

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7.30 pm, in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

Present: Councillors A J Shaw (Chairman), Mrs J Ogden, J Hill, Mrs A Bishop, Ms C Jackson, Mrs E Butcher, G Brennand, H Heaton, L Cheetham, A Cornwell, Mrs L Birchall and Mrs L Watson.

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)

Mr John Hill, Community Engagement Officer, Chorley Council, attended to outline the work he and his team are doing in the rural wards of Chorley to help prevent social isolation and exclusion and to bring inclusivity to these areas. Research indicates that whilst residents in rural areas are living longer, there is an increasing fear of getting old i.e. with poor transport links and their families moving away, access to services and amenities reduces. GP's are now working with local authorities to promote "social prescribing", which is a trial project, to help reconnect people via community groups and facilities which may be available to them locally but which they are unaware of. The Community Engagement Team is an early intervention tool, connecting people digitally and socially in the community. There are 5 in the team, each dealing with 1 area such as, young people, those struggling with Mental Health issues or, those with long term health conditions, another for people with dementia and one for older people. A recent health event in Mawdesley raised awareness of what is available to these key groups and where and how they can access it. The event included health professionals, representative from Galloways for the blind and 3rd Sector organisations, blood pressure checks were also available. There is also some intergenerational work being undertaken in some areas involving school children and older people coming together via storytelling, learning, bingo and craft activities etc. The aim is to find out what is going on in and around Charnock Richard and pointing residents in the right direction to access things. Councillors do believe there is an issue with the elderly in the village. Sheltered accommodation in the village no longer has a warden to check on the residents. The Community Engagement Team can help bring people together and signpost facilities, amenities and services available to them e.g. the befriending service which exists in the area. They would be happy to work with the Parish Council to arrange a health workshop in Charnock Richard in the New Year. This will be progressed in 2020. The Chairman thanked Mr Hill for attending and hope that the Parish Council can work with them in the New Year.

Mr T Heaton – confirmed that he felt the previous presentation was very interesting and a good scheme. Mr Heaton wished to raise an issue in relation to the Code of Conduct by which Parish Councillors must abide. In particular he raised concerns about recent Facebook posts by a Parish Councillor in relation to planning permission granted for development on his families land. He reported the upset and hurt felt by himself and his family by the comments made, and the implications made within those comments, about both the family and Chorley Council. Mr Heaton does not feel that this type of behaviour is acceptable and asked whether the Parish Council felt it was appropriate for a Parish Councillor to behave in this manner. The Chairman thanked Mr Heaton for his input, confirming that there is a Code of Conduct by which Parish Councillors are governed and, that this issue will be discussed, and dealt with confidentially, at the end of the Meeting. Mr Heaton confirmed that he accepts that everyone has a right to an opinion but feels that these comments went too far and, that whilst it is understood that people want to protect the village from development, once a decision has been made by the local planning authority, that decision must be accepted.

Flooding Preston Road/Town Lane – It was reported that County Councillor Iddon is still trying to sort the problem out. The Parish Council will also continue to pursue this and did so after the last Meeting which resulted in an update regarding the installation of a new access manhole, which was reported.

