

HEATH CHARNOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 7 January 2021 at 7.30 pm

Due to the corona virus this meeting was conducted on line by Zoom teleconference facility

Attendance:

Cllrs Graham Ashworth (Chair), David Carpenter, Kathleen Maidment, Robert Darbyshire, Tricia Power, County Cllr Kim Snape (from 7.55pm) and Christine Bailey, Parish Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Ian Oakes (Vice Chair) and Richard Cornes.

Participants for discussion of Item 3e which was discussed as the first planning matter: Sue Knight (appellant), David Catherall and Geraldine King who were supportive of the appeal/the planning application for change of use.

Declarations of Interest: None.

1. Minutes of 12 November 2020: These were proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Ashworth to be signed by Cllr Ashworth after the meeting.

2. Matters Arising and not on the Agenda: None.

3. Planning:

a.20/01367/CLPUD: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension at 274, Babylon Lane, PR6 9ER. This property has been the subject of a series of applications: 19/00517/FUL to demolish the original end of terraced property and to replace it with a detached new build home. Two applications for Certificates of Lawfulness: 19/00769/CLPUD has led to a detached garage being added and this request for a single storey rear extension have been submitted on an incremental approach. The Parish Council is concerned to ensure that Policy HS6e is respected. The proposed replacement dwelling should not be materially larger than the dwelling it replaced with a proposed maximum of up to a 30% overall increase being considered as acceptable. The Parish Council is also aware of a concern from a nearby resident. HCPC ask that its concerns and the views of neighbouring residents be considered.

a. 20/01261/FUL: Erection of 1no. single storey dwelling, following the demolition of existing outbuildings at Mon Abri, Bolton Road, PR7 4AZ. The site is a proposed backland development of a large garden in the greenbelt to the rear of four existing properties on Bolton Road. The site has direct access from a single track unadopted road which joins the A6 in a very busy position due to Fredericks Ice-cream parlour and the proximity to the traffic lights at the junction of the A6 and Wigan Lane. The proposal is for one property to replace the existing non-residential outbuildings. Infilling is permitted under Policy BNE 5 providing that the proposal does not have a materially greater impact than the existing use on the openness of the Greenbelt. The style of the proposed property is not considered to be in keeping with the adjacent properties or the local area. The Parish Council is concerned to protect the Greenbelt from residential development and to maintain its openness. If this proposal is granted it would set a precedent which might encourage further proposals for backland development in this locality. The views of neighbouring residents should be considered. The Local Planning Authority should assess the likely impact of this proposal and its compliance with current planning policy BNE5c.

b. 20/01246/FULHH: Erection of side entrance vestibule, two storey rear extension and single storey rear extension with green roof. Refurbishment of the whole house including facade improvements, driveway modifications and landscaping at Heathcotte, 62 Lower Hill Drive, PR6 9JP. The Parish Council is concerned that if granted, it would be overdevelopment of the site and it might conflict with Policy HS5a where house extensions should respect the scale, size, design of the

original dwelling. HCPC considers that the contemporary design is not in keeping with the character of nearby properties. The views of neighbouring residents should be considered.

c. 20/01292/CLPUD: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed outbuilding (garage) at Lonsdale Farm, Slacks Lane, PR6 9EL. The Parish Council is aware that there was a garage and workshop at this property but asks whether this should be considered in light of Policy HS5d on house extensions.

d. Notice of Appeal: Planning Inspectorate Appeal Ref: APP/D2320/W/20/3263170. Planning Application Ref: 20/00848/FUL: Change of use from residential dwelling (Use Class C3) and agricultural land to mixed use of residential (Use Class C3) and home dog boarding, sitting and exercise/training area (sui-generis) (retrospective) at Hallsworth Manor, Long Lane, PR6 9EG. The appellant asked for the opportunity to speak about the Hallsworth Manor appeal at the 7 January 2021 Parish Council meeting. The appeal is to be determined through an on-line hearing conducted by the Planning Inspectorate. This hearing will take into account the issues that this planning application and appeal has raised to reach a decision. The Parish Council considered the planning application at its meeting of 17 September 2020 based on the information it had at that time in respect of the application and being aware of the concerns of neighbouring Parishioners. The Parish Council does not think it appropriate to make any further comment.

