

HEATH CHARNOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 11 November 2021 at 7.30 pm at Adlington & District Community Centre, Railway Road, PR6 9RF

Attendance:

Parish Cllrs Graham Ashworth (Chair), David Carpenter (Vice Chair), Richard Cornes, Robert Darbyshire, Tricia Power, John Donnellon and Michelle Le Marinel, and Christine Bailey, Parish Clerk. Mr A Cubbins and Mr N Holt from the Rawlinson Lane Residents' Group.

Apologies: Cllr Bev Murray, Chorley SE and Heath Charnock Ward, Lancashire County Cllr Kim Snape.

1. Discussion about the kiosk with two representatives of the Rawlinson Lane Residents' Group:

The renovation works undertaken and as proposed were discussed with anticipated costs. The Group has decided to restore the kiosk as a local feature and for a future use to then be considered. It was agreed that for health and safety reasons an IEE certified electrician should be asked to check that the kiosk is properly earthed, that the supply is safe, and when and if passed, a certificate supplied to HCPC, costs to be agreed. At a future date, a decision will have to be made as to whether the electricity supply will be required, whether a formal transfer of responsibility for the electricity supply should be undertaken from BT or might solar power provide an alternative power option. The Chair thanked the two residents for updating the Parish Council and said that HCPC would discuss these issues later in the meeting.

Declarations of Interest: None.

2. Minutes of 7 October 2021: These were proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Le Marinel and signed by Cllr Ashworth.

3. Matters arising for information:

3.1 Lancashire County Council has responded in two ways to the concerns raised about the impact of the September 21 UK Bolton Ironman Race route through the Parish: to Cllr Snape who had raised concerns about the lack of in-advance notification for residents along Back Lane in particular and LCC has asked for a copy of the alternative route within Bolton that the Parish Council proposed to the Chorley Liaison meeting. In both letters LCC indicates the intention for the Race to be re-routed outside of the LCC highway network. Action: the Clerk.

4. The following planning applications were considered as follows:

21/01243/FULHH: Erection of a roof dormer on the front elevation at 214, Babylon Lane, PR6 9ES
HCPC has no objection to this proposal.

b. **21/01203/FULHH:** Erection of a single storey side extension at 29, The Asshawes, PR6 9JN. This seems to be quite a large extension. It is single storey. The plot itself is large. There will be no additional visual intrusion on neighbouring properties. The property is not subject to the HS5d policy restriction to a maximum of 50% volumetric increase as it is not in the Greenbelt, Safeguarded land or in an area of other open countryside. Under these circumstances the Parish Council has no objection.

c. **21/01228/FULHH:** Erection of a single storey side extension (east facing) and first floor side extension (west facing) over existing single storey side extension at 97, The Asshawes, PR6 9JN
This property is on a large secluded plot. It will be a large extension but the property is not affected by the HS5d policy restrictions as it is not in the Greenbelt. The Parish Council believes that a minimum of 1m access strip should be retained between the proposed extension and the boundary wall of the property for access purposes. On this basis the Parish Council has no objection.

d. **21/01185/FULHH:** Single storey rear extension at 122, Rawlinson Lane, PR7 4DF. This property was given consent to be replaced in 2002 and a first floor side extension and a link between the house and garage were approved in 2013. The proposed extension will not impact adversely on

neighbouring property but the site is in the Greenbelt. In view of its planning history, the Parish Council considers that Chorley Council as the Local Planning Authority will need to assess the compliance of this proposed extension with Planning policy HS5d which restricts house extensions within the Greenbelt to a maximum of 50% volumetric increase.

e. **21/01086/FULHH:** 1) Single storey front extension. 2) single storey side extensions / rear extension. 3) erection of 2no. outbuildings, following the demolition of the existing outbuildings at Hill View, Long Lane, PR6 9EQ. This is a large extension which will completely redesign this property which is in the Greenbelt. The Parish Council considers the design is not coherent. Chorley Council as the Local Planning Authority is asked to assess the compliance of this proposed extension with planning policy HS5d which restricts house extensions within the Greenbelt to a maximum of 50% volumetric increase.

5. Community Issues:

a. Cllrs Donnellon and Le Marinel reported back on the initial discussion of a proposed joint Neighbourhood Plan. It was met with some concern about the work involved, the cost, the capacity of the local councils to undertake this task, and whether the Plan would be respected by the Local Planning Authority and the Government's Planning Inspectorate. The possibility of obtaining an initial grant of £10k towards the cost of employing a planning consultant has been discussed. The Parish Council agreed in principle to continue to explore this potential opportunity of a joint Neighbourhood Plan with Adlington Town and Anderton Parish Councils.

b. HCPC noted Chorley Council's cost estimate of £50k for it to provide an allotment site off Harrison Road, Adlington. This level of resource is beyond the Parish Council.

c. Further consideration was given to the potential to reuse the former Adlington canoe site which Chorley Council wishes to let. However the site is isolated; it is remote from residential areas; it would need to be cleared to secure access; and the Canal and River Trust will not allow boats to moor on this side of the canal bank. Given this, it was agreed not to pursue this site any further.

d. Following the update from two members of the Rawlinson Lane Residents Group to upgrade and restore the adopted kiosk, HCPC agreed that:

- Cllr Darbyshire will get a price for the glass which can then be considered to get a better indication of the overall cost of 'restoration.'
- Cllr Cornes would test the electricity supply to the kiosk, and
- An IEE qualified electrician would be asked to certify that the electricity supply is properly earth and is safe. Cllr Le Marinel said she would follow this up.

