

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Charnock Richard Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7:00pm in the Scout Hut, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.

Present: Councillors L Cheetham (Acting Chairman), G Brennand, J Hill, Mrs E Butcher, H Heaton and A Cornwell. 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)

Borough Councillor Whittaker – reported that the Borough Councillors have completed their judging of the Best Kept Business and details of the winning entries have been passed to the Clerk. Councillor Whittaker confirmed his appointment as County Councillor for our area. He will cover 8 villages and will try to visit all of them periodically. Councillor Whittaker reported on a scheme to assist with the purchase of SPID's some of which are very effective even when they are simply cautionary. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council has a moveable SPID on order at the moment which will be used at a number of hotspots in the village, in particular on Chorley Lane. Councillor Whittaker confirmed that the tall fence and gates in front of Pemberton House Farm, Park Hall Road, are temporary during construction. Councillor Whittaker confirmed that he is pursuing reports concerning the poor condition of road in German Lane. He confirmed that the development by United Utilities at the junction of Park Hall Road and Wood Lane is on-going, and will be into 2024. United Utilities have trimmed the hedges at the junction but at the Charnock Richard/Heskin boundary, and in front of Highgrove Avenue, overhanging hedges remain a problem. It was reported that there are notices on field gates in this vicinity stating that the land is under administration. Councillor Whittaker will look into this and liaise with the Clerk to address the overhanging vegetation.

- 1. Apologies** - Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Bishop, Shaw and Mrs Watson. Apologies were also reported from Borough Councillor Heydon. Councillors discussed the request for approval of long term absence from Meetings for health reasons from Councillor Mrs Watson – Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** – **The Parish Council accept the long term apologies of Councillor Mrs Watson due to on-going health issues. The Council will review this in the New Year when Councillor Mrs Watson is hopefully feeling better.** Councillor Heaton gave apologies in advance for the November & December Parish Council Meeting.
- 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 Heaton declared an interest in Planning Application 23/00747/CLEUD. No further declarations were made at this point however, Councillors will declare them should they arise in the Meeting.**
- 3. To Accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th September 2023** - The Draft Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th September 2023 had been circulated in advance, and it was **Resolved: The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council were accepted as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.**
- 4. Updates for note by the Council:** Report 1 (page 2 – no discussion required). Report 1(c) – Councillors expressed their agreement with the recent appointment of Mr Alan Whittaker as County Councillor for our area. It was confirmed that he has a collective interest in a number of Parishes locally. Hopefully CC Whittaker can pursue things more positively in the village going forward.
- 5. Planning** – The Council were required to make observations on the following applications:

