

Chorley Liaison

Wednesday, 19th July 2023, 6.30 pm

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Agenda

Apologies

- 1 **Welcome by the Chair**
- 2 **Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 22 March 2023 of Chorley Liaison** (Pages 3 - 4)

Minutes of the last meeting are attached to be agreed as a correct record.
- 3 **LCC Cabinet Member (Highways and Transport)** (Pages 5 - 8)

The LCC Cabinet Member (Highways and Transport) is in attendance and will be giving a strategic update on his portfolio followed by a short open forum session. We kindly ask that questions are based on strategic themes.

An opportunity for more complex and specific questions to be asked was given and these have been presented to the Cabinet Member for a written response. A copy of the questions received is enclosed.
- 4 **Item from the Director of Governance/ Monitoring Officer**

The Director of Governance has offered to provide training for Parish Councils on Register of Interests and Code of Conduct and would like to gauge interest in this training.
- 5 **Questions from Members of the Liaison and the public**

In order to allow members of the Liaison and members of the public to raise issues of local concern, a period of 20 minutes has been set aside.

A member of the public may speak for no more than 3 minutes. Members of the public are not required to give notice of the issue they intend to raise, although it is expected in the case of service issues that the appropriate mechanisms for resolving the issue have been explored.

Where a question is raised which cannot be answered at the meeting, a record will be kept by officers supporting the meeting and it will be responded to via the appropriate mechanism.
- 6 **Items for Future Meetings** (Pages 9 - 10)

A schedule setting out deadlines for items to be requested on the agenda for the Chorley Liaison and dates for future meetings is enclosed.

7 **Any urgent business previously agreed with the Chair**

Chris Sinnott
Chief Executive

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Minutes of **Chorley Liaison**

Meeting date **Wednesday, 22 March 2023**

Members Present: Councillor Gordon France (Chair), Councillor Kim Snape (Vice-Chair), Lancashire County Councillors: Julia Berry, Hasina Khan Chorley Borough Councillors: Alistair Bradley, Aaron Beaver Town and Parish Councillors: Ian Horsfield, Alan Cornwell, Graham Ashworth, John McAndrew, Terry Dickenson, Beverley Speers, Christine Bailey, Darren Cranshaw

Officers: Jennifer Mullin (Director of Communities), Cathryn Filbin (Electoral Services Team Leader) and Coral Astbury (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

Apologies: None

A video recording of the public session of this meeting is available to view on [YouTube here](#)

11 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

12 Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 18 January 2023 of Chorley Liaison

The minutes would be amended to reflect the attendance of Councillor Cornwell and were noted.

Resolved:

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

13 Voter ID - Presentation

Cathryn Filbin, Electoral Services Team Leader, provided Members with an update on Voter ID to ensure that those present were aware of the changes to legislation and what options were available to those who did not hold photographic ID.

The Chair thanked the Electoral Services Team Leader for her attendance.

14 Item requested by Bretherton Parish Council

A representative from Bretherton Parish Council presented the item and explained their concerns about road safety in Bretherton.

Members expressed disappointment at the response from Lancashire County Council (LCC) and advised the Parish Council to contact their local County Councillor who could assist in facilitating communications with LCC.

15 Item requested by Heath Charnock Parish Council

A representative from Heath Charnock Parish Council introduced the item and explained that his parish had experienced an issue with racing vehicles and nitrous oxide cannisters. The Parish was due to meet with the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and he would provide an update at a future meeting.

The Director of Communities advised that the issue could be taken to the Community Safety Partnership.

16 Questions from Members of the Liaison and the public

A question had been received from Councillor Alan Cornwell in relation to the Chorley Little Theatre, and the additional seating which was now blocking the emergency exit. The Director of Communities advised that Environmental Health Officers would visit the premises to take a look.

Another question was received in relation to cyclists speeding through pedestrianised areas, particularly within the town centre. The Leader of the Council explained that the Council was aware of the issue and was taking steps to prevent it from happening.

It was acknowledged that it was not commuters causing an issue but youths, mainly in the evenings and at weekends.

17 Items for Future Meetings

The schedule of future items was noted.

A suggestion to include sporting provision for parishes was put forward from Wheelton Parish Council and was agreed to be included on a future agenda.

18 Any urgent business previously agreed with the Chair

No further business.

Chair

Date

Questions for LCC Cabinet Member (Highways and Transport)

Adlington Parish Council

1. **Parking regulation and having a “presence” in Adlington** - Cllr O'Donnell suggests the stretch on Market Street between the 2 mini roundabouts. Parking is a frequent problem outside the Post Office and convenience store. This compounds the issues with traffic between the two roundabouts accelerating and looking for hazards. As does the number of pedestrians who use the raised areas by the crossings when crossing the road, ignoring the 2 pedestrian crossings in the area.
2. **Concern about traffic speeds** on Westhoughton Road (the A6) and Railway Road (although Chorley Council is to install a SPiD as agreed with the Town Council) outside Little Manor Day Nursery on Railway Road and close to the junction with Rivington Avenue.

