

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5 October 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

Present: In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Councillor J Hill (Acting Chairman), Mrs J Ogden, A Cornwell, Mrs A Bishop, L Cheetham, J Taylor, Miss E Walmsley and G Brennan. Also present Borough Councillor 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)

Members of the public present – asked whether any information regarding the sale of the golf club had been received. The Council had nothing to report however, it was confirmed that there has been some activity recently and construction traffic has been seen on the site. Cars are parking in the entrance, they are either left by motorists car sharing or by people using the public rights of way through the site for dog walking. It was confirmed that grass on the rights of way through the site has not been cut.

Concern was expressed that the land may be described as previously developed land rather than as use which is permitted as an exception to development of Green Belt land and developers may try to take advantage of this. It was reported that all the gullies on the A49, in the vicinity of Town lane, have been cleaned out by LCC. Many residents feel that Charnock Richard does not appear to get anything, whilst other neighbouring villages have village halls or community centres. It was reported that a potential tenant was recently shown around the Almshouses however, decided not to move to Charnock Richard as there are no amenities in the village. It was confirmed that CIL money and s106 money may be available but, that much of this will be spent in Chorley Town Centre. It is up to the Parish Council and the community to persuade Chorley Council to channel some of this money where it is needed, into the Parish Rooms/Community Centre. The lack of facilities and amenities in the Parish means that many of the elderly residents are prisoners in their own homes. The feeling now is that we should have fought harder to retain the amenities eg: the Post Office. The village is fast becoming a commuter village.

Borough Councillor Whittaker – reported on recent editorial relating to Urban Warriors putting themselves at risk by walking on play equipment at the Camelot site. Since this report, security has been tightened. He also reported that a planning application has been submitted for the pruning of trees on the site. Investigations in to reports he received, relating to signs recently erected on the motorway service area access roads, to Chorley Council resulted in a referral back to LCC who, as the highways authority, are not aware of the signs. Councillor Taylor confirmed that he had seen and read the notices and is inclined to believe that they have been erected by Welcome Break to reinforce signage erected in previous years. Councillor Whittaker reported that the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for affordable homes on Doctors Lane, Eccleston, has been dismissed. No decision has as yet been given on the appeal against refusal of permission for affordable homes on Chorley Lane. Councillor Whittaker confirmed that Heskin Village Hall was originally a timber clad building and money was raised by the community in the 60's and 70's to replace the original building with the current one.

Councillor Heaton – In his absence the Clerk reported the following: - regarding the use of land at the rear of the Hinds Head, the Clerk will contact Admiral Taverns to request that the wooden shelters, tents and tarpaulins be removed before the new tenants take over. Councillor Heaton would like the Council to confirm with Chorley Council that the Parish Council will be putting the Phase III improvements to Mossie Close play area, possibly in the form of a MUGA, on hold whilst they concentrate on progressing with the Orchard Gardens project. Councillor Heaton would like the Council to ask the Lengthsman to remove leaves from the footways in front of Church on a weekly basis. This was agreed.

Borough Councillor Leadbetter – In his absence the Clerk reported the following: Confirmation that there is no decision yet on the appeal relating to the affordable homes on Chorley Lane. There has been an increase in dog fouling, particularly around school. This has been reported and the clean-up team from Chorley Council have attended whilst a request has also been raised for increased patrols from the

neighbourhood officer. Councillor Leadbetter has enquired whether the offer of daffodil bulbs will be available again this year from Chorley Council. Councillor Leadbetter confirmed that the planning application 15/00970/DIS is not to fell trees on the Camelot site but is for the planting proposal to replace the trees removed under planning application 13/01226/TPO.

Councillor Mrs Bishop – Reported, when removing trees last weekend in the memorial gardens residents of the Almshouses enquired whether anything could be done about the speeding vehicles on Church Lane which are making it difficult for the residents of the Almshouses to pull out onto Church Lane. Parked cars at school times are also obstructing site-lines which is adding to their problem. The Council will ask the Police to assist with these matters. However, the only solution may be to have a wider visibility splay of approx. 50m but this will result in parked vehicles being displaced elsewhere.