The Parish Council will review all of this at its next meeting on 6 January 2022 with a view to agreeing a contribution towards the restoration costs that the Group has incurred. The Group was also advised to consider the security of the kiosk so that it is not abused or mis-used once restored.

e. HCPC discussed the report from the second joint meeting on 27 October 2021 on the initial Adlington and District proposals to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 2-5 June 2022. It was agreed that Cllrs Darbyshire, Le Marinel and Power would attend the next meeting to help to agree and support the way forward. It was noted that Chorley Council has been asked to consider a lit beacon at Rivington as a public event which would be beyond the scale of the local councils.

6. Financial Update:

a. **Balance at Bank:** £18,757.09 at 25 October 2021 statement balance which includes the LCC 21/22 Footpath Maintenance Grant of £500 which was received on 30 September 2021.

b. **Approved expenditure debited from HCPC's account since the 7 October 2021 meeting:**

i. Clerk Salary (October 21): net £313.58 as confirmed by APL Accountants Ltd.

- ii. Clerk Expenses (September): Admin: envelopes = £2.50 and Mileage: 35 miles @ 25ppm = £8.75 Total £11.25.
- iii. PAYE on Clerk's salary Quarter 2 (July - September 21) to HMRC = £106.80
- iv. Donation to Royal British Legion for two wreaths @ £19.25 = £38.50 plus 6 additional large poppies at £3 each = £18. Total cost = £56.50.
- v. Chorley Council Invoice for uncontested election, 6 May 2021 - £379.23
- vi. Cllr Power reimburse train travel to and from Preston - £7.20 with receipt
- c. On ordering, the Royal British Legion was out of stock of the 6 large poppies at £3 each = £18. This was paid to Clerk. The Clerk will place an order within the financial year for use in November 2022.
- d. Expenditure which was approved at 11 November 2021 meeting:**
 - i. Clerk Salary (November 21): net £313.58 as confirmed by APL Accountants Ltd.
 - ii. Clerk Expenses (October): Admin: Black printer ink, A4 paper & plastic wallets = £13.48 and Mileage: 37 miles @ 25ppm = £9.25 Total £22.73.
 - iii. Annual donation to Rivington & Adlington Junior Band - £50
 - iv. HCPC annual Insurance renewal invoice of £365.17 which is due to be paid by 2 December 2021.
 - iv. Reimbursement of £15 to Cllr Carpenter for purchase of a wreath for HCPC at Chorley's Cenotaph
 - e. The Parish Asset Register as agreed at June 2021 was reviewed to increase the estimated value of the adopted kiosk due to the current and proposed renovation work by residents. This was agreed as the basis of the Parish Council's insurance schedule for the 2021/22 year. Cllr John Donnellon agreed to check the condition of the jointly owned Boundary Stone at the Street. The Insurance Company has recommended that HCPC should check that the other 50% ownership of the two Boundary Stones listed as with Anderton Parish Council at The Street and Chorley Council at Weaver's Brow respectively, is included in their Council asset registers so both boundary stones are fully insured.
 - f. HCPC considered actual expenditure in the financial year 2021/22 as at 31 October 2021 and as projected by the Clerk to 31 March 2022.
 - g. An initial discussion of HCPC's proposed expenditure budget for 2022/23 took place with consideration of potential additional expenditure and the need to separately identify the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies budget as income and expenditure. A discussion did take place on the Clerk's salary. It was agreed that the Clerk would make and present a case at the January 2022 meeting. The Clerk will amend the first draft budget as discussed for further consideration and will circulate the CIL guidance from Chorley Council and the date and amount of CIL payments received.
 - h. Initial consideration was given to the proposed precept which might be required by the Parish in 2022/23.

7. Correspondence:

- a. In the Boro November 2021 will be forwarded.
- b. The temporary road closure on Back Lane, Heath Charnock from 10/01/22 to 12/01/22 to enable Openreach on behalf of British Telecom to carry out maintenance works on their overhead structure was noted.
- c. Trading Standards - Consumer Alerts for November 2021 were noted.
- d. Winter Stakeholder bulletin is not being issued by LCC. The 5th November 2021 was noted.
- e. United Utilities proposed works at Rivington & Anglezarke Impounding Reservoir and map were noted with the setting up of a site compound from 25 October 2021 with the work proposed to continue until spring 2023. This will necessitate footpath closure and diversion.

f. It was reported that the weekly Chorley Guardian has an update on Chorley Hospital.

8. Any Other Business

- a. Concerns were expressed about motorbikes being ridden along the Canal towpath.
- b. Cllr Carpenter said he would share an article about 'Working Better Today'
- c. Cllr Carpenter has been doing some work to clear a section of overgrown vegetation from a footpath
- d. Cllr Carpenter is planning to attend the LALC Conference in Preston on Saturday 13 November 2021
- e. Cllrs Ashworth, Carpenter, Darbyshire, Le Marinel and Power will attend Adlington and District Civic Remembrance event.

9. Date of Next Meetings confirmed:

Thursday, 6 January 2022 and Thursday, 10 February 2022 at 7.30pm at Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road.

Christine Bailey,
HCPC Clerk
23 November 2021