

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6 June 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

Present: Councillors: John Taylor (Acting Chairman), Harold Heaton, Les Cheetham, Ellen Walmsley, Alan Cornwell and George Brennand. Also present Borough Councillor Alan 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 Leadbetter – In his absence the Clerk reported the following: Councillor Leadbetter has arranged a Balsam Bash along Sharratts Path on 20 June at 6.30pm at the Charnock Richard end of the cobbled part of Sharratts Path. All welcome to attend and Time Credits will be provided to all who take part. Councillor Leadbetter has raised the issue of the absence of any PCSO, or visible Police presence in the village. The PCSO who used to patrol the village has changed jobs and not been replaced. Across the Borough there are currently 27 PCSO's a reduction from 44 a few years ago.

Parish Councillors – In their absence the Clerk reported the following: There is a water leak outside "Towyn", Church Lane. There is a large pot-hole on the railway bridge, Church Lane. Street light 12 or 13 on Dob Brow is on all the time. Could the Lengthsman be asked to trim the grass verges behind and around the Charnock Richard sign on the first S-bend on Chorley Lane and keep it trimmed until after the Best Kept Village Competition judging period has ended. The defibrillator battery appears to be out of date. Rocks or stones next to the newly constructed planters on Mill Lane would be preferable to deter motorists from parking. The question of whether Parish Councillors would be interested in creating Scarecrows next to the planters on Mill Lane this year to show Parish Council support for the Scarecrow Festival was raised. It is felt that the travelling theatre could be a good idea if enough enthusiasm could be generated in the village.

Members of the public present reported – the 3-way public footpath sign on Town Lane, towards the BMX track, is now in place. The same car has been advertised for sale in the lay-by on Chorley Lane for some considerable time. The time period will be monitored as it is felt that the sale of cars in this way may be contrary to Highways Legislation.

Borough Councillor Whittaker – Congratulated the Parish Council on the newly completed planters on Mill Lane at which point Parish Councillors Heaton, Cheetham, Almond and Shaw were thanked for their hard work in completing this project. Councillor Whittaker confirmed that Heskin PC had received a visit from representatives of Story Homes who talked about the workshop taking place in June, a public consultation in July, an exhibition in September, and the submission of a planning application taking place late September. The Borough Councillors have requested that Charnock Richard PC, Heskin PC and Eccleston PC have an input into the announcement when it is made. Heskin PC highlighted access and highways issues. Story Homes would not be specific about house numbers but indicated a 30% reduction on the original 420. Borough Councillors still feel that this is too many. The Borough Councillors also requested that the planning application should be for a package covering the whole development rather than phases submitted over a period of years. Councillors pointed out to Story Homes that they could see no point in having workshops if those attending have nothing to discuss. Councillor Taylor asked about attendance at the workshops as it was reported to the Parish Council that it would be by invitation. It was confirmed that Parish Councils would be invited. It was also confirmed that Story Homes accepted that the previous consultation was flawed. There will be 1 workshop with tables looking at different issues eg: drainage, highways, facilities etc. Councillor Taylor confirmed that he had found it difficult to comment on the previous application until he had the opportunity to read the LCC response and feels therefore, that it will be difficult to comment at the workshop due to the lack of highway report or response to any suggested proposals. Councillor Whittaker confirmed that both Borough Councillors will be making strong recommendations to LCC that they should submit better observations than those submitted on the previous application. It was

confirmed that when Story Homes were questioned about ownership of the rides on site, no response was given. Councillor Whittaker also highlighted the LCC consultation on various closures eg: children's centres and libraries in neighbouring Parishes and the merger of some services into one building with the view that volunteers could take over the running of some of the services eg: youth services. There are several planned meetings locally to discuss the impact of the closures and how best to deal with them.

