

HEATH CHARNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the parish council was held on Thursday, 14 August 2014 at the Community Centre, Railway Road, and beginning at 7.30.

Apologies Cllrs Oakes and Ashworth

Present Cllrs Styles, Davison, Hendrickson, Adams, Williams; Borough and County Cllr Snape; police volunteer Ms Chamberlain; 5 residents from Rawlinson Lane.

Cllr Styles was voted chair of the meeting on a proposal by Cllr Hendrickson, seconded by Cllr Adams, with all in favour.

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It was agreed that comments from the floor on planning application 14/00626/FUL should be heard. The application is for an eco-house of exceptional design, with ancillary garden storage building and gatehouse. The consensus was that there were concerns about the quad bike track and about inconsistencies in the treatment proposed for the leylandii. There was a general worry that granting this application would create a precedent for further development. Other than those concerns, it was felt that the site could only be improved by allowing the eco-house and the gatehouse. On that basis, members decided to raise no objections, but to forward the points about quad bikes and treatment of the boundaries. The members of the public then left the meeting.

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There were no declarations of any pecuniary interests.

Police matters Ms Chamberlain reported that there had been a concentration on speeding and parking issues. She then told the meeting that she would no longer be attending meetings in her capacity as police volunteer. Chair asked that a letter be sent to Inspector Robinson, expressing the council's gratitude for Ms Chamberlain's advice and help for many years.

54/14 Minutes Proposed by Cllr Adams, seconded by Cllr Davison, that the minutes of the last meeting be passed as a correct record.

55/14 Matters arising

There were no matters arising other than those on the agenda

56/14 Annual meetings procedures

Deferred to a future meeting.

57/14 Parish Plan

Deferred to a future meeting.

58/14 Planning

Permission granted:

13/01199/FULMAJ, Cockers Farm: conversion of agricultural buildings to storage.

New applications

14/00811/FUL, 37A Chorley Road: single-storey side extension (re-submission).

Refer to neighbours.

14/00812/FUL, 37A Chorley Road: replacement garage with study in attic space (re-submission). No objection, but repeat the previous advice to bring the garage forward to lower the overall height.

Gipsy, Traveller and Showpeople's sites

To confirm for correct procedure the decision to support the Cowling Farm site.

Proposed by Cllr Adams, seconded by Cllr Hendrickson, with all in favour, that this be minuted.

59/14 Accounts Passed for payment:
Clerk's salary and expenses, July and August, £499.89
HMRC for PAYE £124.00

Balance @ Yorkshire Bank, 25 June was £8296.08

60/14 Correspondence

3-tier representation. Resolved to ask Cllrs Oakes and Ashworth if they were willing to represent the council.

Notice from Adlington TC that the police Commissioner would be attending their meeting, 18 August, and neighbouring councils and members of the public were invited. Cllrs Ashworth, Styles and Williams had indicated that they would attend.

LCC: notice of closure of Dean Head Lane, with diversions through Heath Charnock.

Mrs Blackledge: a request, first made 2 years ago, for pruning of the flowering cherry trees on the parish council land. The clerk was asked to provide quotes for the work, to be presented at the budget meeting.

61/14 Matters of interest

Cllr Adams asked for a schedule of street cleansing. It was felt that this was information which could be included in the newsletter.

Cllr Snape informed the meeting that she was not satisfied with the work carried out at Skew Bridge, i.e. Section 215 provisions not followed fully. She would meet Jamie Carson and Peter Willacy the following day.

Next meeting: 11 September

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.40.