- 1) 23/00735/MNMA - Minor non-material amendment to planning permission: 21/00327/FULMAJ (Erection of 76no. affordable dwellings with access, parking, landscaping, and all other associated works (including pumping station) involving landscaping alterations. Land 120M East Of 27 Charter Lane, Charnock Richard – **This application had been received after the September agenda had been compiled. The Clerk asked if a decision could be deferred to allow the Council to discuss this at the October Parish Council Meeting, however, observations were required by 28th September - Resolved - No objections submitted. These observations were ratified.**
 - 2) 23/00747/CLEUD – Application for a certificate of lawfulness seeking confirmation of the continued occupation of Lancaster Cottage, as a separate dwellinghouse since October 2018. Lancaster Cottage, Preston Road, Charnock Richard – **Councillor Heaton, having declared an interest, took no part in discussions or voting. On a majority vote it was Resolved – No objections.**
6. **Correspondence and Information items requiring discussion or action:**
- a) Notification next Neighbourhood Area Meeting, Western Parishes, is 6.30pm, 29/2/24 – **Noted.**
 - b) Notification next Chorley Liaison Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th October 2023 + request for Agenda items – **Councillor Cornwell will attend the Liaison Meeting. Speeding traffic on Chorley Lane may be a reportable issue. It was noted that traffic has reduced now the barriers are closed at Charnock Richard services; however, neighbouring Parishes are now much busier.**
 - c) Info. from LALC – Nothing specific to report.
 - d) Details of late items of correspondence received – i) Crime statistics for September – **Noted.**
ii) Donations by the Parish Council – **Councillors agreed that donations by the Parish Council will recommence this year. Applications will be invited by the end of the year to be discussed at the January 2024 Meeting.**
7. **Proposed new lease, and terms, Orchard Gardens and land adjacent** – No update has been received. The Clerk will contact the Councils legal representative to follow this matter up.
8. **Reports, Complaints, Concerns from Councillors** - not addressed at the beginning of the Meeting
- a) It was reported that the grass verge is encroaching onto the footway on Preston Road, between Town Lane and the Coppull boundary. The Lengthsman will be asked to spade this back in Charnock Richard. Overgrowth in front of Haydock’s Farm, Preston Road, will be reported to Coppull PC.
 - b) The bush growing in front of the direction sign on Mill Lane, when approaching from Whittle Bottoms, is obstructing the sign. This will be reported to LCC.
 - c) There are a lot of ruts at the edges of the carriageway on Chisnall Lane, between Charnock Richard and into Heskin. The Parish Council will suggest passing places be installed. The Council will ask County Councillor Whittaker to pursue this.
 - d) Councillor Heaton reported his disappointment at the fact that the Parish Council decided not to return to the Community Centre for Parish Council Meetings, now that it has disabled toilets and a new central heating system. When the Trust took it on from the Diocese, they did so as a community building. Councillors reported that these were not the only issues. Access for a wheelchair or mobility scooter through the gate and the front door was another issue. Councillor Heaton will look into this. Councillor Cornwell confirmed that the Parish Council agreed to review this again next year.
 - e) The Lengthsman will be asked to trim runners from the hedges/verges recently cut on Dob Brow.
 - f) A large bough has broken off a tree on German Lane. The bough is across the grass verge and halfway across the carriageway. LCC will be asked to remove it.
 - g) The street light on Church Lane, opposite Mrs M’s, is buried in the overgrowth. Report to LCC.
 - h) A complaint has been received in relation to cars parking on Preston Road, left overnight following an event at the Hinds Head, and obstructing the footway. Similar issues occur with parked vehicles at the Dog & Partridge on Chorley Lane. Parking in relation to funerals is a different matter.
 - i) The Almshouses Trustees will be asked if they appointed a grounds maintenance contractor.
 - j) It was reported that there is no age limit displayed on the new slide. Councillors confirmed the age limit for using the play area is given on the sign at the entrance. It was suggested that another

sign is required for anyone approaching the play area from the football club direction. Pricing for this will be looked in.

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

10. Charnock Richard “Best Kept” Garden, Business and Street Competition – Presentation evening – Thursday 26th October, Charnock Richard Football Club, 7.30pm. Confirmed the Mayor and Mayoress will be attending. A plaque will be ordered for the winner of the Best Kept Business, and Best Kept Garden trophies are now being engraved. Parish Councillors will be notified of the streets nominated in this year’s competition and notify the Clerk of their choice/s. The Clerk will confirm numbers for catering purposes directly with the Football Club.

11. Accounts

Accounts for Payment:

Kompan Ltd	Replacement Slide – Mossie Close Play Area	£7575.30
Waterplus	Water Charges – Orchard Gardens 1/6/23-10/9/23	£28.62
Mrs C A Cross	Salary – (Net)	£908.64
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£200.94
D/D – Plusnet	Internet and Landline	£27.45
D/D – NEST	Pension contributions	£55.27
D/D - EE	Mobile Phone	£37.50

Receipts:

Wrightington PC	50% contribution towards Mobile/Landline/Broadband	£165.49
Chorley Council	Top up grant part of Parish Precept	£345.00

Resolved: That the aforementioned Accounts are approved payments and receipts.

12. Lengthsman’s Payment - 4 weeks = 100 hours @ £12 per hour = £1,200.00. + 9 additional hours @ £12 per hour = £108.00. Total = £1308.00. **Resolved** – **Total Paid £1308.00.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th November 2023 7.00pm
Scout Hut, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard.
Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 8.09 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- Notification permission granted for erection of one detached dwelling and detached garage. Brook House Farm, Brook Lane, Charnock Richard.
- Notification permission granted for single storey rear extension, conversion of detached garage to habitable accommodation, and external alterations including render to existing property (following demolition of existing conservatory). 4 Willow Drive, Charnock Richard.
- Declaration of results of County Council By-election – Confirming that Mr Alan Whittaker is the newly elected County Councillor for the Chorley Rural West Division.

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.