

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3 November 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

Present: Councillors A J Shaw, M Almond, A Cornwell, Mrs J Ogden, J Hill, L Cheetham, J Taylor, Mrs A Bishop and G Brennand. Also present County Councillor Holgate and Borough Councillor Leadbetter.

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 – Thanked the Parish Council, on behalf of the Scarecrow Festival Committee and Pre-school, for their Donations. Following a report last month the Police have now visited the School to discuss. Can the school be asked to cut the overgrown hedges on Charter Lane.
County Councillor Holgate – Continues to pursue the highway matters reported by the Parish Council as he is copied into the reports. Some of these matters are ongoing and he will request that work be scheduled so it will happen eventually. Councillor Holgate confirmed he has some of his grant allowance left which charitable organisations can apply for. It was suggested something may be required in the Parish Rooms/Community Centre.

Parish Councillors – No response has been received to the previously reported faulty interactive speed sign on Dob Brow therefore, if LCC do not want to repair it they will be asked to remove it. The request that double yellow lines be extended on Church Lane to meet up with existing ones at the Church Lane/Leeson Avenue junction has also received no response. Parked cars at this location are compromising highway safety for other motorists. This has been continually reported by Councillor Leadbetter at PACT Meetings. Councillor Holgate reported that LCC has staffing issues. The gully at the bottom of Dob Brow is surcharging on to the carriageway which will be dangerous if temperatures drop. Councillor Taylor will pursue this matter. Gullies on Town Lane have now been cleared. The road surface on Town Lane needs attention as it is breaking up. Parked vehicles on the bend on Chorley Lane in front of the terraced houses make it dangerous for other motorists who have to cross on to the other side of the carriageway to avoid them. Sheeted lorry's continue to enter and leave the waste transfer station site on Town Lane. It would appear the site is slowly being cleared. Complaints have once again been received relating to the number of cars, some of which are advertised for sale, on the verge at the junction of Preston Road and Mill Lane. Some park here and car share to and from work whilst some also park on the motorway bridge. The parked vehicles sometimes prevent the grass cutter from cutting the grass verges properly. Borough Councillor Leadbetter has suggested planting this area and the Parish Council agree with this proposal. Councillor Taylor reported that it may be possible to request white marker pegs from LCC to prevent motorists from going on the grass verge. Councillor Leadbetter confirmed that he has already planted some daffodil bulbs on Mill Lane. The Parish Council will discuss whether planters or additional planting is required at this site and on Chorley Lane at the December Meeting. The Parish Council will request assistance with parking at this location from Chorley Council enforcement officer. It was however reported that people are often encouraged to car share. It was also suggested that preventing parking on this land will merely displace the problem to another location. It was reported that the railway bridge on Chorley Lane is so badly corroded that it is possible to see through it in places. The Parish Council will question the structural stability of this corroding bridge.

93. Apologies - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs Pilling (prior meeting), H Heaton (holidays) and Borough Councillor Whittaker (holidays).