4. Community Issues:

a. Cllr Carpenter said that he had encountered difficulty in maintaining the links to enable access the information he has placed on the redesigned **Parish website**. The possible change of website host was discussed. Cllr Carpenter was asked to resolve this matter and to ensure compliance with the Government's accessibility legislation in the re-design of the Parish website.

b. Cllr Ashworth said that Chorley Council was concerned about HCPC's preferred site for **a litter bin at Skew Bridge** at the junction of the footpath with the A673 due to the proximity of the traffic lights and impact on traffic flow when the bin wagon was parked up. In this position it is considered too far for the refuse sacks to be carried to the wagon. It was agreed the Clerk would monitor the public's use of the grit bin to dispose of litter when updating the notice boards. The grit bin had been emptied since the December site visit. It did not contain any litter in the first week of January 2021.

c. Cllr Darbyshire said that a minimum of three logs would need to be replaced to prolong the life of the **dedicated log roll** at Skew Bridge with the soil being dug away first. This was agreed to be carried out in spring as the weather improves. The Clerk will inform Adlington in Bloom to co-ordinate with their planting of the log roll.

d. LCC Champions Grant has awarded £350 to the Parish Council towards the cost of **providing an external AED** facility in the Parish. The preferred AED location is at Frederick's Ice-cream parlour as it is well known and is an easily accessible facility. The Parish Council agreed to meet the shortfall in the cost of the external cabinet of £199 (item 5ciii below), to place the order and to budget annually for the replacement of AED pads and batteries (agreed in item 5d below). Frederick's will pay for the electrical installation to an external wall of their premises to give 24/7 access.

e. **Parish Annual 2021 newsletter:** it was agreed to defer due to the impact of the corona virus social distancing restrictions since March 2020 due to the lack of content and to minimise virus spread.

f. HCPC agreed to support residents in the Limbrick/Babylon Lane/Long Lane/Back Lane area in asking LCC to carry out road surface improvement works due to the poor condition of Cowling Brow Road as their main access to and from Chorley. **Action: Clerk**

5. Financial Update:

a. **Balance at Bank:** £11,892.52 at 24 December 2020 Statement. This includes the receipt of £1,354.35 CIL monies and £350 LCC Champions Grant towards the AED cabinet.

b. **Approved expenditure debited in the November and December 2020 Statements from HCPC bank account:**

- i. Clerk Salary (Nov 20) – £350.42.
- ii. Clerk Expenses (Sept 2020): mileage £3.75.
- iii. Annual donation to Adlington and Rivington Junior Band - £50
- iv. Came and Company Annual Insurance renewal - £355.28
- v. APL Independent Audit of HCPC year-end accounts 19/20 - £120

c. **Expenditure approved at 7 January 2021 meeting:**

- i. Clerk Salary (Dec 20 & Jan 21) – £350.42 per month. Total £700.84 as confirmed by APL Accountants Ltd.
- ii. Clerk Expenses (Nov 20 & Dec 20): Admin: postage & stationery: £9 and Mileage: £8
- iii. Following discussion of item 4d above, the Parish contribution of £199 towards an AED cabinet at Fredericks' Ice-cream parlour was agreed and from 2021/22 onwards an annual budget contribution of £80 per year to be added to the Parish Council budget. **Action: Clerk**
- iv. Information Commission annual data protection renewal from 24 January 2021 = £40.

d. **The draft HCPC budget for 2021/22 financial year:** This was discussed and agreed to include an annual contribution to be based on £80 per annum to maintain the AED facility at Frederick's within the Parish boundary. The proposed precept for 2021/22 was agreed as £7,800. This is a reduction of £300 from 2020/21.

6. Correspondence:

- a. The 'In the Boro' December 2020 and January 2021 issues and the LCC monthly Consumer Alerts from LCC Trading Standards have been circulated.
- b. Lancashire and S Cumbria NHS: Orange Button suicide awareness training for volunteers. This was noted and is advertised in the Noticeboards.
- c. Shaw's Senior Exhibition 2021 invitation for applications for small awards, to be given for 3 years, to undergraduates who have lived in one of the 4 parishes (of Rivington, Heath Charnock, Anglezarke and Anderton) for 2 years or more will be advertised in the Noticeboards and on the Parish Council website. Apply before 1 October 2021.

7. Any Other Business:

- a. Concerns about congestion at Rivington which has inevitably increased during recent lockdowns and due to the corona virus social distancing measures. Both vehicle and pedestrian access/flow and safety are compromised by vehicles parking up on the public highway as the carparks are full. It was noted that Rivington Foundation Primary School is to introduce a one-way system for parents of children at the School.
- b. Cllr Carpenter expressed concern about visibility for drivers exiting The Asshawes onto Chorley Road. He proposed HCPC ask LCC for "No parking at any time" stickers to be fixed to the lamp posts either side of The Asshawes to restrict parking.

8. Date of Next Meetings: to be held by teleconference and email until further notice:

Thursday, 11 February 2021 and Thursday 11 March 2021