

HEATH CHARNOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 11 August 2022 at 7.30pm held on at Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road.

Attendance:

Parish: Cllrs David Carpenter (Chair), Graham Ashworth, Robert Darbyshire, Tricia Power from 8.40pm and Christine Bailey, Parish Clerk.

Lancashire County Council: Cllr Kim Snape from 8.15pm

Apologies received from: Cllr Michelle le Marinel (Vice Chair), John Donnellon, and SE Chorley & Heath Charnock Ward Cllr Alistair Bradley

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Darbyshire for item 6b

1. Minutes of 1 June 2022: These were proposed by Cllr Ashworth, seconded by Cllr Darbyshire and were signed by Cllr Carpenter.

2. Matters arising:

HCPC noted that:

a. HCPC's Public Right of Way (PROW) Footpath Report 21/22 year has been submitted with the request for continued annual grant for footpath signage and accessibility works and for a bio-diversity grant in 2022/23

3. Planning: HCPC reviewed its initial comments compiled by email following the 1 June 2022 meeting and finalised them as below for Chorley Council as the Local Planning Authority (LPA):
22/00680/FULHH: Single storey detached annexe providing accommodation ancillary to main dwelling at Rawlinson House, 3 Mercer Court, PR7 4EE. The proposed annexe comprises a living room, bedroom with en-suite shower and storage. No kitchen/dining room. In theory this suggests that the annexe can't operate independently from the main house, which is confirmed in the application as being 'ancillary to the main house'. The Parish Council suggests that the views of neighbouring properties are considered. There seems to be no overlooking. If considered appropriate, the Parish Council suggests that any approval be conditioned to remain as ancillary.

b. **22/00687/FULHH: Single storey rear extension, external elevational and window alterations in order to facilitate the internal conversion of stables to ancillary living accommodation and erection of a detached garden summer room (resubmission of planning application ref: 22/00201/FULHH) at Hallsworth Fold Farm, Long Lane, PR6 9EG.** HCPC considered the two elements of the resubmission. The previous application was refused by the LPA as "the design details were not considered to be appropriate to the agrarian nature of the property". HCPC found the plans difficult to read. The re-submission offers some detailed design changes which the application says have been discussed with the LPA to be more in character with the original property and to reflect it's setting within the Greenbelt. The works to provide additional ancillary living accommodation are to convert it into residential use at the rear of the property. This proposal seems to be proportionate in scale and to be in keeping with the character of the property. The detached outdoor garden summer room is not considered in keeping in terms of design and scale. This element should not afford the potential for the development of a separate property at a future date.

c. **22/00604/FUL: Erection of 1no. dormer bungalow, following the demolition of the existing dwelling and detached garage at 120 Rawlinson Lane Heath Charnock Chorley PR7 4DF.** This application is to replace an existing property on land that has been previously developed land. The proposal far exceeds Chorley Council's HS6e limit of a 30% increase on volumetric size within the Greenbelt. In total it seems to be a 40%+ volumetric increase but in two phases - phase 1 is a 32%

increase and the rest in a proposed phase 2. The proposal does not seem to impact directly on any neighbouring property, but the views of neighbours should be considered. Due to its overall size, the Parish Council considers the proposal significantly exceeds the current Policy and should be refused.

d. 22/00644/FUL: Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of a replacement dwelling at 20 Long Lane, PR6 9EN. HCPC previously commented on application 21/01121/FUL at its 7 October 2021 meeting which was withdrawn in December 2021. HCPC has the same concerns in respect of the current proposal. The site is in residential use. The proposed design is not considered in keeping with the street scene or with the character of this area which is in the Greenbelt. There is no visual to show the scale and impact of the actual proposal in relation to the adjacent properties. The Parish Council believes that the application should be refused on design grounds to protect the street scene, the visual appearance and integrity of the Greenbelt.

e. 22/00631/FULMAJ: Erection of 139 dwellings, of which 30% will be affordable, together with associated roads, car parking and landscaping works on land adjacent to Rossendale Drive, Adlington PR6 9AB. It is for Adlington Town Council to comment on this specific application. If approved, as a neighbouring parish in the Adlington District, HCPC is concerned about the impact on the movement of traffic along Bolton Road and the adjoining public highway and about the potential impact of additional demand on local facilities including schools, GP and medical services in Adlington. This reflects the Parish Council's views expressed in January 2020 at Stage 1 of the Public Consultation on the proposed next strategic Local Plan

f. Notice of Appeal by written representation: Erection of six buildings to comprise 12 no. light industrial business units (resubmission of 20/01053/FULMAJ at land south of Mercer Court and east of Westhoughton Road, Adlington by 6 September 2022 to either add to or withdraw comments submitted to date. HCPC's submitted its comments following the 13 January 2022 meeting which will be for the LPA to submit to the Planning Inspectorate as part of Chorley Council's written representation.

