

**HEATH CHARNOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, 22 September 2022 at 7.30pm held on at Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road.**

**Attendance:**

Parish Council: Cllrs David Carpenter (Chair), Cllr Michelle le Marinell (Vice Chair) from 8.05pm, Richard Cornes, John Donnellon, SE Chorley & Heath Charnock Ward Cllr Bev Murray, Lancashire County Council Cllr Kim Snape and Christine Bailey, Parish Clerk.

**Apologies received from:** Graham Ashworth, Robert Darbyshire, Tricia Power, and SE Chorley & Heath Charnock Ward Cllr Samir Khan.

Guest speaker: Chris Walmsley, Chorley Council Street Scene Service Manager for item 4a only.

**Declarations of Interest: None**

**1. Minutes of 11 August 2022:** These were proposed by Cllr Donnellon, seconded by Cllr Carpenter and were signed by Cllr Carpenter.

**2. Matters arising:**

HCPC noted that:

a. Stage Coach says that it is unable to offer a single decker or a smaller bus to maintain the 8a bus service at reduced capacity through Limbrick. The Dial-a-Ride Service will be asked if it could offer support.

**3. Planning: for comment as a consultee**

a. **22/00832/CLPUD:** Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed detached outbuilding/shed for storage at Greenfield, Long Lane, PR6 9EQ. Chorley Council has given consent.

b. **22/00922/CLPUD:** Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension at Hallsworth Fold Farm, Long Lane, PR6 9EG. HCPC had no objection.

c. **22/00827/FULHH:** Erection of a single storey extension to the side (northern) elevation of an existing detached garage along with external alterations in order to facilitate the provision of ancillary living accommodation at Limbrick House, Long Lane, PR6 9EE. HCPC is concerned that the access into and egress from the application site is not good. Whilst described as 'ancillary', if granted, the potential is for further extension to lead to the creation of a separate dwelling which the Parish Council would want to avoid. This application should be refused.

d. **22/00786/OUT:** Outline planning application including access (with all other matters reserved) for the erection of 1no. detached dwellinghouse at Lowe Farm, 123 Rawlinson Lane, PR7 4DF. HCPC is concerned about the impact of this proposal in the greenbelt. The site is close to the former railway bridge. The proposal is not considered suitable and should be refused.

e. Discussion of LCC traffic survey on Babylon Lane carried out in relation to application **21/00270/FULMAJ** and the issues arising (enclosed). The Parish Council is concerned that no survey of the existing traffic speed or conditions specific to Babylon Lane has been carried out, with the Primary School, parked vehicles which reduces visibility and lane width to often one vehicle width for most of the day, the 20 MPH speed restriction which is not enforced and no assessment of the number and type of vehicles using the Lane. A theoretical model might suggest the impact of additional traffic from the proposal could be absorbed, but not without the existing situation being investigated. The Parish Council has contacted LCC about the possibility of a speed bump being installed and is considering the option to monitor traffic speed itself by purchasing a speed camera to evidence local concerns. Both LCC and The Lancashire Police Constabulary will be contacted to progress these matters, including items 4f and 4i.

f. **22/00863/CLPUD:** Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension and conversion of integral garage to habitable accommodation at The Nook,

Westhoughton Road, PR7 4ER. HCPC has no objection providing the proposal is within permitted development limits.

#### 4. Community Issues:

a. Chris Walmsley gave an overview of the objectives of, the overall targets for, and the aim for the Street Scene team to work towards an annual meeting with each local council to jointly review service delivery. Specific discussion was of the need to:

- Replace the grit bin with a litter bin at Skew Bridge. Chris Walmsley said he would get the grit bin removed. Both parties would need to monitor the impact of this and consider alternative suitable locations to avoid unnecessary congestion at the junction when litter is collected and to avoid the team having to carry litter bags to their vehicles on the A6, and to
- Get LCC's permission to plant replacement apple trees on Chorley Road. The Chair has already done.

Also residents at Flag Lane, Limbrick have asked for a mini-meadow. This would be planted with a mix of wild flowers and bulbs to add interest and colour.

b. HCPC's response to LCC's **assessment of proposed SPID sites** in the Parish was discussed. HCPC's priorities are to reduce traffic speed on Babylon and Rawlinson Lanes and to improve safety at the Rawlinson Lane/Westhoughton Road junction. The Parish Council agreed it will ask for advice & support from the Police and LCC, with a view to HCPC gathering evidence for additional safety measures to be introduced. The Chairman has investigated the cost of a speed bump and speed gun to be bought and used by Parish Council. Cllr Donnellon offered to help as a traffic monitoring volunteer to collect evidence to make a case for Police and/or LCC intervention. The Parish Council agreed to invite Andy Pratt MBE, the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire to a meeting. If LCC cannot take a central co-ordinating role for the purchase and roll out of SPIDs, could Chorley Council take on this role Borough-wide? Cllr Murray agreed to follow this up.

c. HCPC reviewed the **household waste collection, on Saturday 3 September** at the White Horse Pub carpark and agreed to thank Chorley Council's waste collection team who did a tremendous job to assist the Parish Councillors and residents to get their refuse to the skip.

d. The restoration of the Wicket Gate is a Chorley Town East Neighbourhood Area Priority Project. The Clerk has gathered text, is waiting for a response to some outstanding enquiries, in particular to obtain a picture of the Wicket Gate as built. Cllr Le Marinel suggested an online request be made.

