

# CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1 February 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

**Present:** A J Shaw (Chairman), J Hill, Mrs J Ogden, A Cornwell, Mrs A Bishop, Miss E Walmsley, J Taylor, G Brennand, H Heaton, L Cheetham and M Almond.

## **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)

**Public Present Reported** – the poor condition of the carriageway at the Mill Lane/Park Hall Road junction. The grids on Church Lane have all sunk and the tarmac is breaking up in several places, particularly near the railway bridge and the boarding kennels/school. On inspection on 13/1/16 it was reported that approx. 85% of the gullies in the Parish are blocked. It was reported that some gully sucking was undertaken over the weekend and, manholes appeared to be being inspected today. There is a very large pot-hole on the A49 near Town Lane and the manhole has sunk in the carriageway causing a noise nuisance when motorists cross it. Many feel that cars are being damaged by sunken grids and pot-holes. Sunken gullies also present a serious danger to cyclists and motorcyclists forced to use the edge of the carriageway when cars are parked outside school. Carriageway repairs in the past have been done poorly and now the situation is much worse and, LCC do not have sufficient funds to rectify this. Flooding on Park Hall Road was lifting grids and is washing the tarmac away as the rain has been constant for so long. The large holding tanks installed cannot cope with the volume of rainfall and when they are full that is it, the water backs up and flooding occurs. The tanks empty slowly when the rain stops but the persistent rain over a long period of time has prevented this from happening.

It was reported that, on investigation by LCC, the culvert at the rear of the bench at the junction of Church Lane/Preston Road, had collapsed. This has now been repaired and hopefully flooding at the junction of Church Lane/Charter Lane will not be as much of a problem.

In her absence the Clerk read aloud Councillors Mrs Pilling's reports – Street light number 12/13 on Butterworth Brow is on all the time. On Dob Brow, opposite Sharratts Path, the first four drainage grids are blocked with tarmac. They appear to have been raised and repaired but the debris then appears to have been swept into the grid. Carriageway reinstatement on Church Lane, near the railway bridge, is breaking up and, pot-holes in the carriageway near school and near Orchard Gardens are also a problem.

124. **Apologies** - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs Pilling (treatment), and Borough Councillors Whittaker and Leadbetter (both have prior commitments).
125. **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 made at this point however, Councillors will declare them should they arise in the Meeting.**
126. **To Accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4 January 2016** - The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4 January 2016 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and it was **Resolved: The Minutes were accepted as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.**
127. **Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 5) – ACCEPTED. Councillor Heaton confirmed that he did receive the LCC reserves information from County Councillor Holgate but, it was not for this year's reserves but previous years reserves. Councillor Taylor confirmed that LCC now use "Best Value" when choosing service providers.
128. **Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:**

- a) Notification that Taylor Wimpey are proposing to hold a further public consultation event on 9 March 2016 at the Football Club, before submitting an outline application – **Councillor Heaton suggested the public consultation would be better held on a Thursday due to existing football club commitments on other nights of the week. It was suggested that parking congestion on Charter Lane could be eased by use of the access road to the proposed development. Development of this site may also assist the Parish Council in progressing with additional parking on land adjacent to Orchard Gardens. Resolved – The Parish Council will invite a representative/s of Taylor Wimpey to the March Parish Council Meeting to outline their proposals and, so that the Parish Council may have an input, whilst also allowing members of the public present to raise issues. The Council will ask that Taylor Wimpey give suitable notice of the public consultation date, time and venue.**
- b) Current position with Story Homes site at Camelot, info. sent via the Borough Councillors – **Resolved – The Parish Council will invite a representative/s to attend a future Parish Council Meeting to discuss their proposals for the site.**
- c) Invitation to attend VIP AGM on Tues. 22 March 2016 at 7pm at Bateman Hall, Eccleston – **A reminder about this will be placed on the next Agenda.**
- d) Notification Chorley Councils revised ‘Validation Criteria for Planning Applications’ has been updated and, with effect from 1 April planning applications must be submitted online – **Noted.**
- e) LCC Countryside Consultation – **There are no affected areas in the Parish – Noted.**
- f) Letter of introduction from GD Funding Ltd who may be able to assist Parish Councils, and other community groups, access funding to support local projects or the Parish Council directly – **Resolved – This information will be forwarded to Mrs Stewart and the Community Centre Trust Committee and that a representative of GD Funding Ltd will be invited to attend the next Cross-Committee Meeting to provide advice and information on funding sources/bids.**
- g) Info. from LALC – Notification of a free Insurance workshop on Wednesday 6 April 2016, 7pm-9pm, at Howick House. Request via LALC to see if Parishes are interested in Tree Warden Training. Notification the next Area Committee Meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 4 February at Chorley Town Hall. Confirmation Councillor Almond is booked on the play area inspections and risk assessment workshop being delivered in March and, that it may be possible to book a second Councillor on this workshop numbers permitting. **Councillors Shaw, Cheetham and Mrs Bishop expressed an interest in attending Tree Warden Training.**
- h) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Confirmation that there are no longer any dog waste bins in the Parish and that the previously issued invoice has been cancelled – **Noted.**

