

# CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30 pm, in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

**Present:** Councillors A J Shaw (Chairman), Mrs A Bishop, Mrs J Ogden, J Hill, Ms C Jackson, Mrs E Butcher, G Brennand, H Heaton and A Cornwell. Also present Borough Councillors Whittaker and Ms Berry.

## **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 on the Chorley Council consultation on the Council Tax Support Scheme and how the proposals will affect Council Tax in Charnock Richard. If Chorley Council agree to remove the minimum payment of 7.5% for those in hardship this will result in a 12p increase for a band D property in Charnock Richard and will vary upwards and downwards of this amount for other bands. Councillor Whittaker reported that there is 1 site in Charnock Richard being considered for development as part of the Local Plan Consultation. It was reported that other sites are mentioned and have been put forward in the documentation, but this does not necessarily mean they will be accepted or included in the final document. It has been suggested, but not agreed yet as far as the Parish Council are aware, that Chorley Borough will have a smaller percentage of sites to release for development due to their overdevelopment during the past few years. Councillor Whittaker reported that he had spoken and voted against the proposals at Lancaster House Farm when it was considered and permitted by the Planning Committee.

Borough Councillor Berry – said she was glad Chorley Council had arranged a drop in session re: The Local Plan consultation in Charnock Richard. Councillor Berry agreed to notify the Parish Council if the percentages quoted for development in the Borough change. Councillor Berry confirmed that she had told County Councillor Iddon that he should attend a Parish Council Meeting. It was suggested that highway matters should be reported as soon as they are observed. LCC have said that they have assessed all the streets in the County. Councillor Berry has requested a copy of this information. It was confirmed that work to the footways on Charter Lane has commenced but is not finished and, what has been done, has been done poorly. It was reported that work to try to address flooding issues at the Preston Road/Town Lane junction has started today. It was suggested that information found on the LCC report a fault page is incorrect as some reported faults say they have been dealt with when they have not. Councillor Berry stated that there may be grants available towards community projects from the Southern Parishes Neighbourhood meetings. The Clerk explained that she had been informed today that the meetings and funding bids have been placed on hold pending the possible alteration to the areas following the forthcoming elections. It was confirmed that Councillor Heaton, the Parish Councils representative on the Southern Parishes committee is aware of what the Parish Council would like to bid for and can do so verbally if required.

A resident present wished the Parish Council a Happy New Year.

**103. Apologies** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Cheetham, Mrs Birchall and Mrs Watson.

**104. 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.**

**105. To Accept the draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019** - The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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.**

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

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

- a) Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation is open from 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 until 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – **Resolved – Observations will be submitted following discussions at the February Parish Council Meeting.**
- b) Reminder - drop in session for the Issues and Options Consultation at Charnock Richard Scout Hut on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, between 10am and 12 noon – **Noted.**
- c) Notification next Chorley Liaison Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm – **Noted. Councillor Cornwell to attend.**
- d) Info. from LALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2020 – Training Workshops for 2020 – **Councillors will check training dates and respond to the Clerk. Resolved – That as the Chairman and his wife attended the Buckingham Palace Garden Party last year, the Vice-Chairman and her husband will be nominated to attend the 2020 garden party.**
- e) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Consultation on proposed changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme from Chorley Council – **Following in-depth discussion on the proposed changes, voting Resolved – that the Parish Council do not support the proposed changes to the scheme.** ii) Consultation on progressing further digital inclusion classes across the Borough for 2020 – **Resolved – Councillor Bishop will pursue this.** iii) Notification that the Southern Parishes meetings and request for bids will be put on hold pending possible forthcoming changes to the areas – **Noted.** iv) Notification of the Mayor’s Charity Valentines Bollywood Ball, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Chorley Town Hall, £30 pp – **Councillors Heaton, Bishop and the Clerk will attend with their respective partners.**
- v) Invitation to the Chairman to attend the Lancashire Civic County Carol Service at Blackburn Cathedral in February – **The Council will send their apologies.**

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

- 1) The Lengthsman was thanked for sweeping the ginnell from Church Lane to Lichen Close, and the footway on Church Lane from the ginnell to the cafe.
- 2) Part of the public footpath off Delph Lane, from over the bridge near the Delph to the single track route to Roscoe House Farm, is very muddy and impassable.
- 3) Some of the grids on Charter Lane and Chorley Lane have been cleaned out.
- 4) There is a blocked grid near the driveway to the Almshouses on Church Lane.
- 5) There is a sunken grid on Church Lane, on the opposite side of the road to the school playground
- 6) The grid at the end of the school railings on Church Lane is full and needs emptying.
- 7) The Clerk will find out the response to the request for sensor controlled lights on the railway bridge on Church Lane.
- 8) The Lengthsman will be instructed to move the SPID plate to near Pole Green Nurseries and include this location as he moves the SPID around the village.
- 9) Councillor Heaton will again ask the owner of the car on the grass verge opposite the cafe on Church Lane to remove the vehicle.
- 10) Councillor Shaw will remind the contractor that the trunk of the fallen tree in Orchard Gardens still needs removing and the fence needs repairing.
- 11) Councillors Bishop and Butcher reported visiting Mrs B’s Pantry, the cafe on Church Lane, which is a good amenity in the Parish, is well stocked and appears to be very popular.
- 12) The Parish Council will write to congratulate Mr Andrew Turner on being awarded an MBE in the Queens Honours List.
- 13) Councillor Butcher reported that the Clerk will also be going to London next week to receive a British Citizen Award for her volunteer fundraising and work in the community.
- 14) Vehicles parking on the footways, and causing an obstruction, were reported on Leeson Avenue. It was agreed that photographs of vehicles causing an obstruction will be sent to the PCSO for action