80. Apologies - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs C Pilling (illness), Councillors A J Shaw, M Almond and H Heaton (holidays). Borough Councillor Leadbetter (prior commitment) and County Councillor Holgate (illness).

81. 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 later in the Meeting.**

82. To Accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 September 2015 - The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7 September 2015 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.**

83. Update on Matters Arising from previous Meetings for note by the Council: Report 1 (page 4) – ACCEPTED. Reminder Cross-Committee Meeting, Tuesday 20 October, 7.30pm, Parish Rooms.

84. Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:

- a) Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition results – **Disappointing results for both Charnock Richard & Welch Whittle. Only 1 Certificate of Merit for Heaton’s Farm.**
- b) Current position with community networking from Village in Partnership – **Noted.**
- c) Response from Chorley Council to reported dog incident on Delph Lane – **Councillors confirmed that they had walked this route recently and also when delivering the Newsletters and there were no dogs loose. Councillor Cornwell agreed to walk this route and report back. Councillors agreed that this is a public right of way and the suggestion to change their route and not use this footpath is not the answer to this problem.**
- d) Request for support from Chorley FM to a change in their commitments – **The Parish Council will support the change in commitments.**
- e) Enquiry from the Scarecrow Festival Committee whether the original offer of a £150.00 donation made in July still remains in place – **Councillors discussed this matter in detail and it was confirmed that since the Scarecrow Festival Committee did not respond to the initial request for details of how the original grant offer would be spent, the Parish Council divided the annual sum budgeted for Donations equally between the 9 applicants who they decided should receive a donation. The Scarecrow Festival Committee was one of the recipients of a Donation and it would be unfair to other applicants if the Parish Council now gave a second grant/donation to them. The Scarecrow Festival Committee could use this year’s grant towards the proposed presentation night and apply for a further donation in 2016 which could then be used to purchase a prize/trophy for presentation on the night.**
- f) Notification of completion of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31 March 2015, with the only matter arising being the difference of £1 in calculations caused by rounding up and rounding down of the end of year figures on the Annual Return – **Resolved – The Parish Council accepted the completion of the Audit and accepted confirmation that the Clerk will resolve the £1 difference in calculations at the end of year audit of the 2015/16 accounts.**
- g) Info. from LALC – Minutes of June Chorley Area Committee Meeting and Agenda for the next meeting on 8 October 2015, 7pm at Chorley Town Hall – **Noted.**

- h) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Invitation from Coppull PC to become involved in joint discussions with LCC officers to discuss inactivity by LCC in resolving highways issues – **The Parish Council agreed to being involved in initial discussions however, it was confirmed that it may not make much difference as cuts in resources and manpower are likely to be at the root of this problem.** ii) Confirmation that Chorley Council enforcement officer will investigate the report of a large wooden building recently erected in a garden on Leeson Avenue – **Noted.** iii) A request to display a flyer in the Notice Board for Charity – **Noted.** iv) Notification of the forthcoming Apple Festival at the Astley Hall walled garden on Sunday 18 October – **Noted.**

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

- 1) Councillor Cornwell confirmed his resignation from the Chorley Fairtrade Committee.
- 2) Councillor Taylor requested Councillors views on wildflower planting around street furniture this year and, whether they would like him to negotiate for another years trial with Chorley Council. Councillor Taylor has asked Chorley Council for details but has not yet received a response however, he would like confirmation that the Parish Council are happy to try the pilot wildflower planting project by Chorley Council for a 3rd year before contacting Chorley Council again. It was confirmed that Councillor Taylor request that Chorley Council try again in 2016.
- 3) Councillor Taylor gave his apologies for the November Meeting as he will be on holiday.
- 4) Winter planting at Delph Gardens was discussed. It was confirmed the begonias will last until the first frost. The Council confirmed that once the frost knocks back the begonias, Pole Green Nurseries should replant with winter pansies. Councillor Taylor agreed to approach Ollerton's in relation to sponsorship of planting at any of the gateway beds in the Parish.
- 5) Councillor Mrs Bishop confirmed that more work had been undertaken at the memorial gardens adjacent to the school house however, more help is required from volunteers in the village. The volunteers would also like to thank Mr Eddie Langrish from Lower Burgh Meadow Conservationists for his help and advice on how to plant and maintain the garden over the past year and also for help with the Balsam Bash. It was agreed that Mr Langrish be invited to the Best Kept Garden Competition presentation evening.
- 6) It was reported that residents of the Almshouses are finding it difficult to exit the site onto Church Lane as site-lines are often obstructed by parked cars and, the speed of traffic on Church Lane, adds to the dangers of exiting the Almshouses.
- 7) It was confirmed that the amenity grass on Meadowlands as has been cut again recently.