**129. Reports, Complaints, Concerns from Councillors - not addressed at the start of the Meeting:**

- 1) Pot holes on Southgates, 10m from the junction with Chorley Lane, still require attention.
- 2) There is a large, deep, section of the carriageway near the railway bridge on Church Lane, where a metal plate is clearly visible, which requires urgent attention as it is considered a dangerous defect.
- 3) Speeding on Chorley Lane is again an issue. It was suggested that some kind of deterrent could be introduced eg: cardboard cut outs of Police in high viz jackets. It was confirmed that, when the SPID was placed on Chorley Lane it had no impact on motorist’s speeds along the lane.
- 4) Dog fouling is again an increasing problem – in the gunnel from Meadowlands through to Leeson Avenue and on Church Lane. It was suggested that the purchase and location of dog bag dispensers at various locations in the Parish could help with the problem. Councillors confirmed that irresponsible dog owners need to be confronted, reported and action should be taken, to deter other dog owners from allowing their dogs to foul footways, playing fields, play areas and public places.
- 5) The carriageway on Charter Lane remains in a very poor state of repair.
- 6) Food waste recently fly tipped on Town Lane but was removed promptly by Chorley Council.
- 7) The horse sign for Delph Lane remains at the foot of the post on Church Lane.
- 8) Why did LCC decide to block the whole village off when working on Chorley Lane recently? It appears, lack of thought and lack of knowledge of the village layout, were the problems.
- 9) It was stressed, if the Council intends to proceed with the raised planted beds on Mill Lane this year, progress needs to be made. Permission to locate these still needs to be granted by LCC and, it appears certain procedures need to be followed to create/plant a wildflower verge on Mill Lane.

- 10) It was suggested the proposed car park adjacent to Orchard Gardens could be abused by the tenants of the vicarage as they appear to have a lot of vehicles on the property. Concern was expressed that they may be running a business from there. There are sometimes 10-12 white vans on the site. It was confirmed that they are not there at the moment. This will be monitored.
- 11) The gully pot on the A49 near the junction with German Lane is blocked.
- 12) Councillor Taylor will follow up the issue of the blocked pipe crossing German Lane.
- 13) It was reported that the bottle bank on the Hinds Head car park is never emptied, is corroded, dangerous and needs emptying and replacing. Councillor Shaw will pursue this.
- 14) The Parish Council would like to thank Joe Noblett for donating the Christmas tree outside the Parish Rooms and Thomas Stafford for erecting it this year. Councillors Hill and Leadbetter were thanked for taking the tree down as Councillor Heaton was on holiday.

**130. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies – Almshouse Meeting – attended by Councillor Mrs Ogden who reported that all the Almshouses are almost let. Chorley Liaison Meeting – Councillor Taylor is unable to attend the Meeting on 16 March 2016. If no-one can attend the Clerk will submit apologies. Southern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting – attended by Councillor Almond who reported that progress needs to be made with the Orchard Gardens project. The Clerk, having read the draft minutes of the Meeting, asked why there was a mention of funding available when the Parish Council were not aware of this, despite having asked for financial assistance towards this project when it was first submitted for consideration. Community Centre Trust – The Chairman, Councillor Shaw, reported his discussions with Mrs Stewart in relation to work which is required to the chimney stacks and the bell tower. It was confirmed that the barometer reflects funds raised towards Phase I of the refurbishment of the building. Therefore, it may be necessary to source funds from elsewhere to undertake this work as money cannot be taken from the fundraising pot. Councillor Heaton, as Chairman of the Community Centre Trust said that this work, if completed now, will not need to form part of the Phase I refurbishments. Therefore, he believes it may be necessary to ask the Parish Council for an advance of some of the money budgeted by the Parish Council towards the refurbishment costs to pay for the work. The Chairman stressed that this is the reason the Cross-Committee Meetings are held so that problems of this nature can be discussed. It was reported that the Community Centre Trust are now obtaining costings for the work to the chimney stacks and bell tower. A Cross-Committee Meeting will be held in the very near future to discuss progressing this matter.**

