

**HEATH CHARNOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, 13 October 2022 at 7.30pm held on at Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road.**

**Attendance:**

Parish Council: Cllrs David Carpenter (Chair), Michelle Le Marinel, Richard Cornes, Robert Darbyshire, Tricia Power and Christine Bailey, Parish Clerk.

**Apologies received from:** Parish Council: Cllrs Graham Ashworth and John Donnellon; SE Chorley & Heath Charnock Ward Cllr Bev Murray; and Lancashire County Council Cllr Kim Snape

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Le Marinel for item 3a.

**1. Minutes of 22 September 2022:** Cllr Cornes said that he had attended the September meeting which the Clerk confirmed from her notes. With this amendment, the minutes were proposed by Cllr Le Marinel, seconded by Cllr Cornes and were signed by Cllr Carpenter.

**2. Matters arising:**

HCPC noted that:

- a. Chorley Council's Streetscene Team has removed the grit bin at Skew Bridge. The Clerk reported no litter on the ground. This will be monitored.
- b. Dial-a-Ride has up to 5 vacant seats on its Friday shopping mini-bus. HCPC is asked to inform interested residents by the poster due to the restricted capacity. The resident who expressed concern has been contacted and information is in the Notice boards.
- c. The Local Planning Authority is to commission independent highways consultants to provide robust assessments for all new-build residential planning applications under consideration.
- d. Andy Pratt, Lancashire's Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner will attend the 16 March 2023 Parish Council meeting and has offered assistance in the interim, if required.
- e. Cllr Darbyshire has pruned the trees which were taking light from the five tier planter on the Rawlinson and Wigan Lane triangle.

**3. Planning:** The Parish Council commented as a consultee on applications:

- a. **22/00958/OUT:** Outline application for the erection of one detached dwelling, with all matters reserved, save for access and layout on land adjacent to 141 Chorley Road, PR6 9JL. If the scale is proportionate and the design is in keeping with the character of this area, the Parish Council has no objection in principle to one property being built on this site.
- b. **22/00988/FULHH:** Single storey rear extension (conservatory) (following demolition of existing conservatory) at 46, The Asshawes, PR6 9JW. The Parish Council notes that the replacement conservatory will almost be double in size. It does not seem excessive or to impinge on neighbouring properties. The Parish Council has no objection but asks that the views of neighbours are considered.
- c. **22/01023/FULHH:** First Floor Side Extension at Corona, Wigan Lane, PR7 4DA. Cllr Le Marinel declared an interest and left the room. This property is in the Greenbelt. In line with Chorley Council's Planning Policy HS5d extensions up to a maximum of 50% volumetric increase are considered appropriate. This is the second extension. The proposal would add another floor onto the existing extension. Current properties in the row seem close on existing footprints. The proposal is not thought to be of significant impact to neighbours, but their views should be considered.

**4. Community Issues:**

- a. HCPC noted Chorley Council's response received to the points put forward by Cllr Bev Murray from the Parish Council's 22 September 2022 meeting. HCPC agreed to attend Chorley Council's meeting on 27 October for the Adlington District Councils to jointly discuss SpIDs. A mix of views is held within HCPC. The Parish Council's priorities are to reduce traffic speed on both Babylon and Rawlinson Lanes and to improve safety at the Rawlinson Lane junction with the A6.