94. 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.**

95. **To Accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 October 2014** - The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6 October 2014 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting. **Resolved:** **The Minutes were accepted as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.**
96. **Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 4) – ACCEPTED. **Page 1** – It was agreed that Borough Councillor Whittaker be invited to brief the Parish Council on what he can assist with in his role as Rural Champion at Chorley Council.
97. **Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:**
- a) Work required following ROSPA play equipment inspection report – **Councillors Almond and Hill met on site and, following recommendations in the ROSPA report, Councillor Almond cut off the protruding bolts underneath the roundabout. The wooden boat requires remedial work to remove/replace rotten wood. Councillor Almond agreed to contact/meet with a contractor regarding welding work required to the swings. The Clerk will ask Ian Jones to contact Councillor Almond regarding repairs to the wooden boat and will contact Playdales regarding replacement swing seats & chains for the future. Resolved: Councillor Almond has the authority to arrange repairs as required with contractors.**
 - b) Update on Speeding/Traffic Calming on Chorley Lane – **Councillor Taylor reported that he had hoped to put the SPID on Chorley Lane for the whole of November and ask LCC to lay speed strips during that time in the hope that data collected by LCC, compared to data collected approx. 5 years ago when the speed strips were laid, would confirm the beneficial effects of a SPID on Chorley Lane as a traffic calming measure and, would support a Parish Council request for a permanent interactive speed sign on Chorley Lane. This did not go according to plan however, the Lengthsman has been asked to locate the SPID on Chorley Lane for the whole of November, alternating between the two SPID plates. Resolved: LCC will be asked to lay speed strips for 1 week in November to assess the benefits of the SPID. It was reported that Police enforcement has been present on Chorley Lane twice since the October Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk will request the results from the Police. Councillor Taylor reported a SPID in a different area which indicated speed in Green if travelling below the limit or in Red if the motorist exceeded the limit. He agreed to speak to Borough Councillor Whittaker in more detail on this matter.**
 - c) Request from Taylor Wimpey to attend the December Meeting to discuss with/make a presentation to, the Parish Council to explore the potential future working relationships with the community in connection with their site in the village – **Resolved: The Council will confirm that a 15 minute presentation followed by a 15-20 minute question and answer session will be permitted at the start of the meeting thereby enabling members of the public, Parish, Borough and County Councillors in attendance to take part in the discussions.**
 - d) Notification of, and request for observations on, the review of public rights of way improvement plan for Lancashire – (emailed to Councillors for perusal before the Meeting) – **Resolved: The Parish Council feel that the cycleway network needs improving and that there is a need for consistent provision of cycle ways in the Borough. Also, additional/enhanced provision of multi-user routes allowing greater access to rights of way for disabled users would be beneficial. Some areas eg: Birkacre and Astley Park has excellent provision for disabled users but, some rights of way in the Parish eg: The Mosses, could be upgraded for use by people with mobility problems and by parents with prams.**
 - e) Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026 Consultation on Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Show-people Schedule of proposed modifications October 2014 – (emailed to Councillors for perusal before the Meeting) – **Noted.**
 - f) Letter of introduction from the new Neighbourhood Team Manager in Chorley and request for submission of priorities for your neighbourhood for 2015/16 – **Resolved: The Clerk will remind the Neighbourhood Team Manager about the 2 priorities already submitted and accepted for continuance ie: Orchard Garden refurbishment Project including development of a car park adjacent and, Phase III Mossie Close Play Area ie: the inclusion of a MUGA. With regard to a future priority the Parish Council will suggest the refurbishment of the small outbuilding in the grounds of the Commemorative Garden**

adjacent to the School House on Charter Lane to create a secure storage facility associated with the maintenance and upkeep of the Commemorative Garden.

- g) Information on volunteering for the Royal Voluntary Service within Chorley – **This is a good idea however, the application process is not a simple one. Posters in the Notice Boards.**
- h) Report from Charnock Richard FC Youth Teams of a significant increase in dog fouling on the junior football pitch and play area – **Resolved: The Council will request that Chorley Council erect no dog fouling signs at the entrances to the play area/playing field and will request extra patrols. It was confirmed that a prosecution is required to make dog owners aware of the consequences associated with allowing their dog to foul. Councillor Shaw will arrange “No Dogs Allowed” signs and some editorial will be put in the Chronicle.**
- i) Offer of 1000 daffodil bulbs to plant in the grassed areas in the Parish from Chorley Council – **Resolved: Councillor Taylor will collect the bulbs and pass to the Lengthsman and Councillor Mrs Bishop for planting at the following locations: Welch Whittle Gardens, Meadowlands, near the bench on Chorley Lane opposite Charter Lane, on the S-bends on Chorley Lane and, near the Telephone Kiosk at the Hinds Head.**
- j) Info. from LALC - Minutes of the October Chorley Area Committee Meeting – Copy of powerpoint presentation on Superfast Broadband – Minutes of the 69th AGM and Agenda for the 70th AGM, Saturday 8 November 2014, 10am, County Hall, Preston – **Noted.**
- k) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Notification that VIP networking meeting will take place at 2pm on 27 November 2014 at Mere Sands Nature Reserve – **Noted.** ii) Confirmation the litter bin under the bridge on Town Lane has been relocated by the Lengthsman.

