

# CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

**Present:** Councillors A J Shaw (Chairman), Mrs A Bishop, J Hill, Mrs J Ogden, Mrs L Birchall, A Cornwell, L Cheetham, H Heaton, Ms Jackson and G Brennand. Also present Borough Councillors Whittaker and Mrs 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 Berry – reported that she has complained about the changes to the planned Neighbourhood Meetings. She suggested that the Parish Council look at their ideas, plans, projects and aspirations, outlining why they are important and the benefits they will have, when submitting funding requests. Councillor Berry agreed to forward possible funding opportunities to the Clerk. Councillor Berry reported on the recent Police priorities in Coppull where there have been some major issues over the past few months. The Police initiatives to resolve these were successful and resulted in arrests. It was stressed that policing issues need to be reported as they occur to obtain the best response and results. The Council reported that the footways on Charter Lane remain an issue and are as yet unfinished.

Borough Councillor Whittaker – congratulated the Clerk on her recent British Citizen Award. With regard to Precept discussions earlier Councillor Whittaker reported that Chorley Council do care about the Parishes within the limited resources they have. He further confirmed that he has raised the issue of access to the Youth Zone from rural areas. Also, that the proposals for the remodelling of the golf course at The Laurels have been approved and expressed his disappointment at this and reported that he has raised the importance of the Environment Agency monitoring the inert waste brought on to the site going forward. With regard to the revised local plan consultation, Councillor Whittaker reported that all the site suggestions need to be monitored over the next few years and that, whilst they are all Green Belt at the moment this needs to be carefully monitored for any proposed changes in the future. He reported that LCC are proposing a 3.9% increase in Council Tax with 2% of that increase going into Adult Social Care. Chorley Councils budget will be determined later this month.

Residents present confirmed that LCC have installed another manhole in the A49 near Town Lane but they do not feel it is in the right place to solve the problem. The Council will ask LCC what work has been undertaken and if there is any further work proposed. The pavement in front of Kingsthorpe, Preston Road, is very uneven as a result of tree root growth. Regarding the site suggestion in the local plan consultations off Charter Lane, it was suggested that it is larger than in the past. It was confirmed there is no change to the proposed development site from previous years.

1. **Apologies** - Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs Watson and Mrs Butcher.
2. **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 – **Councillor Brennand declared an interest in Correspondence item j). No further declarations were made at this point however Councillors will declare them should they arise in the Meeting.**
3. **To Accept the draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020** - The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 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.**
4. **Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 4) – Agreed. It was reported that the public footpath sign off Delph Lane has finally been replaced.