- b. The proposed wording of the public information board to link to the restoration of the Wicket Gate as a Chorley Town East Neighbourhood Area Priority Project was discussed. The Chair said its purpose should be made clear. The Clerk has been unable to access an 'as built' photo from the Lancashire or Chorley Libraries, or the local media archives. Cllr Le Marinel offered to use her social media account to ask for an 'as built' photograph.
- c. The Chair outlined the design and colours of the enhanced logo, taken from the Parish Council's civic jewel on the Mayor's Chain. Cllr Cornes will use the logo to make the weatherproof sign to mark the replacement apple tree on Chorley Road as 'planted by HCPC'
- d. Cllr Power reported from the Adlington & District Civic Remembrance event planning meeting on Tuesday 27 September 2022. It will be on Sunday 13 November at 2pm to parade from the Community Centre to the St Paul's Church for the Service and to the War Memorial. Cllr Le Marinel will lay the HCPC wreath. HCPC attendance will be finalised and confirmed to ATC.
- e. It was proposed that the Parish Council's Act of Remembrance at the Gateway Stone will be held on either Friday 11 November at 11am, subject to availability to attend, or on Saturday 12 November at 11am for the names of the fallen to be read out and a wreath laid. Arrangements will be finalised to allow publication. Cllr Darbyshire will display the six new large poppies on lamp posts at Skew Bridge and at the Rawlinson Lane junction with the A673.
- f. HCPC representation at Chorley Council's Remembrance Service was agreed as the Chair and Vice Chair will attend. The Chair will lay a wreath.
- g. The Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC)'s Conference will be held on Saturday, 12 November in Preston from 9.30am – 14.40pm. Cllr Le Marinel and Cllr Power will attend.
- h. A quote and indicative design for the replacement of the log roll at Skew Bridge has been requested.
- i. HCPC's proposed financial support for LCC's Adlington and District Warm and Welcoming initiative was discussed. If Adlington based facility providers and groups running activities will encourage attendance by Parishioners, HCPC will consider a contribution towards revenue costs towards energy, light refreshments or activity costs. It is understood that an Adlington weekly calendar will be brought together which the Parish Council could consider at its next meeting.

## **5. Financial Update:**

HCPC noted that:

- a. The bank account balance at 25 August 2022 Statement was £23,069.58. The estimated balance once the four cheques approved by HCPC on 22 September are debited will be £22,643.35.
- 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 within the bank account.
- c. HCPC own estimated account balance in the Bank (less the CIL balance) is £12,086.13
- d. HCPC approved the following expenditure approved at 13 October 2022 meeting:
  - i. The clerk's September gross monthly salary of £365.58 is to be paid as: Clerk net salary of £300.98 and PAYE to HMRC of £64.40 per month as confirmed by APL Accountants Ltd.
  - ii. Clerk Expenses (September 2022): Admin: 3 wreaths with ribbon = £22.24 each = £66.72: Mileage: 31 miles @ 25ppm = £7.75. Total = £74.47
- e. HCPC agreed that:
  - i. As no invoice has been received for the logo enhancement work, payment would be made when confirmed

- ii. The Clerk will be reimbursed for the chocolates bought to thank the Adlington & District QPJ photographer – cost to be confirmed
- iii. Following the death of Mr Lowe, the Parish Council will send a condolences card and flowers to his wife.

**6. Correspondence:**

HCPC noted:

- a. Chorley Council October 'in the Boro' and LCC Consumer Alerts – both circulated
- b. Chorley Liaison Meeting, Wednesday 19 October at 6.30pm as a hybrid meeting

**7. Any Other Business**

- a. Cllr Le Marinel proposed that the Parish Council become paperless at meetings. This met with a mixed response. The Clerk will ask Parish Councillors for their preference to have paper copies for use at meetings or to use their own electronic device.
- b. Cllr Le Marinel proposes starting a Parish Litter Pick Group. She will ask Chorley Council to provide up to 12 high visibility vests, litter pickers and plastic bags which Cllr Le Marinel will store. Cllr Carpenter will get the vests printed with 'HCPC Volunteer'. This will be discussed at the next meeting and then advertised for volunteers to get involved.
- c. Cllr Cornes reported a tree has gone rotten on the Rawlinson and Wigan Lane triangle which Cllr Darbyshire will remove.
- d. The Parish Council's insurance is due for renewal. This will be discussed at the November meeting as part of the budget discussions.
- e. The LCC response dated 11 October suggesting that "the telegraph pole did not appear to create a significant inter visibility problem between Rawlinson Lane, west side and other road users" as disappointing.

**Date of Next Meetings confirmed as:**

Thursday 10 November 2022 and Thursday 12 January 2022 at 7.30pm at Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Christine Bailey,  
HCPC Clerk,  
25.10.2022