e. The Parish coat of arms has been enhanced by copying the Chairman's jewel of office. The logo will be available in various formats. Once finalised, it will be used by Cllr Cornes to make the weatherproof signs for the proposed replacement trees on Chorley Road to be marked as 'planted by HCPC', for the Parish website, newsletter and for letterhead.

f. The Lancashire Constabulary accident statistics at the Rawlinson Lane & A6 junction were discussed. A recent additional incident and a near miss were noted. The data under-estimates the problem as near-misses or minor collisions will not be reported. Cllr Cornes suggested that the telegraph pole on Rawlinson Lane should be moved back from the junction as it does create a 'blind spot' as the photograph he has now taken shows. This will be reported to LCC & the Police for consideration to improve driver sight lines on the approach to the junction.

g. To note the proposed clarification of the ownership and maintenance responsibility for the benches as follows: at Skew Bridge to be taken by HCPC; for Adlington in Bloom to maintain the bench at the junction of Westhoughton Road & Rawlinson Lane and on the canal towpath by Idle Bridge. This was agreed subject to consultation with Chorley Council who probably installed the bench, to be added to the HCPC Asset Register if agreed.

- h. As referred to in item 2a above, the decision has been made to re-route the 8a bus away from Limbrick, Long Lane and upper Babylon Lane. One resident has expressed concern at the impact of this decision. HCPC agreed it was important to ensure continued access to public transport, and agreed to contact the Dial-a-Ride service to ask if their service could be promoted.
- i. The concern of a resident about traffic speed on Babylon Lane upwards from Factory Lane and the response from LCC (enclosed) and the response of Cty Cllr Edwards (enclosed) were discussed and will be followed up as in Item 4b.
- j. The resident concern raised about overhanging trees along Babylon Lane, from Factory Lane to the Bay Horse which need to be cut back, was not thought to be necessary. Cllr Ashworth had said that this might be of more concern towards Mornington Road. No further action was proposed.
- k. The resident's concern about a tree considered dangerous to public safety on PROW to the rear of Sutton Lane and the actions taken so far by the Parish Council were discussed. The Chairman said that LCC will need to remove/cut back the dangerous tree and Adlington Town Council will need to ask for the LCC PROW maintenance team to cut back the overgrown vegetation in their area as it is beyond what Cllr Carpenter can do as a volunteer without a flail mower.
- l. HCPC has been invited to the Adlington & District Civic Remembrance planning meeting on Tuesday 27 September 2022. Cllr Power can attend. It was agreed that HCPC should order 3 wreaths, for the Adlington Civic Service, the Act of Remembrance at the Gateway Stone and for HCPC to be represented at the Chorley Council Remembrance Service. The Clerk has completed the purchased 6 large poppies as authorised in 2021.
- m. The Clerk has sourced an alternative stone mason to give a quote and indicative design for the replacement of the log roll at Skew Bridge.

#### **5. Financial Update:**

- a. **HCPC's bank account balance:** at 25 August 2022 Statement was: £23,069.58
- 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. Balance on the CIL budget available: £10,557.24
- c. HCPC own account balance in the Bank (less the CIL balance) is £12,512.34
- d. **Expenditure which was approved at 15 September 2022 meeting:**
  - i. Clerk gross monthly salary of £365.58 for September respectively: Clerk net salary of £300.98 and PAYE to HMRC of £64.40 per month as confirmed by APL Accountants Ltd.
  - ii. Clerk Expenses (August 2022): Admin: postage 12 x second class stamps £8.16: Mileage: 31 miles @ 25ppm = £7.75. Overall total = £15.91
  - iii. Reimburse Clerk for HCPC annual website domain renewal and annual web host costs = £44.94

#### **6. Correspondence received was notes as follows:**

- a. The email from Cty Cllr Kim Snape on the re-roofing works proposed for the Adlington Clinic which is now the subject of a planning application.
- b. The email from Cty Cllr Kim Snape on the further delay to the repair of the reservoir wall, Bolton Road which suggests the work will be done in summer 2023 requiring a full road closure.
- c. The circulation of Chorley Council September 'in the Boro' and LCC Consumer Alerts.
- d. That LCC is due to review its proposals and costs on Lamppost GN22 testing. HCPC needs to monitor this to ask for a refund should LCC's policy and its costs be substantially reduced.
- e. LCC request to identify potential 'Warm and Welcoming Publicly Accessible Spaces'. This was noted. As there are no public buildings in the Parish, it was agreed that HCPC should set up to £1,000 aside from CIL monies in the first instance to make a series of financial contributions to help other

organisations to run activities in their premises and/or to keep them open for those struggling to afford to heat their own homes providing this support was targeted at parishioners. Cllr Bev Murray said that Chorley Council offers a Household Support Grant to help families in need to buy essential purchases eg a replacement cooker

**7. Any Other Business**

a. HCPC agreed to Cllr Le Marinel's request that a small gift be purchased to thank the photographer who took the photos of the Adlington District Councillors at the start of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event. This was agreed.

**8. Date of Next Meetings confirmed as:**

Thursday 13 October & Thursday 10 November 2022 at 7.30pm at Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Christine Bailey,  
HCPC Clerk,  
1.10.2022