

## HEATH CHARNOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 11 May 2023 at 7.30pm held on at Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road.

### Attendance:

**Parish Council:** Cllrs David Carpenter (Chair), Graham Ashworth, Tricia Power, Robert Darbyshire and John Donnellon; Lancashire County Cllr Kim Snape from 7.50pm and Christine Bailey, Parish Clerk

**Apologies for absence:** were received from the Parish Council: Cllrs Michelle Le Marinel and SE Chorley & Heath Charnock Ward Cllr Alistair Bradley

**Declarations of Interest:** None

1. **Minutes of 13 April 2023 meeting:** were proposed by Cllr Donnellon, seconded by Cllr Ashworth and signed by Cllr Carpenter.

### 3. Matters arising for information:

HCPC noted that:

- a. Mr Pratt, the Deputy Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner will meet to assess road safety concerns in the Nickleton Brow, Knowsley Lane and Rivington area with representatives from residents, the Parish Council, the Police, United Utilities and Cty Cllr Snape on 17 and 18 May 2023.
- b. The Parish Council vacancy is now advertised in line with the Section 87(2) procedure. If no demand for a local election is expressed, HCPC will advertise the vacancy to be filled by co-option.
- c. Cllr Power has been confirmed as the Heath Charnock Parish representative for the registered charity 'Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School and Prize Funds'.

### 4. Planning:

HCPC commented as a consultee on:

- a. **23/00313/FUL:** Erection of a detached dwelling (substitute dwelling for 'The Hayloft' approved under planning permission ref. 20/00063/FUL) (retrospective) at Liptrot Farm Gilbertson Road Heath Charnock Chorley PR7 4DJ. HCPC expressed concern that the planning process is not being adequately respected when an application to change an approved property design is submitted retrospectively. Under 17/00483/FUL (Demolition of existing equestrian centre and its replacement) consent was approved for three dwellings and not the four that had been applied for to avoid overdevelopment and to restrict new construction to within the footprint of existing buildings then on site. The Parish Council is concerned to ensure that this principle is maintained by the Planning Authority if consent is granted.
- b. **23/00285/CLPUD:** Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension at 2- 4 Brickfield Cottages, Nickleton Brow, PR6 9EZ. HCPC has no objection.
- c. **23/00331/CTY and alternative reference SCP/2023/0001:** Consultation from Lancashire County Council on application ref. SCP/2023/0001 (Scoping opinion request for a proposed anaerobic digester unit and ancillary development), Wigan Lane, Coppull. HCPC recognised the need for the intensive dairy farm's requirement to safely deal with its bi-products and that a considerable amount of research has already been carried out. If a planning application is submitted, the Parish Council considers that an Environmental Impact Assessment is necessary to: minimise/manage potential odours which will emanate 24/7 from the site; deal with methane gas as a bi-product of the process; protect existing bio-diversity - amphibians, toads, and the deer that roam freely across the larger open Rivington/Adlington area; protect nearby residents and existing land uses; ensure the facility is a 'green' as possible in its approach to minimise its impact on the locality, the local water course system and if possible, to enhance bio-diversity.
- d. **23/00335/FULHH:** Single storey front extension with storage in roof space at 120, Rawlinson Lane, Heath Charnock, PR7 4DF. HCPC is concerned that this proposal should respect Policies HS5d on

house extensions and HS6d on replacement dwellings in the greenbelt to prevent incremental and disproportionate volumetric increase in property size. A maximum of 50% for a house extension and up to 30% for a replacement dwelling is stated. As the property to be extended has itself recently been approved as a replacement dwelling under 22/00604/FUL, the Parish Council asks that the Local Planning Authority ensures that both H5d and H6d are strictly adhered to. The submitted plan indicates a proposed increase of 242.7 cubic metres against a dwelling size of 519.9 cubic metres.

**5. Community Issues:**

- a. Cllr Carpenter said that the Adlington Food Club was three weeks in, had been going well, was creating opportunity for social interaction and there were up to 60 people in attendance after the May Bank Holiday weekend. If this continues it should be on-track to become self-financing.
- b. No further update has been received from the contractor on the start on site to replace Walter's log roll with a low rise stone wall planter. The Clerk will monitor this and will progress the design of replacement signage with the same wording to be attached to the stone wall planter.
- c. It was agreed that Cllr Donnellon would meet the Chorley Council Officer on site to finalise the proposed location of the public information board at the Wicket Gate, Weavers Brow.
- d. Cllr Carpenter reported that the joint council promoted Coronation Celebration events held on 6 - 7 May 2023 had been well supported, including the Ring for the King at St Pauls Church; the FoAL, St Paul's Church and the Bingo events were very busy and Cllr Darbyshire had taken part in the Rivington Toast for the King. It was noted that due to the receipt of a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, each event open to the public had received some financial support. An end of project grant report would be prepared for the National Lottery.
- e. HCPC's Annual Newsletter has been printed and delivered and spares taken to Adlington Library.
- f. The Parish Council considers that the benefit of it supporting the Lancashire Partnership Against Crime (LANPAC) by annual membership at a cost of £60 plus VAT. If done, this would be the equivalent of an extra annual donation towards crime prevention measures in Lancashire. It was agreed to find out what schemes have been implemented in the Parish area or within Adlington District to date.
- g. HCPC agreed with Cllr Power's proposal to retain for the foreseeable future the Parish prayer as currently worded until or unless a suitable alternative wording or prayer is proposed for all Councillors to consider as a suitable alternative option.
- h. HCPC noted the proposed enhancements to Chorley Council's Housing Assistance Policy consultation (as circulated). It was agreed to add this to the 15 June 2023 meeting agenda for comments to be submitted before the 19 June 2023 consultation deadline.
- i. The Household Waste collection event was agreed for Saturday 14 October, at the White Horse pub car park, with the skip arrival from 8.30am and open to the public till 12 noon. The Clerk will confirm this date with all parties. A leaflet will be prepared nearer the time.
- j. Cllr Ashworth asked about the two shrubs that HCPC paid for which the AiB volunteers at Skew Bridge have been growing/shaping to be planted to the rear face of the Gateway Stone. The Clerk will follow this up to ask about them when and how they can be planted to be secured as far as possible. It was suggested we might ask the contractor to create a planting area inside the rear wall of the Gateway Stone. Cllr Power said the Parish Council should distribute the CIL money across the Parish. This and other options will be discussed at the June meeting.

