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CHORLEY – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 05th May 2021
The meeting was held virtually via Zoom Technology

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Parish Council Chair Cllr B Durbar welcomed all those in attendance to the Chorley Annual Parish Meeting.

2. To receive an Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council for 2020/21

Due to the present Covid 19 situation the AGM and Parish Meeting will be held via Zoom in May.

We are now up to 6 members of the council thanks to Sophie Beever joining us and Margaret Rainey re-joining at our last meeting. Thanks also to Richard Barraclough, Helen Keefe and Simon Watkins for their continued support.

Due to not being able to hold an AGM last year members remained in post. Richard remained in the role of Vice Chair, he also continued to be responsible for the Lindow Trust, and he is also responsible for Footpaths and Tree Warden as well as having input to planning decisions.

Simon has responsibility for our Website and E Mail accounts and Highways issues as well as having input to planning decisions.

Helen continued in her role of Airport Liaison as well as having input to planning decisions.

I attend meetings with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Town and Parish Conferences and ChALC AGM and have now taken on the lead in planning decisions.

Our Clerk Ashley Comiskey Dawson continues to be a valuable asset to the council. During the last 12 months Ashley has kept the Parish Council ticking over in a very professional manner while we have been unable to meet face to face.

Mark Goldsmith and Iain Macfarlane continued as Ward Councillors and we find their attendance useful to escalate matters to Cheshire East Council.

PCSO James Morris regularly attends our meetings and if not available provides us with an update by E Mail. James has proved to be very helpful with any issues we have raised with him, and makes regular patrols within Chorley. We pass statistics from our SID on to James who unfortunately has been unable to carry out Speed checks due to CEC having lost the Traffic Regulation Orders for Knutsford Road, along with several others. These statistics are also passed on to CEC, as we still have concerns about the speed of traffic along the road, which hopefully will come up with a solution to reduce speed along Knutsford Road.

Review of the last 12 months.

Our lighting upgrade to LED lighting is now complete and we are still hopeful of having the lighting adopted by CEC. We have now reduced our running costs from £100 per month to £30 per month by having more energy efficient lighting.

The length of Knutsford Road was due to be resurfaced by CEC following complaints from a number of residents, this has still not happened and they are still patching potholes mainly at the roundabout.

The blocked drain at the Roundabout has still not been repaired although we were assured the problem had been solved. I have recently found photographs from 2015 showing the flooding!!

The white lines at the end of Dingle Avenue have not been re-painted following patching work.

The Cemetery Gatehouse still stands empty and neglected although action is to be taken by CEC to sell the property.

The new flashing School signs at the end of Upcast lane were due to be fitted W/C 19/4.

The Cheshire East Community Governance Review is seeking to merge CPC with Wilmslow Town Council and Handforth Parish Council. We await publication of the consultation before we proceed with a leaflet campaign to oppose the merger.

This has been my tenth year as Chairman, making a total of 16 years that I have been in the chair.

Barry Durbar 05/05/21

3. To receive a report from the PCSO

P.C.S.O. James Morris attended the APM and noted:

- On 08/04 there was a theft of gardening equipment from an address on Chelford Road, 2 leaf blowers and a strimmer, there were no lines of enquiry available from the incident, however, there had been two similar incidents in Alderley Edge and Mottram. The police were keeping the investigation open.
- A grant had been received for the Ward and James had a number of "Bogus Caller" kits including house signage and key chains. If anyone would like a kit they can contact him and request one.
- Noted that he did a patrol once a week, but even if there are parked cars on both sides of Knutsford Road, this is not classed as an obstruction.

4. To consider any questions relating to Parish Council matters

N/A

5. To invite any Chorley groups present to report on their activities during the year

Cllr Barraclough noted that the next meeting of the Lindow Trust would be held in June 2021.

Cllr Keefe noted that there had been very few updates from the Manchester Airport Group.

Cllr Barry Durbar
Chair of Chorley Parish Council
05th May 2021