4. Community Issues:

a. LCC's assessment of proposed SPID sites in the Parish: LCC Officer, Paul Connell attended to discuss the Parish Council's concerns behind its proposed sites, what the technology might allow, the fact that any signs will be 'mobile' in place for a maximum of three months before having to be relocated across the District and the potential benefits of SPID installation. The previous SPIDS bought for the District are heavy and the technology is now out-dated. If accepted, HCPC would be expected to source the SPID's from a supplier, contribute towards the cost to enhance Chorley Council's budget, and to provide volunteers to be trained to set up and take down the SPIDs. HCPC has not budgeted for this. CIL monies have been used in other areas. HCPC will consider this matter at the next meeting.

b. Chorley Council has agreed to pay for the household skip hire on Saturday 3 September 2022. Cty Cllr Snape has agreed to distribute the flyers. The skip rota will be circulated and finalised.

c. The Clerk is gathering information for the proposed public information board for the Chorley Town East Neighbourhood Area Priority Project to restore the lychgate known locally as the 'Wicket gate.' HCPC will try to source a photograph through the internet or via Adlington District Heritage Society. Cllr Ashworth will contact former Councillor Roy Howard to see if he has any local knowledge to assist with back ground information.

d. Cllr Ashworth reported on the 20 July 2022 Chorley Liaison meeting which discussed the Street Scene Strategy, the responsiveness of United Utilities, and the need for youth outreach work in the outer districts which Adlington Town Council has requested.

- e. Cllr Carpenter has ordered the re-design of the HCPC logo to achieve a better quality format for use in the weatherproof signs which Cllr Cornes will make to mark the replacement apple trees on Chorley Road as being 'planted by HCPC' and for other uses eg the Annual Parish Newsletter
- f. Cllr Darbyshire said he would cut back the trees on the Wigan Lane frontage of the Rawlinson Lane site as they are taking too much light from the 5 tier planter at Adlington in Bloom's (AiB) request.
- g. The Clerk will ask the former Clerk for information to reply to Adlington in Bloom's email asking for clarification of the ownership or maintenance of the following benches: at Skew Bridge: the junction of Westhoughton Road & Rawlinson Lane; and on the canal towpath by Idle Bridge. AiB intend to pay for some to be painted.
- i. HCPC discussed the proposal from Cllr Carpenter to hire for a day a flail mower to cut back the significantly overgrown vegetation back on some of the PROWs. It was agreed this should be dealt with by LCC, in particular 9-4-FP 4 bordering Anderton Parish Council and the Greenhalghs Lane area.
- j. The appeal from the Chorley Help the Homeless Charity Ltd Registered Charity No. 1152392 for financial support was noted. It was agreed that this Charity should be considered in the budget process for 2023/24 as a possible recipient of an annual donation.
- k. Lancashire Police will provide accident and incident statistics at the Rawlinson Lane & A6 junction for HCPC to discuss. LCC has confirmed that the 30mph section of Westhoughton Road is still a subject to the mobile speed enforcement sign to be displayed intermittently.
- l. The potential future CIL funded projects were listed as: the improvement of the KGV sports and recreation facilities in Adlington and the Gilette Cricket pitch in Limbrick; the replacement of the wooden log roll flower bed at Skew Bridge with the low stone wall version for which a design and cost quote will be requested; and as a contribution towards the SPID budget if progressed.

5. Financial Update:

- a. HCPC's bank account balance is £24,066.84 in the 24 June 2022 Statement, which is inclusive of the HMRC VAT reclaim of £142.32 credited on 30 May 2022
- b. Total CIL 22/23 money = £11,330.03. CIL expenditure to date: hanging baskets = £507.81; repainting of 2 benches & 2 boundary stones = £265.00 Total CIL spent = £772.81. CIL budget available: £10,557.22
- c. HCPC's own account balance in the Bank (less the current CIL budget) is £13,509.62
- d. Expenditure authorised at 11 August 2022 meeting:
 - i. Clerk gross monthly salary of £365.58 comprises: Clerk net salary of £300.98 and PAYE to HMRC of £64.40 per month. For July & August the net salary = £601.96. PAYE = £128.88 as confirmed by APL Accountants Ltd.
 - ii. Clerk Expenses (June & July 2022): Admin: £4.50 (1 x 500 sheets x A4 copier paper): Mileage: 4 miles @ 25ppm = £1.00 Total = £5.50
- e. HCPC donated £968.87 towards the Adlington District total net QPJ costs incurred at 5 June 2022 of £4,918.33. ATC has received a refund of £200. HCPC agreed that instead of a pro-rata split amongst the three councils (on a 66.8%: 13.5%: 19.7% split basis), ATC could retain the refund towards the cost of the proposed QPJ tree plant in Jubilee Recreation Grounds. It was noted that the event date, time and proceedings will be arranged for autumn 2022 and the cost will be shared by the three local councils.
- f. The HCPC Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Certificate of Exemption has been received and accepted by the External Auditor for the 2021/ 2022 financial year-end accounts.

6. Correspondence:

- a. The concerns of Cty Cllr Kim Snape on the re-routing of the 8a bus away from Limbrick were endorsed by the Parish Council who will write to Stage Coach and the LCC to maintain this route using a smaller vehicle.
- b. Late night licence application at 72 Rawlinson Lane, 5pm-1am, 27/28 August 2022 was noted. A similar event previously held had led to a number of concerns being reported to due to the late night noise and litter.
- c. LCC Consumer Alerts, August 2022 were noted.
- d. The LCC Clean Street App to report concerns was noted. Cllr Carpenter said it was very useful once the locational information is inputted.

7. Any Other Business

- a. Cty Cllr Snape said Adlington Clinic was to restart service delivery, with diabetic screening and podiatry. Residents will have to ask to be referred to it rather than travelling further afield. NHS Property Services will tender for further work to be done which will require a planning application to be submitted.
- b. Cllr Ashworth reported that United Utilities has been jet washing and gully cleaning on Babylon Lane.

Date of Next Meetings

These were confirmed as: Thursdays 15 September and 13 October at 7.30pm at Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road.

The meeting closed at 10pm

Christine Bailey,
HCPC Clerk,
22.8.2022