

HEATH CHARNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the parish council was held on Thursday, 9 April 2015 at the Community Centre, Railway Road, and beginning at 7.30.

Apologies Cllr Oakes; Borough and County Cllr Snape

Present Cllrs, Ashworth (Chair); Styles, Hendrickson, Adams, Davison, Williams.
Observer Mr Gerald Carter (Lower Hill Drive).

There were no declarations of any pecuniary interests.

27/15 Minutes Proposed by Cllr Styles, seconded by Cllr Adams that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as a correct record.

28/15 Matters arising

Following the site meeting at 198 Rawlinson Lane to view the line of conifers, the applicant's agent confirmed that it is the intention to take out those trees.

The signages pertaining to road closures and diversions were reported and were acknowledged by Network Rail, which promised to review them. Road surfaces deteriorating due to excess wear were reported and were acknowledged by LCC Highways.

29/15 Planning

New applications

15/00222/TPO, 7 Olde Stoneheath Court: prune trees for power line clearance. No objection.

Planning in Practice

This Chorley Council training session was attended by Cllr Williams. The session explained that planning policy advice is that developers should approach and consult parish councils. National planning policy is supreme and overrides the Local Development Framework.

30/15 World War 1 commemoration

Plaques not yet ready.

31/15 Procedures for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

It was agreed that Cllr Oakes' invitation to the parish to hold a meeting fulfils the criteria, and it will additionally be published on the notice boards with 7 clear days' notice. It will begin at 7.00, and be chaired by the Chair of the parish council and minuted by Cllr Adams. A quorum is unnecessary and there are no rules of debate. It is not incumbent upon the parish council to take up the issues raised at this meeting. Whilst lobbying may be permissible, the parish council will always use its own judgement, and may, or may not, agree with the views expressed.

The AGM of the parish council will elect a Chair and Deputy Chair for the forthcoming year as the first item. It will then make appointments and confirm the precept.

32/15 Accounts

Passed for payment:

Adlington & District Senior Citizens (as per budget) £75.00
Adlington & District Luncheon Club (as per budget) £100.00
Adlington & District in Bloom (as per budget) £200.00
Lucy Snape for newsletter delivery £200.00
Foxprint for newsletter £165.00
AB Signs for plaque when delivered £48.00 (inc. VAT)
Clerk's salary and expenses for April, £260.98
HMRC for PAYE £63.80

Balance @ Yorkshire Bank 25 March was £4518.30

33/15 Correspondence

Chorley Council: consultation on the working of the 3-tier Liaison. Cllr Ashworth, with the Chair, had attended meetings, and reported that in his opinion the former Borough/Parish Liaison was a better forum as the parishes were then in direct contact with officers and councillors. Members voted that Cllr Ashworth should put this forward as the view of Heath Charnock Parish Council.

34/15 Matters of interest

Cllr Williams informed the meeting of noise, as of quad bikes, early mornings on Chorley Road. The clerk to check whether this is Streetscene carrying out maintenance.

Cllr Styles reported broken fencing at the junction of New Road and Nickleton Brow.

Next meeting: 14 May

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30.