

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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MINUTES OF CHORLEY LIAISON

MEETING DATE **Wednesday, 17 July 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Gordon France (Eastern Parishes) (Chair), Councillor Kim Snape (Chorley Rural East Division, Lancashire County Council) (Vice-Chair),
Lancashire County Councillors: Steve Holgate (Chorley Central Division, Lancashire County Council / Coppull Parish Council), Keith Iddon (Chorley Rural West Division, Lancashire County Council), Julia Berry (Chorley South Division, Lancashire County Council) and Aidy Riggott (Euxton, Buckshaw & Astley Division, Lancashire County Council),
Chorley Borough Councillors (Chairs of Neighbourhood Area Meetings): Aaron Beaver (Chorley Town West), Kim Snape (Southeast Parishes) and Paul Sloan (Lostock Ward)
Town and Parish Councillors: Ian Horsfield (Anderton Parish Councillor), Louise Parkin (Anglezarke Parish Councillor), Arnold Almond (Astley Village Parish Council), Karen Wait (Bretherton Parish Council), Alan Cornwell (Charnock Richard Parish Council), Peter Fenemore (Croston Parish Council), Katrina Reed (Euxton Parish Councillor), Christine Bailey (Clerk to Heath Charnock Parish Council), Marel Urry (Hoghton Parish Councillor), Terry Dickenson (Wheelton Parish Councillor / Chorley Sports Forum), Colin Evans (Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council) and Robert Flood (Withnell Parish Council)

OFFICERS: Chris Sinnott (Director (Early Intervention and Support)), Zoe Whiteside (Planning Policy, Housing and Open Space Strategy Manager) and Ruth Rimmington (Democratic and Member Services Team Leader)

APOLOGIES: Lancashire County Councillors: Chorley Borough Councillors: Town and Parish Councillors: Laura Lennox (Astley Village Parish Councillor) and Graham Ashworth (Heath Charnock Parish Councillor)

17.19 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair, Councillor Gordon France, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

17.20 Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 20 March 2019 of Chorley Liaison

Decision: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.



17.21 Westway playing fields sports development

Zoe Whiteside, Planning Policy, Housing and Open Space Strategy Manager, gave an update on the Westway playing fields sports development. The development will be a new £2.2 million sports hub in Astley Village, including football pitches and the potential for an athletics track led by Chorley Council. It will also provide overflow parking for events in Astley Park.

The proposal makes the best use of available space for a facility which can be used by people right across the borough, including:

- A floodlit full-sized artificial grass football pitch
- Three grass pitches (one full-size and two nine-a-side)
- A pavilion including changing facilities, kiosk, multi-use social room and customer toilets
- More than 150 parking spaces
- A compact athletics facility including a 100m sprint track and two long jump pits – this would be a future phase of the project after the initial development is completed as it is subject to further fundraising.

The scheme is reliant on successful bids to the Football Foundation and the remainder of the money will come from contributions from developments in the borough and money already set aside to improve parking for events in Astley Park. If everything goes to plan work could start on site as early as March and be completed in 2020. It will be a design and build contract.

Members of the Liaison Group noted the potential to provide additional athletics facilities in the future, public transport to the facility and issues with problematic parking on Great Meadow.

The Chair thanked Zoe Whiteside for the update.

17.22 Update from County Councillor Keith Iddon (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport)

The Chair welcomed County Councillor Keith Iddon, (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport), to the meeting.

Councillor Iddon updated the meeting on a number of issues, including

- The rerouting of the Ironman UK event
- Work undertaken to resolve defects on the road network within Lancashire
- Progress with the Penworthan bypass and plans for a bypass in Ormskirk
- Proposals to reopen Midge Hall railway station
- The reduction in speed limit on North Road in Bretherton to 40mph
- Signage and markings on Pompian Brow in Bretherton
- Parking enforcement in the rural areas
- The merits of implementing 20mph speed limits
- Enforcement issues with pavement parking
- Issues with the adoption of new housing estates



- Issues with diverting HGV's away from villages
- The process for the procurement of bus routes, including subsidised routes

Councillor Iddon requested that any specific issues be email to him on keith.iddon@lancashire.gov.uk

The Chair thanked Councillor Keith Iddon for the update.

17.23 Item requested by Adlington Town Council

1. Until this year the Police have always been in attendance at the Adlington Remembrance Day parade and have provided traffic management during the short periods in which Railway Road needs to be closed. This year the Town Council is planning to engage a traffic management company to ensure that the event can go ahead. The event in Adlington is held in association with Heath Charnock, Anderton and Rivington Parishes. Can Chorley Council provide any assistance for future events by streamlining the road closure application process for Remembrance Sunday, providing marshals and/or training for these, or any other support?