86. Reports from Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies – Almshouse Meeting – Councillor Mrs Ogden reported that there are currently 2 vacancies at the Almshouses.

87. Best Kept Garden Competition Presentation – Thurs 22 October, 7.30pm Football Club – **Noted.**

88. Gateway Planting – Mill Lane/Preston Road junction – Update – Councillor Taylor supplied copies of proposed sizes and locations of the planters on Mill Lane. The Council agreed to the size and location and the Clerk will forward these details to LCC to support the request for a licence to install, plant and maintain the planters. 24 sleepers will be required. Councillor Taylor reported that specific traffic management will be required to unload the materials at this location unless this can be undertaken from the field side. The cost of LCC traffic management, if required, is likely to be in the region of £800.00. Enquiries will be made with Councillor Heaton regarding the suitability of the field and the machinery required to collect/deliver the materials required to complete this project.

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

- 1) 15/00878/FUL – Proposed extensions and alterations to the existing property following demolition of side green house to include new roof (changes to the roof including raising of ridge height and creation of gabled roof), new rear extension and front gable incorporating rooms in the roof space, new pitched roof front and rear dormers, new chimney and a proposed double garage in rear garden (following demolition of existing shed) 71 Town Lane, Charnock Richard – **No objections.**
- 2) AMENDMENT - 15/00773/FUL – Erection of single storey front extension and erection of detached garage to rear including widening existing vehicle access. Re submission of

15/00302/FUL: - Erection of single storey front extension with living accommodation in roof and erection of detached garage to rear. 23 Church Lane, Charnock Richard – Amended plans have been submitted for a flat roof front extension – **No objections to the proposed amendments provided the proposals satisfy all the relevant planning criteria for front extensions.**

- 3) 15/00952/TPO – Fell 1 Alder and 2 Maples located at electricity pole 012. Prune group of Pine & Birch to exceed 4m clearance from overhead power line. Coppice Alder to give 3m clearance to overhead power line. Crown reduce Hawthorn hedge to give 4m clearance to overhead power line and 2.5m clearance to pole support wire. Cut timber to be stacked as logs on site. Charnock Richard Golf Club, Preston Road, Charnock Richard – **No objections.**
- 4) 15/00970/DIS – Discharge of condition attached to application 13/01226/TPO - Removal of 8 trees covered by TPO 2 (Charnock Richard) 1974 to facilitate the removal of the existing substation. Camelot Theme Park, Park Hall Road, Charnock Richard. The application 15/00970/DIS is not to fell trees on the Camelot site but is for the planting proposal to replace the trees removed under planning application 13/01226/TPO. **No objections.**

90. Accounts

Accounts for Payment:

BDO LLP	Audit Fee for year ending 31/3/15	£240.00
Trilogy Lasercraft	Plaques for Best Kept Garden Comp.	£201.48
Mrs C A Cross	Salary – (Net)	£511.37
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£57.60

Resolved: That the aforementioned Accounts are approved payments.

91. Lengthsman's Payment - 4 weeks work undertaken this month totalling 100 Hours @ the revised hourly rate of £7.88 per hour = £788.00. **Resolved: Total Paid £788.00.**

Next Meeting: Monday 2 November 2015

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 9.03pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

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

- a) Letter of thanks for your donation from North West Air Ambulance.
- b) Letter of thanks for your donation from Chorley Skylarks Community Choir.
- c) Response from Network Rail to bridge reported on Chorley Lane – structures are subject to regular inspections, however, your report has been passed to the team for assessment and repair as necessary.
- d) A report that notices have been posted at the exits from the service area onto Mill Lane advising that the road will be blocked off shortly. No dates for the closure.

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.