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CHORLEY – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 08th May 2024

The meeting was held at 7:15pm at Lindow Primary School, Upcast Lane, Alderley Edge

MINUTES

In attendance: Cllrs Barraclough, Durbar & Wilkinson.

CE Ward Cllr Goldsmith

One PCSO

A Comiskey Dawson – Clerk to Chorley Parish Council

1. Welcome

Cllr Sophie Wilkinson welcomed all in attendance to the annual parish meeting.

2. To receive an Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council for 2023/24

Firstly, I would like to thank all councillors for their support in my first year as being Chair. Thank you to Barry Durbar, Richard Barraclough, Margaret Rainey, David Connor, and Christa Gould for remaining core members of Chorley Parish Council. Sophie Horsey joined us for a short period of time.

In 2023/2024 I remained responsible for looking after the website and Chorley Chat as well as having an input into planning applications I also attended a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Town, and Parish Conference at the Library in Holmes Chapel. Richard remained in the role of Vice Chair; he is also our representative on the Lindow Moss Partnership as well as having input to planning decisions. Barry remained our representative for CHALC and Police Liaison, as well as having an input into planning applications. Margaret continued in the role as lead in planning decisions, and Footpaths and Tree Warden. She also took on the responsibility for Bridleways and Byways. David took on the joint role of Footpaths and Tree Warden as well as having responsibility for highways in addition to having an input into planning decisions. Christa remained our representative for the Lindow Trust and the Manchester Airport Liaison group as well as having an input on planning. Ashley Comiskey Dawson continued in his role as Clerk and responsible financial officer. Ashley continues to be a valuable asset to the council and has been a great mentor and support for me during my year as Chair.

Iain Macfarlane decided not to stand for re-election for the ward councillor role again and was replaced by Michael Gorman. Michael Gorman and Mark Goldsmith have regularly attended meetings to give us updates on the position of Cheshire East Council and ongoing matters arising in our Parish.

PCSO James Morris regularly attended our meetings and if not available provided us with an update by E-mail. James regularly patrols at school time where there continues to be a few issues with irate neighbours regarding parking along Upcast Lane. James also regularly carries out speed enforcement in the Parish of Chorley and updates us with any activations.

2023/ 2024 Review

Following on from last year's chairman's report, the street lighting still remains an asset of the Parish council we still hope to have our lighting adopted by CEC but until then we are still benefitting from the fitting of LED lighting reducing our monthly energy costs.

We welcomed Cllr Craig Browne to our meeting in September where he gave a presentation on the current economic scene of CEC. We also informed Cllr Browne of some of the highway's issues in Chorley.

Members of Chorley Parish Council were invited on a tour of the recently improved United Utilities plant on Carr Lane where we were shown what work had taken place and how it will help improve the environment. We were also told about the planting schemes that were to be implemented in the correct planting seasons to help the recently carried out works blend into the street scene.

There were extensive resurfacing works carried out between the mini roundabout and Whim Brook and as a result the lines were eventually reinstated at Dingle Avenue.

Our Parish Ranger Paul has continued to take good care maintaining our parish by unblocking drains, cutting grass, strimming and hedge cutting to name just a few things.

We received a CIL payment from a development within the parish, we used a proportion of this money to purchase 30mph repeater signs which have recently been installed, we are still in discussions about how to use the remainder to help improve infrastructure.

A local resident has provided a beautiful blossom tree which has now been planted at Row of Trees we look forward to seeing this tree flourishing in the years to come.

We have been in talks with the developers of Laburnam Farm regarding an easement for access to their site – this remains in planning.

Finally, it has been decided that Chorley Ward will part ways with Wilmslow West and will join with the Alderley Edge Ward. We will say goodbye to our current Ward Councillors and will welcome new ward councillors when the merger happens at the next elections. We would like to thank our current Ward Councillors for their continued support.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Chorley Parish Councils Chair.

Cllr Sophie Wilkinson

8th May 2024

3. To receive a report from the PCSO

The PCSO noted that over the last 12 months he had recorded and processed 125 vehicles for speeding along Knutsford Road.

School Patrols had continued at Lindow Primary School, however, the number of complaints about parent parking from Upcast Lane has almost ceased.

Police surgeries have been introduced and had become a regular occurrence at "Neon" on Brook Lane and he found that these were some of his most well attended surgeries.

4. To consider any questions relating to Parish Council matters.

The clerk noted that he had not received any recent communication from ChALC although he had registered on behalf of CPC.

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

None.

Cllr Sophie Wilkinson

Chair of Chorley Parish Council

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