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CHORLEY – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 23rd May 2018

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 2017/18

We now have 5 members of the council, but we are still 2 short. Thank you to Simon Watkins and Richard Barraclough for joining our ranks.

There still seems to be a general reluctance from residents of Chorley to join the council.

My thanks must go to Margaret Rainey and Kim Maxwell for their contribution once again to Chorley Parish Council. Without their continued support there would have been no Parish Council.

Catherine Clowes our former Clerk left us in October following a move to Harrogate where her husband Ben took up a new post.

We were subsequently joined by Ashley Comiskey Dawson (CiLCA) as Clerk. Following my initial panic at losing the services of Catherine after 8 years we were very lucky to have Ashley join us, he comes with a great deal of knowledge as he is also the Clerk to Handforth PC. The role of Clerk is constantly changing as we become inundated with documentation to comply with new regulations.

Our Facebook page has now been taken down and replaced by our website. www.chorleypc.org.

During the past 12 months Margaret has continued to attend the Manchester Airport and Lindow Trust meetings reporting back after each meeting.

Margaret has also continued to take the lead on planning matters with contributions from both Kim Maxwell and myself.

Kim has continued to contribute to meetings and provided comments on planning matters. We have been negotiating with a developer on a visibility splay on the common land and Kim has led on this. It has been a very frustrating long winded process causing major headaches at times, but hopefully is almost concluded with the Parish Council gaining a sum of money in compensation which we aim to use to upgrade and improve the lighting across Chorley.

I have continued to attend the Town and Parish Conferences; ChALC Parish Forum and, their AGM, and meetings with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Gary Barton and Ellie Brookes have both continued as our Ward Councillors, taking up issues with CEC on our behalf.

We now have a new PCSO, James Morris, who has attended one meeting and reported by E-Mail when he was not available to attend, sending a comprehensive report on issues raised.

As mentioned above we now have funds to update the Street Lighting, our ultimate aim being to have the Lighting adopted by CEC
Speeding still remains an issue; Kim has been trying to get support for a group of volunteers to man the Speed Gun. Meanwhile PCSO Gareth Harding is carrying out Speed checks on our behalf. Gareth will also train volunteers in the use of the Speed Gun when we have enough sufficient numbers.

This has been my seventh year as Chairman, making a total of 13 years that I have been in the chair.

Barry Durbar 23/05/18

3. To receive a report from the PCSO

PCSO James Morris reported that there had only been two incidents of note in Chorley over the past five weeks one was an alarm activation and one was a report of a suspicious motorcycle. Also on 21/05 it was noted that there were reports of suspicious door to door callers in the area. PCSO Morris suggested that if this occurs and residents are concerned, then they should contact the police on 101.

PCSO Morris also noted that the TRU (radar speed camera) had been in use along Knutsford road and had had four activations. Also he now had a Wilmslow West and Chorley Facebook and Twitter account to keep residents informed of day to day activities.

Cllr Durbar enquired about the HGV parking opposite Dingle Avenue, however Cllr Barraclough indicated that there had been a reduction in this recently.

Cllr Rainey enquired about a possible abandoned vehicle on waste ground at the end of Foden Lane, PCSO Morris was aware of this and would monitor.

Cllr Ellie Brookes noted a possible scam whereby individuals claiming to be ex-convicts were going door to door selling various items.

4. To consider any questions relating to Parish Council matters

None.

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

Cllr Ellie Brookes reported the following from Cheshire East Council:

- Streetlights across the borough were currently all being upgraded to LED.
- Practically all landfill waste was now no longer going to landfill and was being converted to heat and power.
- Superfast broadband had been installed to the junction box on Foden Lane.
- Noted that housing targets were on course for completion within the local plan period and that the planning department were becoming increasingly picky about planning applications. Greenbelt applications are currently being dismissed.

Cllr Barry Durbar
Chair of Chorley Parish Council
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