**131. Mossie Close Play Area & s106 Funding – The Clerk confirmed that, having made further enquiries, the £42,756.00 s106 money is available for Mossie Close play area for 2016/17. The money is to bring a new element to the play area to provide facilities for older young people and to fill, what in Chorley Councils opinion is, a gap in the existing provision at this site. Final plans will be dictated by the outcome of a consultation, to be undertaken by the Parish Council, with the offer of help to shape a consultation from Chorley Council. It was also suggested by Chorley Council that the Parish Council submit a higher funding bid than the monies available depending on what the Parish Council want to achieve at the site – **Resolved – The Parish Council will accept the offer of assistance with shaping a consultation and, once the responses have been collated, a plan will be formulated. The provision of a zip-wire seems a popular choice, however, the insurance implications of this type of equipment will need to be assessed.****

**132. Orchard Gardens Project & s106 Funding – Councillor Taylor questioned whether it is in-fact possible to get both CIL and s106 money from the same development. Further discussions highlighted the fact that this project could be broken down into Phases, possibly over 2 or 3 years, thereby enabling at least some work to start on Orchard Gardens in the 2016/17 financial year. It may also be possible to tap into the Neighbourhood Fund at Chorley Council each year to progress the phases. As the provision of a bandstand seems to have proved controversial it was suggested that the plans submitted to Chorley Council show a paved area instead, without any structure on it which, could if necessary be added in the future. Planting of this site could be in the form of memorial planting for relatives and friends and, could assist with landscaping and planting costs.**

**133. Precept 2016/2017 - Resolved: Following detailed discussions at the Budget Meeting held prior to this Meeting, the Parish Council will Precept for £28,000.00 for the 2016/2017 financial year. This figure will include the top up grant from the Borough Council of £345.00.**

**134. Request for Entry and Nominations for the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2016**  
- The Parish Council confirmed that Charnock Richard and Welch Whittle will be entered again this year and listed the specific properties to be nominated for certificates of merit in the various categories. Nominees will be informed and competition entry forms submitted in due course.

**135. Planning** – The Council were required to make observations on the following applications:  
15/01186/FUL – The Clerk circulated details of the amendments to this application as a decision was required before the February Meeting – Erection of a two storey rear extension including the insertion of two Juliet balconies, erection of side porch extension. Erection of detached garage and the formation of a new vehicular and pedestrian access. Gate House, Preston Road, Charnock Richard. **Resolved** – **The Councils observations remain unchanged. No Objections.**  
16/00061/FULHH – Erection of two separate single storey side extensions including living accommodation in the roof space and a single storey front extension. Gateacre, Brook Lane, Charnock Richard. **Resolved** – **No Objections.**

### **136. Accounts**

#### Accounts for Payment:

Lancs. Best Kept Village Competition – Entry Fee (Charnock Richard)	£25.00
Lancs. Best Kept Village Competition – Entry Fee (Welch Whittle)	£15.00
Mrs C A Cross                      Salary – (Net)	£511.57
HM Revenue & Customs        Tax due by Clerk	£57.40
Chorley Council                    Mayor’s Charity – Donation	£60.00
Pole Green Nurseries            Planting Delph Gardens	£92.76

**Resolved: That the aforementioned Accounts are approved payments.**

**137. Lengthsman’s Payment** - 100 Hours @ the hourly rate of £7.88 per hour = £788.00. **Resolved:**  
**Total Paid £788.00.** Lengthsman’s report - Grit bin near Mossie Close play area is almost empty.

Next Meeting: Monday 7 March 2016

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 9.45pm

Chairman:

Date:

### **REPORT 1**

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

- Notification of a temporary prohibition of through traffic over specific lengths of Chorley Lane, Charnock Richard, between 9.30am and 3.30pm on Sunday 31 January 2016 to enable repairs to damaged inspection chambers to be carried out.
- Letter of introduction from JRB FastCut – Big Area Groundcare.
- A copy of ROSPA’s current playground inspection brochure and training brochure.

#### **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.