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

- a) Reminder that the 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** – **The Council comment as follows:**  
**19C088 (land off Charter Lane) - The Council are aware that this piece of land has been earmarked for development for some time and would support a small development on this site in line with the policy that Charnock Richard is suitable for small developments and infill only. Therefore, provided the proposal is for a small development and there is no increase to the density of any proposed development on this site, the Parish Council accept this site for inclusion in the forthcoming Local Plan provided that highway safety is not compromised, the access to the site is safe and adequate and significant drainage work is undertaken as part of any proposals to ensure that any development of the site will not detrimentally impact on existing drainage to homes located around, and in close proximity, to the development site. 19C004 (land off Chorley Lane, between Charnock Richard & Coppull) - The Council object to any proposed development on this land as it is Green Belt land and should be protected as such at all costs. 19C122 – (Camelot) - The Council object to development on this land as the site is not sustainable due to poor infrastructure, significant drainage issues, poor transport links and inadequate access to facilities and amenities. The whole site is washed over by Green Belt and should be maintained as such. 19C181 (land r/o Pole Green Nurseries) - The Council object to development of this site. The Council would also like to request that this site be removed from the site suggestions as the owner of the site would like it to be withdrawn and he has confirmed that he has no intention of developing the site in the future.**
- b) Notification Chorley Neighbourhood Area Meetings scheduled for January and February have been cancelled. Meeting in June/July will go ahead for the moment – **Noted.**
- c) Update on progress with work to footways on Charter Lane – **Noted. It was reported that the day footpath patching was undertaken one of the cottages on Charter Lane was flooded, a blocked drain was located and work undertaken to hopefully prevent this happening again.**
- d) Confirmation LCC are investigating a blocked gully on Preston Road causing flooding – **Noted.**
- e) Notification from LCC that permission has been granted for LCC/2019/0054 – Remodelling of Charnock Richard Gold Course, Preston Road, Charnock Richard – **Noted.**
- f) Invitation to attend an information evening in relation to the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 7.30 pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall – **Noted.**
- g) Notification of and request for observations on the LCC – Budget Consultation 2020/21 – **The Council support the proposed additional 2% into adult social care.**
- h) Notification of and request to join in the Great British Spring Clean, 20 March-13 April 2020 – **The Council think this is a good idea and Councillor Jackson feels it is something that could be an ongoing project in the village rather than just once a year for the Great British Spring Clean. Borough Councillor Berry reported that it is a good way to get the community involved, to suggest and target grot spots in the village. Councillor Berry offered to produce leaflets. The Scouts & Guides could be encouraged to take part and help with the clean up. This will be on the next Agenda for further discussion.**
- i) Notification of/request for observations on the Liverpool John Lennon Airport proposed airspace changes – potential changes to routes taken departing from and arriving at the Airport – **Noted.**
- j) Enquiry re: when the hedge at Pole Green Nurseries will be re-instated – **It was confirmed by Mr Brennan that the hedge will be re-planted in the next week or two and be in place before the next Parish Council Meeting.**
- k) Facebook content – **Disappointment was again expressed about incorrect posts on the facebook page potentially disclosing personal information on an inappropriate forum. It was also felt that some of the posts can be quite provocative. Facebook should be used as a Notice Board, a way of sharing useful information and can be a very productive tool if used correctly. Any Parish Council related posts should be done with the agreement and approval of the Parish Council. It was agreed that in the future Facebook content will only be allowed by Parish Councillors Jackson, Butcher, Watson and Bishop. All comments, posts or information will be approved prior to posting and these Councillors will police the**

**facebook page to ensure that everything is vetted and approved and complies with any Data Protection Legislation. This will be discussed further at the next Meeting.**

- l) Info. from LALC – **Councillors and the Clerk will check on dates and availability for New Councillors training courses.**
- m) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Car on the grass verge opposite Mrs M's cafe – **Councillor Heaton confirmed the car owner has been told. Councillor Shaw confirmed that if necessary he can have the car removed.** ii) Update on request for traffic lights on the railway bridge on Church Lane – **The Clerk confirmed that following the reported concerns of the Parish Council additional signage will be fitted on Church Lane. LCC could not confirm what the sign would say, which side of the bridge it will be fitted or when it will be fitted. As no action had been taken by LCC with regard to the request for traffic lights a further request was made.** iii) Councillor Cheetham's play area inspection report – **Items were reported and noted. Councillor Hill will share the responsibility for undertaking and reporting back on the inspections with Councillor Cheetham.** iv) VE Day Celebrations 8-10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – **Bunting will be purchased and possibly a flag for the memorial garden. Any other ideas will be reported back to the Council.**