- 23. Apologies** - Were received and accepted from Councillors: Christina Pilling (holiday), Jan Ogden (holiday), Mel Almond (holiday), Allan Shaw (holiday), Ann Bishop (holiday) and James Hill (illness). Apologies were also received from BC Leadbetter and County Councillor Holgate.
- 24. 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.**
- 25. To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, and the draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 9 May 2016** - The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 May 2016 and the Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (to be held on file) had been circulated in advance of the Meeting. **Resolved: The Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were accepted as correct records and were signed by the Chairman.**
- 26. Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 4) – ACCEPTED.
Report 1 (a) – it was confirmed that the proposed concessionary route could remove issues raised with regard to the poor state of the surface and the narrow width in places of this public footpath.
- 27. Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:**
- a) Notification of a meeting to discuss the closure of the children's centre at Coppull on Monday 13 June at 9.30am, at the Children's Centre, Coppull – **It was confirmed that it will be difficult for Councillors to attend a morning meeting due to work commitments.**
 - b) Request from VIP to advertise for volunteer trustees – **Posters in the Notice Boards.**
 - c) Request for Agenda Items for the Chorley Liaison Meeting on 20th July 2016 at 6.30pm – **Resolved - The following will be submitted: "When does Chorley Council's current agreement with LCC for the highway verge cutting throughout the Borough terminate? Is it anticipated the agreement will be extended or renewed beyond that date? Will the planned number of cuts per season of the rural highway verges remain at the current level in future years, say up to and including the year 2020/21?"**
 - d) Notification that E.on will be increasing your deemed contract rate for electricity to the telephone kiosk, with effect from 1 July 2016 – **Noted, on file.**
 - e) Request from LCC for your views on changes to where LCC delivers its services – **Noted.**
 - f) Notification of Central Lancashire Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Local Plan – Issues and Options Document – May 2016 – 6 week Consultation until 1 July 2016. Documents are available at: chorley.gov.uk/planning – **Noted.**
 - g) Info/suggestion you may wish to have a Touring Theatre production in the village – **A good idea however, there is no suitable venue to stage this, and there could be cost implications.**
 - h) Info. On the Yarrow INNS Project – **Forwarded to the website co-ordinators.**
 - i) Info. From Unipart Dorman, a leading manufacturer of traffic calming products – **On file.**
 - j) Notification of The Centenary Fields Programme – protecting valuable green space across the Country – **This info. will be given to Charnock Richard United Charity Trustees.**
 - k) Info. from LALC – Minutes of the February 2016 Meeting and Agenda for the Chorley Area Committee Meeting on Thursday 9th June, 7pm, Chorley Town Hall – **Noted.**
 - l) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Confirmation that Chorley Council officers will investigate increased vehicle activity on Croston Lane – **Councillor Heaton confirmed that he has looked at the site at the bottom of Croston Lane and there does appear to be a lot more vehicles on the site together with an existing garage**

- 28. Reports, Complaints, Concerns from Councillors** - not addressed at the beginning of the Meeting
- 1) Scrambling bikes are a nuisance in the evenings and weekends on land south of Freemans Lane, between Charnock Richard and Coppull. Councillor Cornwell is happy to attend a site meeting.
 - 2) There is a sunken grid on Church Lane, opposite the Charter Lane junction, which was missed when LCC completed remedial work to other sunken grids in the Parish.
 - 3) It seems some dog owners are ignoring the signs on Mossie Close playing fields which state that dogs must be kept on a lead. The Chorley Council Neighbourhood Officer will be asked to patrol and enforce the wording on the signs.
 - 4) The Lengthsman will be asked to cut the hedges under the hanging baskets on the Charnock Richard sign on Preston Road, opposite Croston Lane.
 - 5) Once the new planters on Mill Lane have been planted the issue of watering these will need to be addressed. It was suggested that the Lengthsman could borrow barrels and a vehicle to transport them from Pole Green Nurseries.
 - 6) The horse warning sign still needs re-attaching higher up the pole near the Church Lane/Delph Lane junction. Councillor Shaw will be asked to attend to this.
 - 7) Councillor Brennand confirmed that his hedges will be cut as soon as it is permissible to do so.
 - 8) It was reported that the large litter bin at the top of Dob Brow has been replaced.
 - 9) Councillor Heaton enquired whether it is possible to apply for some of the brown tourism signs to indicate where Charnock Richard Football Club is as there will be visiting teams and spectators coming to the village now that the Football Team are going into a new league.
 - 10) The Lengthsman will be asked to remove the estate agents sign at the junction of Preston Road and Brook Lane and leave it at Councillor Heaton's for collection.
 - 11) The homeowner at Crosses Brow Farm will be asked to cut back overhanging hedges and trees on the A49 Preston Road.
 - 12) It was suggested that the wildflower planting on Mill Lane may not be successful as it is quite a large area which should have been rotivated, and the long grass and surface turf removed, prior to the wildflower seeds being sown. It was confirmed that the ground had been well raked before the seeds were sown approx. 2-3 weeks ago.
- 29. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies – Website** - It was agreed that the Clerk will forward details of Parish Council representation on Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies for display on the website. It was suggested that there could be a news archive page. It was reported that the website co-ordinators are looking into a link on the website to MisterWhat and, will be suggesting that a page be created for Charnock Voice. Councillor Walmsley reported that she had posted on the Charnock Richard Community Facebook page details of the consultation results in relation to the Community Centre and details of upcoming events such as the Scarecrow Festival with a link for the event. Councillor Walmsley will also be putting monthly posts on Facebook following Council Meetings as a means of keeping people who use social media up to date.
- 30. Best Kept Village Competition and Best Kept Garden Competition** – Action required for both competitions – Councillor Walmsley will post details of both competitions on the Facebook page. The Lengthsman will be asked to clear and weed kill the small area of land which he cleared on Church Lane near the Robin Close junction. The Lengthsman will be asked to clean the bus shelter on Chorley Lane, opposite the Hinds Head – Councillor Cheetham has a generator and a power washer which the Lengthsman can borrow if required. The Lengthsman will be asked to weed the planted beds at Delph Gardens. Councillor Cornwell agreed to look at Delph Gardens and assist with weeding whilst Councillor Brennand agreed that Delph Gardens would be replanted before the next Parish Council Meeting.
- 31. Gateway Planting** – Mill Lane/Preston Road junction – Update – Outlined earlier in the Meeting.
- 32. Orchard Gardens & Mossie Close Projects** – Update – The Clerk confirmed that a site Meeting has been arranged with Chorley BC Officer, Simon Forster, to try to progress both projects to the planning stage. Councillor Heaton also agreed to attend the site meeting.

