedges on Preston Road, from Whalley's Farm to the Coppull Boundary, need cutting back. The landowner will be informed.

49. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies – Chorley Liaison Meeting – attended by Councillor Cornwell. Discussions took place on dealing with Japanese Knotweed and footpath issues. Charnock Richard United Charities Meeting – took place earlier this evening. Progress has been made with the Land Registry and it is hoped that the leases to the Football Club and Parish Council will be issued soon. Almshouse Meeting – an extraordinary meeting will be held this Thursday and will be attended by Councillor Ogden.

50. Orchard Gardens – update – Councillor Bishop reported that patching work is being undertaken to the grass. The area rotovated by Councillor Cheetham has now been loosened and work can begin. 2 tonnes of top soil and some mulch is required to make progress. **Resolved – The Parish Council will pay for the soil and any other materials required.** Most of the ivy has now been removed from this area and Councillor Bishop is now in the final stages of making this area of land usable. The nature trail has also been much improved. It was confirmed that there will be a number of stalls on this site during the Scarecrow Festival on both Saturday and Sunday along with some Scarecrows.

51. Best Kept Village Competition and Best Kept Garden Competition – It was suggested that the bus shelter on Chorley Lane, opposite the Hinds Head, would benefit from a chemical clean. The Clerk reported that the cost is approximately £195.00 + Vat for this service. Councillors Shaw and Heaton agreed to look at this, with a view to using a steam cleaner. Councillors Shaw and Heaton will check available dates for the Best Kept Garden Competition presentation and report back.

52. Planning – The Council were required to make observations on the following application/s:

- 1) 19/00677/FULHH – First floor side extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension. 1 Yewlands Avenue, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 2) 19/00736/FUL – Commercial Cattery (8 units). Haydock Farm, Preston Road, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections.**

53. Accounts

Accounts for Payment:

Sutcliffe Play	New Swing – Mossie Close Play Area	£81.01
Fir Tree Fishery CIC	Removing winter planting and re-planting Mill Lane	£600.00
Coppull Moor Lne Nurseries	Plants for planted beds collected by Lengthsman	£209.45
Wicksteed	Bearing Unit Cover + Wet Pour Repair Kit	£118.20
Mrs C A Cross	Salary – (Net)	£673.48
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£106.52
	NI due by Parish Council	£8.42
		£114.94
<u>Receipts:</u> LCC	Grant from Parish Champion, towards Delph Gardens	£400.00

Resolved: That the aforementioned Accounts are approved payments and Receipts.

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had obtained a quotation for the work required to replace the rotting logroll at Delph Gardens with new tanalised sleepers, of £1500-£1600. Once this figure had been obtained the Clerk applied to the Parish Champion, CC Rigby, for a grant towards this project, hence the £400.00 grant received and detailed above. It was agreed that Councillor Rigby will be invited to the Parish Council Best Kept Garden Competition presentation event when arranged.

54. Lengthsman's Payment - Work undertaken this month, over 5 weeks, and including additional hours for watering, weeding and maintenance of planters, totals 154 Hours @ £8.80 per hour = £1355.20. **Resolved: Total Paid £1355.20.**

Next Meeting: Monday 2 September 2019

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 that permission has been granted for two storey side extension (following demolition of existing conservatory). 2 Yewlands Avenue, Charnock Richard.
- b) Notification approval has been given for – Telecom - 3 replacement antennas including ancillary antenna equipment, feeders, cables and internal works to an existing mast. Telecoms. Mast Site No. 93448, Charnock Brow Farm, Preston Road, Charnock Richard.
- c) Posters to raise public perception of the work LCC highways service delivers – Notice Boards.
- d) Copy agenda for Chorley Liaison Meeting 17th July, Town Hall – Councillor Cornwell attended.
- e) Notification next LALC Chorley Area Committee Meeting will be on 3rd September 2019.
- f) Confirmation that PC concerns re: parking at school times have been taken to the School Governing Board, who discussed actions already taken and agreed to continue to remind parents to be considerate and to arrange visits from the PCSO when possible.
- g) Confirmation from LCC speed management team that your request for an up to date speed survey on Chorley Lane has been received and your request for physical traffic calming measures has been passed on to a team within highways.
- h) Notification from Chorley Council that from 1 August 2019 Clerk's will receive a daily list of all validated Temporary Event Notices regardless of where the event is taking place. Any comments or objections must be sent to the Police or Environmental Health as these are the only bodies who could object to a TEN.

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.