

HEATH CHARNOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 9 February 2023 at 7.30pm held on at Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road.

Attendance:

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

Apologies for absence: were received from the Parish Council: Cllrs John Donnellon and Richard Cornes; SE Chorley & Heath Charnock Ward Cllr Beverley Murray & Lancashire County Cllr Kim Snape

1. Declarations of Interest: None

2. Minutes of 12 January 2023 meeting: were proposed by Cllr Ashworth, seconded by Cllr Le Marinel and signed by Cllr Carpenter.

2. Matters arising:

It was noted that:

a. Fairview Youth & Community Centre Management Committee has applied for a LCC Warm Spaces grant to support Adlington Youth Group

b. The LCC consent to display 12x half hanging baskets on six lamp posts, nos 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 & 39 Chorley Road has been received dated 1 February 2023. It is valid for two years till 31 October 2024.

c. The Clerk will monitor the LCC refund of the 2022 lamp post hanging basket licence fee on receipt of the 31 January 2023 bank statement to request it if not already received.

3. Planning: HCPC commented on the following planning applications:

a. **23/00053/NOT:** Notification of intention to upgrade existing electronic communications apparatus including the installation of 2no new equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works at Chorley Road, Heath Charnock. The site has been assessed. The proposal was noted.

b. Cllr Ashworth took HCPC through the main issues in the online Central Lancashire Local Plan public consultation questionnaire based around discussion of the:

- Direction of the emerging policies in the Plan, noting the overall proposed vision, ambition, spatial distribution, the protection of the Greenbelt and the environment and sustainability
- Potential local impact of development for housing and employment and the need for appropriate investment in essential infrastructure, public services and measures to mitigate against climate change, flood water management and to protect bio-diversity, and the
- Potential site allocations proposed in the Adlington District.

HCPC agreed its views for submission before 24 February 2023.

4. Community Issues:

a. Discussion continues to identify a suitable venue for a Food Club. Chorley Buddies has capacity to provide the food supplies if operated on a Monday. Current grants are sufficient for up to six month's funding. The Chorley Town East Neighbourhood Area meeting has agreed the proposed Food Club as a priority project. A membership fee will also help to achieve its sustainability.

b. A second on-site meeting has finalised the sketch design, method of working, staff facilities, site security with a start date to be agreed once the LCC Section 144 & 96 consents have both been approved. The length of the flower bed is 3.1 not 2.4m. The builder has agreed to construct the stone wall planter to this measurement within the cost quote. A 4 yard skip will be required. Cllr Cornes will be asked to replace the dedication sign for the log roll. National Highways Limited has confirmed no highways interest in this site. Adlington in Bloom will be asked to remove the planting before works start on site.

c. Cllr Carpenter has set up the Crowd-funding website to seek support from the public and ideally from LCC. Cllr Power attended Rivington Parish Council's meeting and reported their agreement to be involved. The Art Competition and commemorative gift will involve the five primary schools in the District. HCPC agreed to contribute up to £450 towards the initiative; asked for additional commemorative gifts to be ordered, and whether the photographer will be required.

- d. Cllr Carpenter said the HCPC Annual Newsletter would be held back to include the Coronation Celebrations programme with distribution to be arranged from Monday 17 April 2023. Draft content, costs, edit, print and delivery deadlines will be discussed at the next HCPC meeting.
- e. Cllr Cornes took part in the Chorley Town East Neighbourhood Area Meeting. He will be asked for an update at the next meeting in addition to noting support for the Food Club in item 4a
- f. LCC is to provide three grit bins for Nickleton Brow to Knowsley Lane once locations are assessed.
- g. There was no further update from the Police on the anti-social behaviour concerns raised by two residents at the January meeting. Two Parish Councillors confirmed discarded nitrous oxide canisters are in evidence around the Rivington viewpoint. One clean-up attempt had been witnessed. It was agreed to prepare an agenda to include this item for discussion with the Deputy Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner at the 16 March meeting, to ask a Ward Councillor to be present, to invite the two residents to join in the discussion and to put forward local concerns.
- h. The joint council Adlington District Queen Elizabeth II Green Canopy Tree Planting Ceremony will take place on Saturday 4 March 2023 from 12.30-1.30pm which Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP will attend. HCPC's attendance was noted to be finalised by Friday 24 February 23.
- i. HCPC will plant the Chorley Road replacement apple trees and display the plaque
- j. It was suggested that the Parish Litter Pick Group be launched to co-incide with the Big Help on Monday 8 May 2023. Cllr Le Marinel will obtain equipment and resources to recruit and manage the volunteers with Chorley Council's support. HCPC will brand the high visibility vests as 'HCPC volunteers'. Volunteers will be given information on the benefit of time credits in return for litter picking.

5. Financial Update:

HCPC noted that:

- a. The 31 January 2023 bank statement had not been received possibly due to the requested change of date. The Council agreed to sign a letter to request a duplicate copy if lost in the post.
- b. The updated total CIL budget received at 15 November 22 was noted as unchanged at £11,124.86
- c. HCPC's bank account balance at 31 January 23 (less the updated CIL balance) will be confirmed.
- d. Chorley Council invoice for the annual maintenance of 6 hanging floral baskets was paid on 26 January 2023 at a net cost £564.58, VAT at £112.92. Total cost = £677.50
- e. Expenditure approved at 9 February 2023 meeting comprised:
 - i. Clerk gross February 23 salary of £365.58: with Clerk net salary of £300.98 and PAYE to HMRC of £64.60 per month (as confirmed by APL)
 - ii. Clerk Expenses (January 2023): Admin: £0.00 Mileage: 23 miles @ 25ppm = £5.75
- f. HCPC noted the annual precept request has been submitted to Chorley Council at £8,500

6. Correspondence: HCPC noted the following:

- a. Chorley online Budget Consultation 2023/24 had been forwarded with 6 February 2023 deadline

7. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Ashworth reported that the Foot Path sign at Bibby's Farm and Scout Adventure Centre on Back Lane had fallen down and was lying in the grass. LCC will be asked to re-install it
- b. Cllr Ashworth reported that Rivington Heritage is closely supervising their maintenance contract with Groundwork to ensure quality standards and the timeliness of the work carried out.

8. Date of Next Meetings confirmed as:

Thursday 16 March 2023 and Thursday 13 April 2023 at 7.30pm at Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Prepared by Christine Bailey,
HCPC Clerk,
17 February 2023