33. Parish Council Newsletter – To agree content and confirm going to print – It was agreed that Councillors would read the draft and forward any observations to the Clerk for alteration prior to going to print. Distribution for delivery will take place at the July Parish Council Meeting.

34. Planning – The Council will be required to make observations on the following applications:

- 1) 16/00412/FULHH – Erection of detached garage to rear (part retrospective). 23 Church Lane, Charnock Richard – **Resolved – No objections.**
- 2) 16/00439/ADV – Two externally illuminated fascia signs and two externally illuminated freestanding signs. Bowling Green Inn, Preston Road, Charnock Richard – **Resolved – No objections provided the lights for the externally illuminated signs do not compromise highway safety for motorists on the A49 Preston Road.**
- 3) 16/00418/PDE – Erection of single storey rear extension. 71 Town Lane, Charnock Richard – **Resolved – No objections.**

35. Accounts

Accounts for Payment:

Aon	Annual Insurance Premium		£531.50
Mrs C A Cross	Salary – (Net)		£621.68
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£106.32	
	NI due by Parish Council	£7.18	£113.50

Resolved: That the aforementioned Accounts are approved payments.

36. Lengthsman's Payment - Work undertaken this month totals 100 Hours @ £8.00 per hour = £800.00 + £202.16 materials. **Resolved: Total Paid £1002.16.** It was suggested that in future the Lengthsman be asked to detail where the materials are or have been used.

Next Meeting: Monday 4 July 2016

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 9.15pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

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

- a) Notification that on inspection of the public footpath from Chorley Lane through the golf course to Preston Road, the surface was found in an acceptable condition for public use and, as members of the public can pass each other conveniently LCC will not be increasing the width of the aggregate surface.
- b) Notification that inspections at public rights of way 25 and 26 have resulted in waymarker discs being installed on the timber post at the three way junction of the footpaths.
- c) Copy Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2016 Posters.
- d) Confirmation that the Farm Category has been removed from Certificates of Merit in the Best Kept Village Competition because some are quite often a distance away from the centre of the village where judges like to focus their inspections.
- e) Confirmation that a planning application was submitted by Taylor Wimpey for land off Charter Lane on 27th May. A hard copy to follow when the application has been validated.
- f) Exchanges of correspondence between the Borough Councillors and Story Homes indicating that the workshop will be held towards the end of June with wider public consultation in July.
- g) Update of correspondence from Mr Norris re: new junction at 42 Chorley Lane.
- h) Notification the next Borough Clerks Liaison Meeting will be 5 July at Chorley Town Hall.
- i) Brochure and Information from Independent Living.

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.