90. Apologies – No apologies required as all serving Councillors are present.

- 91. 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.**
- 92. To Accept the draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th November 2019** - The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th November 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.**
- 93. Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 4 – Agreed.
- 94. Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:**
- a) Confirmation that the Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation is open from 18th November 2019 until 14th February 2020 – **Sites suggested by Chorley Council and those submitted as part of the call for sites were discussed. It was confirmed that Chorley Council has been building beyond the targets required for the past few years, which may mean that fewer houses could be built in future years. In the current plan Charnock Richard is available for small housing developments and infill. The proposals for development on Charter Lane were too big.**
 - b) Confirmation a drop in session for the Issues & Options Consultation will take place at Charnock Richard Scout Hut on Wednesday 15th January 2020, between 10am and 12 noon – **Noted.**
 - c) Info. and introduction about “what3words” – **Could prove useful, will put on the website.**
 - d) Request for assistance in addressing flooding on the A49 from Back Lane to Bridge House – **It was reported that the stone culvert under the road and onto Back Lane was damaged during road widening works for the Crematorium. The water has found another way up and onto Back Lane. Councillor Hill has knowledge of this and will meet an LCC officer on site to explain the issues.**
 - e) Request from Secretary of Chorley Probus Club to display posters in the Notice Boards – **This information will be put on the website and in the Notice Boards.**
 - f) Southern Parishes update and notification the next Meeting will take place on 22nd January 2020 – **The Council will request the specification from the contractor to obtain additional quotations. A bid will be submitted for funding towards the creation of the car park at Orchard Gardens.**
 - g) Response to report of speeding concerns on Church Lane – **Noted. The Lengthsman will be asked to put the SPID on Church Lane, near Pole Green Nurseries.**
 - h) LCC response to speeding issues on Chorley Lane – **Noted.**
 - i) Request to discuss the car parked on the grass verge on Church Lane – **Councillor Heaton agreed to speak to the owner of the vehicle and ask him to remove it.**
 - j) Parish Council Christmas Meal – Thurs 5th Dec, 7pm for 7.30pm, Dog & Partridge – **Noted.**
 - k) Info. from LALC – Nothing to report.
 - l) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Reminder of planning in practice workshop by Chorley Council – **Councillor Birchall will attend this.** ii) Response from the house owner to request for overgrown hedges to be cut back on Chorley Lane – **The Council accept that the hedges have been neatly cut back but, feel they cut be cut back further to assist with access.** iii) Notification Mayor’s Charity Ball will be on 14th February 2020 at the Town Hall and will be a Bollywood Valentine’s Ball – **Noted.** iv) Councillor Jackson explained a new initiative she would like to put before the Parish Council – that every 6 or 12 months the Parish Council choose a Charity or a Community Group to support, not necessarily financially but maybe by donating items. e.g.: The SAFE Centre, where donations of underwear or clothing can be made for use by abuse victims, male or female, and of all ages. Councillor Jackson is prepared to administer this and feels that the Parish Council can make a difference – **Councillors agreed that this is an excellent idea and fully supported the suggestion which will begin in January 2020. Details will be put on the community Facebook page and Councillors will accept**

donations from anyone wishing to do so and, donations can be made prior to Parish Council Meetings. Councillor Jackson will deliver donations to the SAFE Centre.

