

## HEATH CHARNOCK PARISH COUNCIL (HCPC) EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Thursday, 8 December 2016 at Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Graham Ashworth (Chair), Ian Oakes (Vice Chair), Richard Cornes, David Carpenter, Kathy Maidment, Paul Williams, and Christine Bailey, Parish Clerk

**Members of the Public** – (attended for Agenda item 2 – Planning Application no. 16/00905/FUL): Mr and Mrs Barry and Kathryn Owen of 176, Rawlinson Lane and Ms Beverly Blackledge of 178 Rawlinson Lane.

**Apologies:** Cllr Robert Davison and County Cllr Kim Snape

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**1. Approval of Minutes of 10 November 2016 meeting:** Deferred till 19 January 2017 meeting

#### **2. Planning:**

**a. 16/00905/FUL: Demolition of existing stables and replacement with one single storey domestic dwelling on land adjacent to Gilbertson Road, Rawlinson Lane, Heath Charnock**

Both Mr and Mrs Barry and Kathryn Owen of 176, Rawlinson Lane and Ms Beverly Blackledge of 178 Rawlinson Lane said they had each submitted a written objection to Chorley Borough Council. In addition the Parish had received an email objection from Mrs Marie Downes of 174 Rawlinson Lane.

The Parish Council considered the application, the comments received and confirmed its objections on the grounds that:

- i. The site is within the greenbelt and should be protected from residential development. Even though the proposal would create one property, it will have an incremental impact changing the character of what should be an 'open' area,
- ii. The current stable building is a sectional building. Once it is taken down it should have no impact on the 'greenfield' condition of the land. It should be capable of being dismantled and the site being re-instated to its former condition, and
- iii. Concern that if granted, the proposed application represents a 'back-door' route to planning permission for residential development in what should be a protected area of greenbelt. Local residents expressed concern that the initial securing of planning permission for an acceptable agricultural type use seems now to be a way to get round the spirit of planning legislation and the accepted Development Framework that is in place until 2026 within the Chorley BC area.

For these reasons the Parish Council agreed to ask that Chorley Borough Council, as the planning authority, refuse this planning application.

**b. 16/01022/P3PAO** Prior approval application under Part 3, Class Q (a and b) of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for proposed change of use of agricultural building to one dwelling house and associated building operations at Woodside Barn, Back Lane, Heath Charnock, PR6 9DJ – **No objection.**

The members of the public left the meeting.

### 3. Community Matters:

a. **Memorial Stone:** The design, construction information, and indicative costs from Newground Landscape Services were considered. The Chair has now clarified that lettering is included within the indicative costs. LCC has been asked to consider the siting of the proposed Memorial Stone on their land at Skew Bridge as a publically accessible focal point in a gateway location to the Parish. The proposed Memorial Stone will commemorate all Parishioners who died during the course of the Great War. **It was agreed that:** the Parish Council will submit its application to the South East Parishes Neighbourhood Priorities Fund on 9 December offering if necessary, that the work could be done on a phased basis in line with secured funding, with the Parish making a contribution that it has saved from its own budget of a minimum of £2k. Cllr Cornes will support this application at the next South Eastern Parishes meeting

b. **Anderton Parish Council** has submitted a proposal to the South Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Priority Projects Fund for proposing that a contribution to be made towards internal conversion works inside the Adlington Community Library. **This was noted**

### 4. Correspondence:

a. The letters from Cllr Alistair Bradley and meeting held at short notice on Monday, 5 December about the **future of Chorley Council funded services** to explore the contribution of and future funding for Town and Parish Councils were noted. The Parish wants to be part of this discussion. The Chair proposed that Chorley Council might consider a surcharge of say around £2 per household from all householders in the Borough, which could then be used to support the continuation of specific local services which are under threat of closure/being stopped. This approach was agreed in principle by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to inform Cllr Bradley.

b. **BT Consultation on proposed removal of payphones:** A letter of objection from Ms Tina Booth, 19 Heathfields, Heath Charnock, PR6 9LA a local resident/user of the public payphone opposite 1 Chorley Road, was passed by Cllr Kim Snape to Chorley Council. This letter expressed concern, that whilst the usage of the phone might be low, its location adjacent to an area of socially rented and shared ownership homes, mainly bungalows which are occupied largely by older residents on low incomes and some also being vulnerable through ill health, age or disability, means that this payphone is a valuable resource in maintain, give piece of mind and is available, if needed, in emergency circumstances. **The Parish notes and supports Chorley Council's formal objection** to the removal of this particular BT payphone to allow it to continue to remain in operation and to be maintained as a public payphone facility.

c. **Network Rail Consultation about a proposed Rail Crossing Diversion Order** - part of Heath Charnock Footpath 44, to close the Heath Charnock level crossing for public safety and provide a new footbridge. The Parish Council has no objection noting that Network Rail says that it is unable to provide a disabled / ramped access facility due to the nature of the terrain, visual impact and cost grounds.

d. The next Chorley Liaison meeting is on **Wednesday, 18 January 2017**. Deadline for Agenda item is Tuesday, 3 January 2017 at 12 noon.

**5. Any Other Business:**

**a. Financial Matters**

i. **Renewal of the Parish Council's Insurance with Aviva as the cheapest of 3 quotes obtained** - was agreed for a 3 year term, with annual payments at a reduced price of £277.73 in 2016/17

ii. **Payment to Chorley Council** for hanging baskets and annual maintenance at a net cost of £533.28 plus VAT at £106.66. Total cost of £639.94

iii. The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Mrs Tattersall, the local auditor of the Parish year end accounts is retiring and will not be able to continue in this role. The Council asked the Clerk to thank Mrs Tattersall for her support.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

This is on Thursday, 19 January 2016 at 7.30pm at Adlington Community Centre

The meeting closed at 20.50pm.

Christine Bailey,

Parish Clerk,

20.12.16