

# CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 pm, in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

**Present:** Councillors Mr A J Shaw (Chairman), Mrs A Bishop, Mr J Hill, Mrs E Butcher, Mrs L Birchall, Mrs C Jackson, H Heaton, L Cheetham and A Cornwell.

## **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 – thanked County Councillor Iddon, Borough Councillor Whittaker and the Clerk for their help and information in connection with recent flooding in the Town Lane area. Councillor Iddon has remained in contact with the residents and has assured them he will be chasing the matter up to ensure that it is resolved properly. The Council will ask LCC what work was done and what work is proposed to address the problem. It was again confirmed that this has been an issue for 40+ years and it is only okay until the next time. It is disappointing that each time this happens residents' gardens are completely flooded and there is nothing they can do to prevent this. It was reported that there is now a single yellow line all the way down Park Hall Road. The question of whether the Parish Council has any influence over when speed enforcement takes place on Chorley Lane was raised, as it appears that this is being undertaken at quieter times rather than between 2.30pm and 6.30pm when the traffic is heavier and speeding is obvious. Councillor Jackson confirmed that she has a proposal which she will be speaking about later in the Meeting which will hopefully assist with the speeding problem on Chorley Lane. It was observed that on last month's Agenda, payment for plants was made to a nursery in Coppull rather than to Pole Green Nurseries. However, it was also pointed out that it is accepted that there could be a conflict of interest due to Mr Brennand being a Parish Councillor. This point was accepted and it was reported that Pole Green Nurseries contribute 50% of the cost of the garden centre gift vouchers presented as prizes in the Parish Council annual Best Kept Garden Competition. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council policy is to support local businesses, however, the Lengthsman has explained in the past that he purchases his plants where he thinks they are the best quality and where he gets better value for money at the time of purchase, whichever local garden centre this happens to be at the time.

**55. Apologies** - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs J Ogden and Mrs L Watson.

**56. 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.**

**57. To Accept the revised draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019** - The revised Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting. **Resolved: The revised Minutes of the Meeting were accepted as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.**

**58. Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 3) – Agreed. The Chairman raised the issue of signage in relation to dogs on Mossie Close Play Area and Playing Field. Larger signage will be arranged for the field and the gate onto the field. No dogs are allowed on the play area and dogs must be on a lead at all times. It was further agreed that the Football Club will assist by putting up the 2 additional signs they have.

**59. Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:**

- a) ROSPA play safety inspection report for August 2019 – **Councillor Cheetham confirmed that he greases the roundabout every time he visits. It was reported that a quotation from**

**Wicksteed of £6000 plus any safety surfacing required for a new roundabout has been obtained. The Council will look at a grant or possibly using CIL money to fund this. The Clerk will order the necessary protective sleeves required as per the ROSPA report.**

- b) Correspondence from Chorley Council re: discussions on Japanese Knotweed at the recent Liaison Meeting and some proposals for training moving forward – **Noted. Not a great problem in Charnock Richard, the only problems being on private land which falls out of the Parish Council remit. The Parish Council will not be taking up the offer of training as they believe this is a specialist field and any treatment should be undertaken by fully trained professionals using the correct equipment.**
- c) Info. from LALC – Notification of the 75<sup>th</sup> AGM 2019, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019, 10am at Howick House, Penwortham. Details of Chairmanship Workshop, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 7pm-9pm and Finance Workshop, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7pm-9pm, both at Howick House, Penwortham – **Noted. Councillor Cornwell will attend the LALC AGM in November.**
- d) Details of late items of correspondence received i) Price for replacement roundabout at Mossie Close Play Area – **Noted.** ii) Reminder, that Donations will be made at the October Meeting with closing date for applications of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – **Noted.**

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

- 1) It was reported that some building work may be taking place behind a very tall fence around a property on Whitegates Fold. The Clerk confirmed that there are no planning permissions in place.
- 2) The date for the Best Kept Garden Presentation Evening will be confirmed.
- 3) Overgrown hedges on Park Hall Road and Mill Lane still need cutting back.
- 4) Casey's will be asked to cut back overgrown hedges on German Lane.
- 5) Overgrown hedges in front of 35 and 39 Town Lane need cutting back.
- 6) Cars parking and obstructing the footways on Leeson Avenue on a daily basis were reported. It was suggested that as the PCSO speaking to repeat offenders at school has worked, that the registration numbers of the cars be passed to the PCSO who will highlight the dangers for parents with children and prams, who have to walk in the road as the pavements are obstructed by their vehicles. It was further suggested that a business may be being run from one of the properties. Further information will be obtained and a report made to Chorley Council enforcement officer in due course.
- 7) Councillor Jackson has explored what can be done to address speeding issues on Chorley Lane. She has contacted Lancashire Community Safety Partnership who have suggested doing a community speed watch survey, logging details of times and days, with a view to establishing a pattern. Councillor Jackson is happy to co-ordinate such an initiative, as she already has volunteers willing to do this. Vehicle movements would need to be logged over a 4-6 week period and once the results have been correlated, specific days and times can be targeted with enforcement measures. The statistics will also be an indication of the routes the speeding vehicles are following. A template document will be created which can be shared on facebook which will make logging details a simple task. It was agreed that any resources required to set this up will be paid for by the Parish Council.
- 8) It was reported that a new litter bin has been put on German Lane the use of which will be monitored for a 6 month period and, which will become permanent if evidence of use is sufficient.
- 9) It was reported that more Police presence has been noticed on German Lane, using unmarked vehicles and at random times. Two car registration numbers have been given to the PCSO with both vehicle owners having been written to. Advice was offered to the residents and a suggestion that they may wish to collectively purchase a sign indicating that covert CCTV is in operation was made.
- 10) A further firearms incident on German Lane was reported with the offender firing into the ground approx 30 yards from a private home. The offenders' faces were hidden and therefore they could not be identified. This was reported but no Police follow up took place. Another firearms incident on land adjacent to a different private home, and in close proximity to a public footpath, was reported. The people shooting were spoken to and, following an apology from them, they moved further away from the home and the footpath.
- 11) Fly tipping of 4 x bags of garden refuse on Delph Lane will be reported to Chorley Council.
- 12) It was reported that hedges and trees within the curtilage of the Council property at the junction of Chorley Lane and Church Lane need cutting back as some of them are now dangerous.

**61. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies** – Nothing to report.

**62. Best Kept Garden Competition** – Confirmation of date as Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at Charnock Richard Football Club. The Mayor will be invited to attend to present the prizes and invitations will be sent out in due course.

**63. Planning** – No planning applications to discuss.

**64. Accounts**

Accounts for Payment:

Play Safety Ltd	ROSPA Play Area Inspection – Mossie Close	£115.80
DS Signs & Graphics	Advertising signs for Mill Lane planters	£91.20
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

**Resolved:** That the aforementioned Accounts are approved payments and that the quarterly bank reconciliation statement for the financial period ending 30th June 2019 is accepted.

**65. Lengthsman's Payment** - Work undertaken this month, 100 Hours @ £8.80 per hour = £880.00.

**Resolved:** Total Paid £880.00. It was suggested that perennials could be planted towards the back of the Mill Lane planters to give some evergreen colour over the winter months.

Next Meeting: Monday 7 October 2019

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 8.50 pm

Chairman:

Date:

**REPORT 1**

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

- Notification that permission has been refused for change of use from golf course to a touring caravan site, to include 6 camping pods, the erection of an amenity block and a reception/shop building, landscaping mounds and associated infrastructure. The Laurels at Charnock Richard.
- Copy CPRE Fieldwork – Summer 2019
- Copy CPRE Countryside Voice – Summer 2019

**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.