- 15) The Council will request a reduction in the speed limit on Preston Road from Buy-a-Bike to Mill Lane. Councillors feel that sufficient changes in circumstances have taken place over the past few years to justify a reduction to 40mph. The speed of vehicles makes this route very dangerous.
- 16) It was reported that over the Christmas period speeding vehicles late at night on Chorley Lane returned. It was felt this could be due to students on holiday so, this will be monitored again at Easter with a view doing a log over the 6 week summer holidays if necessary.
- 17) It was confirmed that parking at school seems to be more considerate at the moment.
- 18) Laurel Hedges at The Oaks, Preston Road, need cutting down to the height of the fence as they are obstructing sightlines out of Hunters Lodge.
- 19) The Lengthsman will be asked to spade back overgrowth on the footway on Mill Lane.
- 20) The Parish Council involvement in collecting new underwear for Donation to SAFE will be included in the Parish Council editorial in the Chronicle.
- 21) Work to improve the condition of the footways on Charter Lane has not been completed.
- 22) It was reported that the builder working on Charter Lane is leaving large builders rubble bags on the footway, which not only obstructs the footway but is considered dangerous.
- 23) The edges of the footpath across the grass at the junction of Leeson Avenue and Meadowlands remains a trip hazard requiring attention.
- 24) Lengthsman will be asked to remove the For Sale sign on the grass adjacent to 1 Willow Drive.
- 25) LCC has not been in contact re: flooding problems related to the culvert near the Crematorium.
- 26) Numerous large pot-holes require urgent attention in the lay-by on Chorley Lane.

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

**110. Orchard Gardens** – The current position with the fallen tree was discussed. It was reported that bulbs planted in October are now coming up. Trees have been replanted and are all now looking healthy and have been fertilised. Benches on the Orchard which have been treated a few times already are looking better than those which have not. It was **Resolved** – **that Councillor Bishop can now go ahead and order soil for delivery.** Councillors agreed that ideally 2 further quotations are required for the work to create the car park and new access before a decision is made.

**111. Planning** – The Council will be required to make observations on the following application/s:

- 1) 19/01034/FUL – Demolition of existing garage and construction of 2no. semi-detached dwellings. 27 Charter Lane, Charnock Richard – **Observations required before the Meeting. Circulated to Councillors – Resolved – No Objections.**
- 2) 19/01172/S106A – Request under Section 106A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and the Town and Country Planning (Modification and Discharge of Planning Obligations) Regulations 1992 to modify a planning obligation (Affordable Housing) dated 31 October 2014. Land 60M north to the rear of 34-42 and including 42 Chorley Lane, Charnock Richard – **Resolved – The Council object to the application to modify the proposals to remove the affordable housing status from the unit at this site. The Council would suggest that Chorley Council invest in, and manage, this unit to provide a much needed affordable home in the village. This could fulfil a housing need and mean that a young person, or family, would not need to leave the village to find a home.**

**112. Accounts**

Accounts for Payment:

Lea Hough & Co	Rent for Orchard Gardens	£100.00	
Lea Hough & Co	Rent for land adjacent to Orchard Gardens	£25.00	£125.00
CR Charity Trustees	Rent for Mossie Close play area		£100.00
MC & MA Stewart Haulage Ltd	Salt for grit boxes		£105.00
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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 is accepted.**

**113. Lengthsman's Payment** - Work undertaken this month, 5 weeks, 125 Hours @ £8.80 per hour = £1,100.00. **Resolved: Total Paid £1,100.00.**

Next Meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 - 6.45 pm Budget Meeting  
- 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

The Clerk asked Councillors to consider the date of the May 2020 Meeting which is usually moved back to the second Monday in the month due the Bank Holiday. This year the May Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to coincide with 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VE Day celebrations. **Resolved – The May Parish Council Meeting will be held on the first Monday in May, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**

Meeting Closed: 9.25 pm

Chairman:

Date:

## **REPORT 1**

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

- a) Notification conditions No. 3 (Ground condition survey), 4 (Landscaping), 6 (Facing Materials), 9 (Ground surfacing materials), 11 (off road parking spaces), 13 (fences and walls) of planning permission 11/00599/FUL which permitted the demolition of the existing detached bungalow and its replacement with two detached dwellings. 29 Charter Lane, have been discharged.
- b) Info. from PCSO Featherstone about a free app called Hollie Guard, which allows phone users to set up an alert system if they are in a situation where they feel unsafe eg: being followed. Once the app is set up, just shake your phone which will send an emergency text with your exact location to your chosen contact. Shake again and a high decibel alarm is emitted.

#### **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.