**5. Financial Update:**

- a. The overall balance in the HCPC bank account at 28 April 2023 was £16,664.87 with and to verify the receipt of a CIL payment of £1,355.19 Chorley Council and the LCC refund of £396 from the 2022

GN22 lamp post consent still awaited. Chorley Council has not paid the 2023/24 precept as at 28 April 2023.

b. The CIL expenditure net of VAT against four projects in the 2022/23 financial year was £3,556.14 against total CIL income received at that date of £11,897.67. This leaves CIL income to carry forward into 2023/24 of £8,341.53 plus the payment received on 28 April 2023 of £1,355.19, giving a total CIL budget of £9,696.72.

c. HCPC's own account balance at 28 April 2023 less the available CIL balance is £6,968.15

d. The Clerk has agreed the timetable and procedure with APL Accountants Ltd for the preparation of the 2022/23 year-end accounts and Annual Governance and Accounting Return (AGAR) forms to be ready for consideration and approval at HCPC's 15 June 2023 meeting.

e. The VAT reclaim from HMRC at the 2022/23 financial year-end is expected to be £810.67.

**f. Expenditure approved at 11 May 2023 meeting comprised:**

i. Clerk gross May 23 salary per month of £391.25: as Clerk net salary of £313.05 and PAYE to HMRC of £78.20 per month as confirmed by APL Accountants

ii. Clerk Expenses (April 2023): Admin: A5 x500 x 75gsm paper – £4.75 Mileage: 47 miles @ 25ppm = £11.75. Total = £16.50

iii. Reimburse Cllr Carpenter £10.00 for the design quality enhancement to the HCPC Coat of Arms

iv. HCPC's annual donations as set out in the 2023/24 approved expenditure budget to:

- Adlington in Bloom had confirmed an actual 2022/23 plant cost incurred of £341. £350 was approved to meet that cost and as an additional small donation
- Adlington Luncheon Club at £120.00
- North West Air Ambulance at £275.00
- Shop Mobility at £66
- Rivington and Adlington Junior Band at £55 and Cllr Carpenter proposed an additional one-off payment of £100 towards the Band's cost of taking part in a national competition. This was agreed.

v. The expected cost contribution from each council to the District community Coronation events was below that anticipated as shown in the breakdown. HCPC's contribution was agreed at £213.04.

**6. Correspondence:**

a. In the Boro – May 23 (this will be forwarded)

b. HCPC will be represented at the Chorley Mayor Elect's Civic Service, on Sunday 21 May by Cllr Michelle Le Marinel who is attending as a Borough Councillor and Cllr Donnellon is able to attend.

c. Invitation to the Adlington Town Mayor Elect's Civic Service, Sunday 25 June at St Paul's Church to assemble at 10.15am for Service at 10.30am was noted. The invitation will be circulated on receipt for representation to be agreed

d. Cllr Darbyshire was asked to note the dates for the Chorley Town East Neighbourhood Area Meetings as: Tuesday, 20 June and Tuesday 8 February 2024 from 6.30-8pm in the Town Hall Committee Room 1

e. The LCC Safer Trader Scheme was noted and will be publicised by HCPC.

**7. Any Other Business**

a. Cllr Carpenter has received a complaint from a resident about the building of a new dwelling on the site of former stables on Long Lane which was approved under application 19/00115. The Parish Council had objected when consulted and had continued to question the Local Planning Authority's decision once consent had been granted. The Parish Council as a consultee did what it could at the time to make sure the Planning Officer was aware of all local issues to be considered.

b. Cllr Carpenter has received a concern about the condition of the bus shelter on Chorley Road near the Asshawes. Cty Cllr Snape said that Chorley Council is aware of its current poor condition and is due to replace it.

c. The reply from Chorley Council about the need for planning consent for certain types of advertising was noted. It would seem that HCPC will need to photograph the advertisements that have been displayed to ask Chorley Council whether it has consent and/or whether it can take enforcement action to stop the proliferation in the Parish.

d. Cty Cllr Snape said that parking restrictions are currently being enforced in the Parish and this applies to vehicles parked on the pavement which are then inside of a double yellow line on the road. Where there is a double yellow line, the 'no parking' restriction stretches to the back edge of the pavement.

e. Cllr Ashworth said that brown iron oxide is again leaking from the service strip onto the access to Springfield Mews. Cllr Ashworth will speak to Cty Cllr Snape to report it for repair.

f. A resident has again expressed concern about traffic speed on Babylon Lane asking the Parish Council to act before there is a road traffic accident.

g. It was reported that a large 'log cabin type structure has been erected on Westhoughton Road in the ground of a property in Kings Lea.

**8. Dates of the next Parish Council meetings confirmed as:**

Thursday 15 June 2023 and Thursday 10 August 2023 at 7.30pm at Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road.

Christine Bailey,  
Clerk,  
31 May 2023