

## **CHORLEY LIAISON**

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER 2019, 6.30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHORLEY

### **AGENDA**

#### **APOLOGIES**

1 **MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY 2019 OF CHORLEY LIAISON**

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2 **WELCOME BY THE CHAIR**

3 **ITEM REQUESTED AT THE LAST MEETING: PLANNING ISSUES**

Adele Hayes (Service Lead – Planning) will attend the meeting to give a short presentation on Planning issues and take any questions.

4 **ITEM REQUESTED BY ANGLEZARKE**

1. We appear to have an issue with Knotweed near to Anglezarke reservoir and car park. Is there anything we can do about this?

Response from the Open Space Strategy Officer: The knotweed would be for the landowner to treat or the members of the parish council once they have the training with the permission of the landowner. Two people from Rivington PC are booked on the upcoming course.

2. Additionally, there is a big issue with anti-social behaviour, dangerous driving and apparent drink/drug taking at viewpoint. The residents living near to viewpoint have expressed particular concern over the speed of the drivers on the country road. Ideas suggested include: Could we put up CCTV & would this be sufficient evidence for prosecution? Could we request an occasional police presence to discourage them?

Response from Public Protection: The Councils' powers are not appropriate for dangerous driving and drug taking, these are direct offences which the Police powers are more appropriate.

We do not have the power to identify offenders, we would rely on intel of partners such as the police or members of the public to identify in order for us to consider any appropriate action.

We can liaise with the Police and potentially use our ASB legislation and serve a community protection warning if we had evidence that behaviour is unreasonable, persistent and/or has a detrimental effect on those in the locality.

We can ask our police colleagues if they can pay certain areas passing attention resources allowing, however their patrols are prioritised on risk and threat to the public. In order to support this, those that are directly affected should report this to the police.

If CCTV was installed this could act as a deterrent and would support us obtaining evidence such a registration plates.

## 5 **ITEM REQUESTED BY BRETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

1. Concerns at the delay in introducing highway safety measures in Bretherton despite the information provided to the County Council.

A response will be provided at the meeting.

2. Concerns at the Constabulary blocking highway safety measures in Bretherton.

A response has been received from Chief Inspector Gary Crowe, Lancashire Constabulary

I have spoken to the local Traffic Management Officer (the member of Police staff who does the liaison with LCC Highways for the Chorley and South Ribble area) and he has explained that we have not 'blocked the highway safety measures in Bretherton', however we have not supported the specific measures proposed by the Parish Council in their current format. We have based this upon examination of recorded collision data and visits to the location where we have observed the use of the road. Based upon this we have suggested amending the location of the start of the speed limit change and explained our reasoning as part of the wider LCC Highways consultation process.

To be clear though, the Constabulary has not blocked highway safety measures, we have just not fully supported the Parish Council proposals in their current format.

## 6 **ITEM REQUESTED BY HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Following information on the Rural Community Energy Fund received via Chorley Council a suggestion to install a solar farm on a reservoir in the Heapey parish was put forward.

As a project of this nature is way beyond the resources of a small parish council, the Parish Council wonders whether there is a possibility of Chorley Council leading on a project of this nature which might also involve other rural parishes?

Response: The Council is currently undertaking an Overview and Scrutiny Inquiry into "Developing the Council's Green Agenda". Members of the Liaison may wish to contribute a written submission of steps Parish Councils are taking to address climate change and how they think the council can help them.

## 7 **ITEM REQUESTED BY ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Transport provision to enable young rural residents to access the Inspire Youth Zone.

A response from Janine Blythe at Inspire Youth Zone is enclosed.

8 **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.

9 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

(Pages 11 - 12)

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

10 **ANY URGENT BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY AGREED WITH THE CHAIR**

GARY HALL  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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