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

- 1) Additional signage will be requested warning motorists travelling south from the Bowling Green on the A49 of the approaching junctions on the A49 with Church Lane and Brook Lane.
- 2) A request that the speed limit on the whole of the A49 through Charnock Richard should be 40mph will be submitted. LCC will be asked what they are doing to mitigate speeding on this route.
- 3) Councillor Jackson suggested starting a more frequent litter pick, as a community event, involving the school and the school children in looking after the village. Councillor Jackson may be willing to co-ordinate this with the assistance of the Parish Council.
- 4) Dog fouling on Chorley Lane and Neargates is once again an issue. Those allowing this to happen are known in the village and the Parish Council will write to them if their names and addresses are acquired. The Lengthsman will be asked to put a sign up on Neargates/Southgates.
- 5) The book exchange in the telephone box at the Hinds Head needs more regular attention. Councillor Jackson is happy to do this, changing and removing books as necessary to keep it tidy.
- 6) There is again an issue with motorbikes on Town Lane, however, it is difficult to get the registration numbers as the number plates are so small as to be unreadable. Report to the PCSO.
- 7) Reported that vans were also seen going Town Lane just after Christmas, parents taking children with motorbikes possibly as Christmas presents. This will be monitored.
- 8) There is a blocked gully flooding the road on Park Hall Road, near Stocks Lane.
- 9) A damaged drain under the road on Chorley Lane continues to cause flooding to the farmers field.
- 10) The junction of Church Lane/Charter Lane was again flooded during recent heavy rainfall.
- 11) The footway on Mill Lane, from the services to Park Hall Road, needs spading back.
- 12) The very narrow carriageway on Chisnall Lane, Heskin, is eroding away with deep ruts at the edges of the carriageway which has never been kerbed and is now considered very dangerous.
- 13) It was confirmed that there are no dog fouling issues on Freemans Lane.
- 14) It was reported that traffic speeds have slowed down now that the Lengthsman has put the SPID near Pole Green Nurseries.
- 15) It was reported that drugs are changing hands on Delph Lane. A red car is regularly parked there with exchanges being made through car windows. This will be reported to the PCSO.
- 16) It was confirmed that there is no protection order in place for shrubs in front gardens on Nursery Close. It would appear that there is a neighbour dispute occurring in relation to this at the moment.

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

- 8. Precept 2020/2021 - Resolved: Following detailed discussions at the Budget Meeting held prior to this Meeting, the Parish Council agreed a Parish Requirement of £30,000.00 for the 2020/2021 financial year is required. This figure will include the top up grant from the Borough Council of £345.00. Therefore, the Parish Precept will be £29,655.00 + the Top up Grant of £345.00 = £30,000.00.**

9. **Orchard Gardens** – update and current position. The fallen tree has been removed and the fence mended, the Council will thank Rob from IP Jones for his help with both these matters. All the trees planted last year are now established and bulbs are beginning to come up for this year. The Clerk suggested that the Community Picnic in the Orchard Garden could be timed to coincide with VE Day Celebrations between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of May. This was agreeable to the Parish Council.

10. **Planning** – The Council made the observations detailed on the following application/s:

- 1) 20/00033/FULHH – Single storey side extension including attached garage (following demolition of existing detached garage); formation of new vehicular access. 2 Lichen Close, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections provided highways officers approve the location of the proposed new access.**
- 2) 20/00061/FULHH – Proposed single storey front and side extension to existing built-in garage. Ingledene, Preston Road, Charnock Richard. **Resolved – No Objections.**

## 11. **Accounts**

### Accounts for Payment:

Chorley Council	Grass Cutting Leeson Avenue & Orchard Gardens	£179.10
SLCC	Website Accessibility Training for the Clerk (50%)	£20.00
CPRE	Annual Subscriptions	£36.00
Turf Farm Services Ltd	Soil for Orchard Gardens	£250.00
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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 is accepted.**

The Clerk reported on her attendance on the Website Accessibility training course. The Council will need to be compliant with website accessibility legislation by September 2020. The Clerk and Councillor Butcher will be working on this over the summer months with a view to producing a website accessibility statement and ensuring that the Parish Council website is compliant.

12. **Lengthsman's Payment** - Work undertaken this month, 4 weeks, 100 Hours @ £8.80 per hour = £880.00. **Resolved: Total Paid £880.00.**

Next Meeting: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 - 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting  
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:**

- a) Confirmation your report that a section of footpath No. 15, off Delph Lane is impassable is being investigated.
- b) Confirmation your report that the surface of footpath No. 18, the Mosses, is eroding away and falling into the ditch adjacent, and the smell from the ditch, are being investigated.
- c) Reminder invitation to the Parish & Town Council Conference, Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020n Penwortham.

#### **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.