2. Would it be possible for Adlington (specifically Railway Road) to erect lamp-post banners similar to those on Market Street in Chorley on Railway Road in Adlington? Who needs to give permission for these, and who changes the banners in Chorley?

It was reported that an email has been sent to the Parish Council clerk with an update on both issues.

17.24 Questions from Members of the Liaison and the public

No questions were raised.

17.25 Items for Future Meetings

The agenda management timetable and suggested future items were noted.

Items were requested at future meetings relating to

- Retrospective planning applications
- The Local Plan
- Air pollution

17.26 Any urgent business previously agreed with the Chair

The Chair introduced Councillor Peter Fennemore from Croston to update the meeting in relation to knotweed.

Chris Sinnott, Director (Early Intervention and Support) undertook to write to the Parishes with a proposal of how to tackle this issue.

Chair

Date

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Inspire Outreach Programme – Update

Background and Introduction

Chorley Council have commissioned Inspire Youth Zone to undertake an outreach project over the next 12 months with two main aims:-

1. to consult with young people and partners in identified areas (see below) to
 - understand and address awareness of Inspire locally
 - understand local provision and how Inspire can complement
 - understand and address issues of access or any other barriers to membership or attendance
2. deliver detached youth work and engagement activities in identified areas to
 - raise awareness of Inspire
 - develop relationships with young people and break down barriers to engagement
 - encourage and increase membership and attendance

Identified Areas

The project has initially identified a number of areas to target, based on feedback from partners, but this can be adapted as the project develops and based on emerging need. Each of the areas has been identified either because it is a rural / semi-rural area of the borough with lower engagement (with Inspire) and/or has been identified as an area of deprivation and/or with reported issues of ASB/youth nuisance.

A: Areas of lower participation/Rural Areas: Eccleston, Mawdesley, Croston, Heskin, Charnock Richard, Adlington, Anderton, Euxton North, Brindle, Hoghton, Wheelton, Withnell.

B: Deprivation Areas/ASB: Clayton Le Woods, Chorley NE, Chorley E, Chorley SW, Coppull.

Project Delivery

4 phases of 6-8 weeks delivery have been planned, taking the project to the end of May 2020. This leaves 3 months of delivery to revisit or include new areas if needed. All flexible and can be amended based on emerging need.

Delivery is planned for Friday/Saturday evenings initially, 6-10pm, and alternating between days.

Phase 1- (Mid Sept/Mid Nov)– A: Adlington and Anderton; B: Chorley South West

Phase 2- (Mid Nov/Mid Jan)– A: Eccleston, Heskin, Mawdesley, Croston; B: Coppull

Phase 3- (Mid Jan/Mid Mar)– A: Brindle, Houghton, Wheelton and Withnell; B: Clayton Brook & Chorley North East

Phase 4- (Mid Mar/Mid May)– A: Euxton North; B: Chorley East

Delivery Update

We will continue to engage with the Councils' Community Engagement team to ensure we complement any existing activity and are able to respond to emerging intelligence. There are also de-briefing and planning meetings planned at the end/start of each new phase.

We have agreed to work in partnership with Chorley FC to enable us to deliver practical activities as well as Youth Work in each of the areas, which should help with engagement.

There have been two weekends of delivery so far and 82 Young people engaged (24 young people engaged in Adlington/Anderton and 58 in Chorley SW- concentrating mostly on Devonshire Rec, Buttermere and Duke St).

A contact sheet has been developed to record the numbers engaged and areas visited and an online survey that young people can undertake on our mobile phone to understand barriers to engagement.

Interim reports will be provided at the end of each phase.

Summary and Next Steps

It is very early in delivery phase but engagement in Adlington, Anderton and Chorley SW has been strong so far, with young people very willing to engage in activities and conversations.

We would welcome support from key personnel in each of the identified areas to focus on areas/locations where young people congregate and/or clubs and local people it would be useful to engage with to ensure we are maximising our impact.

As ever, we are very keen to work in partnership with people on the ground with much better local knowledge and understanding and we also welcome constructive feedback.

Janine Blythe

Inspire Youth Zone

7.10.19



Chorley Liaison agenda management timetable

Date of meeting	Deadline for items to be requested by Members	Agenda Publication Deadline
Wed, 15 January 2020	Fri, 20 December	Wed, 8 January
Wed, 18 March 2020	Fri, 6 March	Wed, 11 March

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Future agenda items

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