- 95. Reports, Complaints, Concerns from Councillors** - not addressed at the beginning of the Meeting
1. There is a water leak on Back Lane, near the junction with the A49.
 2. The Lengthsman was thanked for gritting recently and will be asked to remove leaves from outside what was the mini-market and sweep the ginnel from Church Lane to Lichen Close.
 3. Footways on Charter Lane have been marked for work by LCC – residents have been asked to refrain from parking this week.
 4. In addition to cars parking on the bend on Church Lane, there is now a large white van and 2 cars parked in-front of the mini-market. Motorists are forced to go in to the middle of the road to go round these and then again to go around the cars parked on the bend.
 5. Keep Britain Tidy dog fouling signs will be erected in the village including 1 on German Lane.
 6. Councillor Brennand agreed to look at replacing the hedge at the front of the car park before February 2020.
 7. The Council thanked Councillor Heaton, Paul Leadbetter and Tommy Stafford for erecting the Christmas Tree outside the Parish Rooms/Community Centre and Joe Noblett for donating the tree
 8. The flashing school warning signs on Charter Lane have been flashing for 3 months.
 9. Vehicles continue to park near the Quarry on German Lane, from 6pm onwards in the darker nights. There is a good dialogue and communication on this matter with the PCSO.
 10. A leaf sweep will be requested on Church Lane and Charter Lane.
 11. Hedges have been cut and footways swept on Park Hall Road, the Lengthsman will be asked to leaf sweep and cut hedges on Mill Lane.
 12. Councillor Heaton reported he will not be sending Christmas Cards this year but will make a donation to Charity instead.
 13. Vehicles are again being parked on the bridge on Mill Lane, obstructing the footway.
 14. Following a recent accident on Chorley Lane, where a driver under the influence of drink went through a hedge and into the fields, residents remain concerned that speeding is not taken seriously.
- 96. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies – Almshouse Meeting** was attended by Councillor Ogden who reported that tenants will be receiving hampers for Christmas. Peter Lathom Charity Meeting – attended by Councillor Hill who reported that the Charity will not allow representatives to distribute cash donations any more. He fought to keep the money allocated for Welch Whittle which is approx. £550 per year, therefore, there is approx. £1100 to come for 2 distribution years. It was suggested that the donation be paid over to Charnock Richard United Charities who could administer it on behalf of the Trust for the benefit of the people of Charnock Richard. If a letter of approval is required from the Trustees of the United Charities, the Clerk to the Trustees will arrange for this.
- 97. Community Centre Trust and Chronicle Committee** – Appointment of representative/s. It was suggested that the Chronicle Committee representation could be a job share between 2 Councillors. **Resolved – Councillors Bishop and Jackson will share this work.** Community Centre Trust Representative **Resolved – Councillor Watson will become the Parish Council representative.**
- 98. Orchard Gardens** – update and current position. It was confirmed that the volunteer team are looking forward to getting back to work in the garden as soon as the fallen tree has been removed. Councillor Bishop confirmed that she had taken delivery of 315 trees from the Woodland Trust most of which have now been planted in and around the village including some dogwood at the rear of the Mill Lane Planters. The Diocese have some tree work planned for Orchard Gardens. The team will get back on track as soon as possible.
- 99. Planning** – The Council submitted observations on the following applications:
19/01011/CTY - Remodelling of Charnock Richard Golf Course incorporating the reconfiguration of 9 holes and localised raising of levels using imported inert materials. The Laurels at Charnock Richard, Preston Road, Charnock Richard – **Resolved – The Council submitted the same objections as those sent to LCC in relation to this application.**

100. Accounts

Accounts for Payment:

Pole Green Nurseries Ltd	Contribution towards prizes BK Garden Comp.	£180.00
Keep Britain Tidy	Dog Fouling Notices	£300.00
SLCC	Annual Subscription Fee (50% of £180)	£90.00
Printerinks	Ink for Printer (50% with WPC)	£58.78
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.

101. Lengthsman's Payment - Work undertaken this month, 107 Hours @ £8.80 per hour = £941.60.

Resolved: Total Paid £941.60.

102. Confidential Item – To be discussed in the absence of the public or press – Minutes as detailed in Report 2, for distribution to members attending the meeting only, and to remain confidential.

Next Meeting: Monday 6th January 2020

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 outline permission granted for the erection of 6 no. detached dwellings following demolition of existing buildings, including matters of access, scale and layout. All other matters reserved. Lancaster House Farm, Preston Road.
- Notification that Chorley Council, as a consultee, objected to the LCC application for the remodelling of Charnock Richard Golf Course incorporating the reconfiguration of 9 holes and localised raising of levels using imported inert materials. The Laurels, Preston Road.
- Confirmation of temporary road closure on Spendmore Lane, Coppull, in the vicinity of the railway bridge, between 10pm and 5.30am on Thursday 30th January 2020 until Saturday 1st February 2020, to allow Network Rail to carry out bridge strike sign works.
- Confirmation from LCC that the Capital Board have approved the finance for the extra manhole access, Town Lane. Once funding has been paid over the work will be programmed.
- Consultation to take place for Chisnall (covering Charnock Richard, Heskin and Coppull West on Wednesday 29th January 2020, 4-7pm at Heskin Village Hall.
- CPRE Fieldwork & Countryside Voices, Winter Edition.

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.