98. Reports, Complaints, Concerns from Councillors - not addressed at the beginning of the Meeting:

- 1) Councillor Cornwell thanked the Parish Council for arranging another successful Best Kept Garden Competition presentation evening which was enjoyed by everyone who attended.
- 2) Councillor Taylor reported on a radio item he heard recently indicating that the Home Office are thinking of bringing in legislation which will make it an offence to allow Japanese Knotweed to flourish on your own land. There was no indication of when this may come in to force.
- 3) Regarding Dog Fouling – in May 2014 Councillors Taylor and Heaton met with the caretaker of the Wigan Athletic site/Golf Course and relocated some of the litter bins on the public footpath through the site. The bins were also emptied at the same time. On a recent visit by Councillor Taylor it was reported that the bins are well used but will require emptying soon. Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Taylor pursue this matter and will replace the existing bin liners with heavy duty large wheelie bin liners. Councillor Mrs Bishop reported that tree works in the centre of the site had commenced today.
- 4) Following a report that signs indicating that The Mosses footpath is not a bridleway are no longer present Councillor Shaw agreed to arrange for new signs to be made.
- 5) Chorley Council has recently used a grass cutting flail to cut back overgrown hedges on Preston Road the results of which are terrible and the hedges look awful. This will be monitored.
- 6) The faulty street light on German Lane has been repaired.
- 7) The residents of 4 Church Lane have recently replaced their garden fence and the salt/grit bin is now in the middle of the footway. Councillor Heaton suggested that the residents of No.4 request that the salt/grit bin be re-located somewhere else. Following discussions it was agreed that the grit bin remain at this location and its use be monitored following changes to LCC gritting routes. The Lengthsman will be asked to push the grit bin to the back of the footway.

99. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies – Councillor Hill reported his attendance at a Peter Lathom Charity Meeting where discussions took place reducing the number of Trustees to cut costs however, as Trustees are not paid officers this will not reduce expenditure – Councillors Shaw, Hill and Mrs Ogden attended the Charity Trustees Meeting prior to this meeting and discussions regarding land ownership remain ongoing – Councillor Cornwell attended the LALC Area Committee Meeting at Adlington where discussions on superfast broadband took place.

100. Telephone Box – Chorley Lane, update – Councillor Shaw confirmed that Book Exchange signs are being made, Councillor Mrs Bishop will attend to the commemorative plaque. The Clerk confirmed that the painter has been instructed to paint the interior and exterior of the kiosk and that

Electricity North West will commence excavations for a new connection on Monday 17 November and hope to have finished everything ready for the electrical installation of the defibrillator by the 27 November. The Parish Council hope to publicise this facility through the Guardian and Chorley FM.

101. Parish Council Vacancy – It was confirmed that details of the vacancy have again been placed in the current edition of the Chronicle. The notices remain in the Notice Boards and some Councillors have directly approached people who they think may be interested in applying. The Clerk confirmed that, as all Parish Councillors will be up for re-election in May 2015, it is not absolutely necessary to appoint someone to fill the vacancy for such a short period of time. Councillors will try to network over the coming months and editorial in the Chronicle will raise awareness of the forthcoming elections in May in the hope that it will encourage members of the community to apply.

102. Remembrance Sunday – Invitation from the Mayor for Councillors to take part in the commemorations taking place on Sunday 9 November. The Clerk confirmed details of the Charnock Richard Remembrance Day Service which will commence at 10:30 am in Church and conclude with a procession to the Commemorative Garden adjacent to the Parish Rooms/Community Centre at approx. 11:40am where wreaths will be laid by Church, British Legion and Chairman of the Parish Council. The Clerk will arrange the Parish Council wreath. All Councillors are invited to attend.

103. Planning – Nothing to discuss.

104. Accounts

Accounts for Payment:

The Royal British Legion	Parish Council Wreath for Remembrance Sunday	£20.00
Trilogy Laser Craft Ltd	Plaques for Best Kept Garden Competition	£190.80
Andrew Whittaker	Payment for joinery work to the Telephone Kiosk	£346.00
Henry Nightingale & Son	Painting Play Equipment at Mossie Close Play Area	£387.00
Pole Green Nurseries	Payment for Best Kept Garden Comp. prizes	£180.00
Mrs C A Cross	Salary – (Net)	£479.67
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£62.00
Charnock Richard FC	Expenses for the Best Kept Garden Competition	£328.35

Resolved: That the aforementioned Accounts are approved payments.

105. Lengthsman's Payment - 100 hours @ £7.50 per hour = £750.00. **Resolved: Paid £750.00.**

Next Meeting: Monday 1 December 2014

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 9:50 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

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

- a) Notification permission granted for demolition of existing outrigger, erection of two storey side extension, amended canopy roof to front elevation and erection of detached double garage. The Oaks, Preston Road.
- b) Notification permission refused for internal alterations, demolition of existing stable and erection of 7 new stables. Little Wood End Farm, Back Lane.
- c) Notification of Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnership Annual Conference, Wednesday 29 October 9am-12.30pm, Chorley Town Hall.
- d) Notification Chorley Fairtrade Group Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 October, Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Chorley.
- e) Copy Chorley Ramblers programme of walks Nov-Feb – displayed in Notice Boards.

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.