Heath Charnock Parish Council

3. For the last 12 months, Heath Charnock Parish Council has been in contact with the Lancashire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and LCC Highways about its concerns over the increasing number of road traffic collisions or incidents which are occurring in Heath Charnock Parish at the junction of Rawlinson Lane with the A6. For most, driver error is said to be the cause. Data is collected/recorded only if there is injury to a person in the collision. It is reported as a Road Traffic Accident (RTA). The Parish Council is aware of three road traffic collisions at this junction in the last week alone, none of which are recorded on the official data base. Hence LCC Highways does not recognise the need to prioritise the redesign of this junction.

As a result of the persistence of the Parish Council, Open Reach has agreed to relocate the telegraph pole on Rawlinson Lane away from the junction with the A6. The pole is thought to be a contributing factor which does restrict driver visibility. There is no timetable for this to happen.

Can LCC Highways and the Police review the basis on which road traffic data is collected to broaden it out from those collisions which involve human injury to all incidents? The current system makes it appear that LCC Highways will only act in response to human injuries only rather than being more pro-active with a safety-first approach. Could LCC Highways and the Police reviewed its approach please?

Bretherton Parish Council

4. Additional road safety measures in for Bretherton Road

5. Highway mirror attached to The Bungalow on Flag Lane

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Dear Keith

Ms Gladys Southworth - Road safety concerns, Bretherton

Thank you for your email dated 20 May 2023, on behalf of Ms Southworth from Bretherton Parish Council, regarding road safety measures in Bretherton.

I was sorry to hear Ms Southworth is disappointed with our previous responses for requests for additional road safety measures. Working as part of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership, we take requests for safety engineering schemes, such as parking restrictions, very seriously. It is unfortunate that every year the number of requests we receive exceeds what we can implement. We are, therefore, required to consider and compare several factors on every request which allows us to prioritise the schemes that we take forward.

As you may be aware, the county council works closely with the police as part of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership to target locations where casualties and speeds are higher. If there is an evidence-based speeding issue, we will look to introduce appropriate mitigation measures.

The result of the investigation of the casualty and speed data for Bretherton Road and Flag Lane, indicate that there is no clear speeding issue which would justify measures, which include speed humps, at this time.

However, there is a Community Toolkit which gives examples of how residents can raise awareness of speeding or road safety issues in their local area. The partnership's Speed Management Programme is updated monthly with newly assessed sites and includes the Community Toolkit information and is available on the [Lancashire Road Safety Partnership](#).

With regards to Ms Southworth's request for a fixed speed camera, the present policy of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership, whose partners include Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Constabulary, is that no more fixed speed cameras are to be provided at this time. The emphasis is much more on the use of mobile speed camera enforcement, which allows flexibility and for enforcement to take place on many more roads than at a single site.

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If Ms Southworth witnesses regular incidents of nuisance or dangerous driving, she can contact the police directly, either by their non-emergency telephone number: 101, or on the Lancashire Constabulary '[Do It Online](#)' webpage, ideally with a record of the registration numbers of the vehicles.

Ms Southworth can also submit footage directly to the police through Op SNAP, for their consideration. Op SNAP is a police response to the increasing submissions of video and photographic evidence from members of the public, in relation to witnessed driving offences. Further information regarding this service can be found online at: [Op SNAP Public Submission Of Dashcam Footage FAQs](#).

In relation to the request for a highway mirror attached to The Bungalow on Flag Lane, the county council receives many requests for mirrors on the highway. We will only consider these requests in accordance with advice from the Department for Transport (DfT). Whilst the addition of a highway mirror can often seem like a suitable solution, there are some occasions when they create additional driver risk. These can include: over reliance on the mirrors, lighting issues due to glaring sunlight or headlights, and damage or poor viability to the mirrored facing.

Finally, in accordance with regulations set out to us by the DfT, we are not permitted to introduce additional speed repeater signs in lit up areas as these are automatically 30mph. In addition, 'Please Drive Carefully' can only be incorporated on gateway signage which are already in place.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick
Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport
County Councillor for Longridge with Bowland





Chorley Liaison agenda management timetable

Date of meeting	Deadline for items to be requested by Members	Agenda Publication Deadline
Wednesday 18 October 2023	Friday 6 October 2023	Tuesday 10 October 2023
Wednesday 20 March 2023	Friday 8 March 2024	Tuesday 12 March 2024

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Future agenda items

Community energy funding
 Revival/survival strategy for Chorley town centre post Covid
 Time Credits
 Our Health Our Care
 Northern Rail
 High School Places
 Sport Provision

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