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Dear Sir/Madam,

LOSTOCK AREA FORUM - THURSDAY, 6TH JULY 2006

You are invited to attend the second meeting of the Lostock Ward Area Forum to be held at Bretherton CE Endowed School, South Road, Bretherton on Thursday, 6th July 2006 commencing at 7.00 pm.

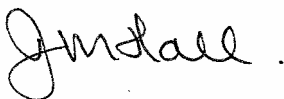
The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf. Refreshments will be available upon arrival.

Representatives of Chorley Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, Bretherton, Croston and Ulnes Walton Parish Councils, Lancashire Police, Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care NHS Trust, Lindsay Hoyle MP, and local community groups will be present.

Members of the public are strongly encouraged to participate in the proceedings of the Forum meeting. As well as the provision for the public to speak for up to five minutes on any item on the agenda, a period of up to 30 minutes is allowed for them under agenda item 5 to ask questions and express views on any matter relating to the provision of local services in the Bretherton, Croston and Ulnes Walton Parish Councils Area.

Question cards will be available at the meeting for members of the public to complete and hand in before the start of the meeting. Where possible questions will be answered on the night. If a question cannot be answered a written response will follow. A summary of the responses to questions submitted will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

Distribution

1. Agenda and reports to Councillor Doreen Dickinson (Chair) and Councillor Miss Margaret Iddon for attendance.
2. Agenda and reports to Councillor J Walker (Executive Member for Customer, Democratic and Legal Services) and Councillor E Bell (Executive Member for Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment) for attendance.

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3. Agenda and reports to Jamie Carson (Head of Leisure and Cultural Services), Simon Clark (Commercial Manager, Streetscene, Neighbourhoods & Environment Directorate) and Julian Jackson (Planning Policy Manager) for attendance.
4. Agenda and reports to County Councillor Alan Whittaker (Lancashire County Council), Parish Councillor Tommy Wilson (Bretherton Parish Council), Parish Councillor Ann Peet (Croston Parish Council), Parish Councillor Derek Ormerod (Ulmes Walton Parish Council), Sergeant Alex Clayton (Lancashire Constabulary Offices), Liz Easterbrook (Chorley and South Ribble PCT) and Lindsay Hoyle, MP for attendance.
5. Any resident in the area.
6. Local Community/Voluntary/Residents/Tenants Group in the area.
7. Housing Associations in the area.
8. Any Employer or Business in the area.

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 22)**

The minutes of the Area Forum meeting held on 23 March 2006 are enclosed.

4. **“You Said, We Did” (Pages 23 - 24)**

Jamie Carson (Director of Leisure and Cultural Services) will give a presentation on the action taken on issues raised by Members of the Public at the first round of Area Forum meetings.

(report enclosed)

5. **Key Issues for Lostock Ward - Open Discussion**

A period of 30 minutes will be allocated to allow members of the public to raise questions and express views on any matters relating to the provision of local services in the Lostock Ward area.

Representatives of Chorley Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, the Parish Councils of Bretherton, Croston and Ulnes Walton, Lancashire Police, Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care NHS Trust and Lindsay Hoyle MP will be present.

6. **Chorley Community Agenda**

Representatives of the following organisations will be in attendance to provide an update on relevant issues affecting the Lostock Ward area:

- a) **Chorley Borough Council issues**

Julian Jackson (Planning Policy Manager) will give a verbal update on the preparation of the Local Development Framework and its relevance to Lostock Ward.

- b) **Lancashire County Council issues**

County Councillor Alan Whittaker will report on any County Council issues affecting the Lostock Ward.

- c) **Parish Council issues (Pages 25 - 26)**

A list of questions / issues submitted by the Parish Councils of Bretherton, Croston and Ulnes Walton is attached.

- d) **Lancashire Police Issues**

Representatives of the Lancashire Police will report on "Operation Summer Nights" to be operated in the Lostock Ward Area.

7. **Any Other Business**

8. **Feedback / Items for Next Meeting**

Members of the public will be invited to express their views on the format and arrangements for this meeting and submit items for consideration at the next meeting.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Lostock Ward Area Forum will be held on Thursday 28 September 2006 at the Wymott and Garth Prison Officers Club, Pump House Lane, Ulnes Walton, commencing at 7.00pm.

LOSTOCK AREA FORUM

**Meeting held at Croston Old School, Church Street, Croston on
Thursday, 23 March 2006**

Present: Councillor M Iddon (Chair) and Councillor Mrs D Dickinson (Vice-Chair)

Also present: Councillor D Edgerley (Executive Member for Customers, Policy and Performance), Councillors F Culshaw and P Goldsworthy.

Co-opted Members: Parish Councillor J Wilson (Bretherton Parish Council); Parish Councillor Mrs A Peet (Croston Parish Council); Parish Councillor D Ormerod (Ulnes Walton Parish Council). Ms C Lowthian (District Partnership Officer, Lancashire County Council); Inspector J Edmondson, and Sergeant A Clayton (Lancashire Constabulary Southern Division); Ms P Derbyshire and Ms L Easterbrook (Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust) and Mr L Hoyle MP.

Chorley Borough Council Officers: Mr J Carson (Director of Leisure and Cultural Services) - Lead Officer, Mr J Lechmere (Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhood and Environment), Mr K Allen (Head of Public Space Services), Mr S Clark (Commercial Manager, Environmental Services), Mr A Uren (Democratic Services Officer)

35 residents of Lostock Ward

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair (Councillor Margaret Iddon) welcomed everyone present to the first meeting of the Lostock Area Forum and introduced in particular, Councillor Mrs D Dickinson (Vice-Chair of the Forum) and the Lead Officer for the Lostock Area Forum, Mr Jamie Carson (Chorley Council's Director of Leisure and Cultural Services).

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was recorded from County Councillor A Whittaker.

3. **MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Forum received, for information, details of the agreed membership and terms of reference of the Lostock Area Forum, which comprised the three Parish areas of Bretherton, Croston and Ulnes Walton.

Each attendee at the meeting had been provided with a copy of the membership details and terms of reference which were attached to the meeting's agenda.

4. **KEY ISSUES FOR LOSTOCK WARD - OPEN DISCUSSION**

The Chair explained that a major proportion of the Forum meeting had been allocated to allow local residents to raise questions and express views on any matters relating to the provision of local services in the Lostock Ward area. In addition, a supply of Question Cards was made available at the meeting as an opportunity for residents to write their enquiries or views on the cards.

The Chair indicated that the appropriate Officer and/or Partner representative would endeavour, if possible, to provide a direct response to questions and issues raised at the meeting. If this was not possible, a written reply would be sent to the questioner as soon as possible after the matter had been fully investigated.

Several questions were asked by the local residents at the meeting, either verbally or by way of the question cards. The principal issues and concerns raised by the residents can be summarised as follows:

- Unsatisfactory bus service provision in rural areas;
- Discrepancies in use of Senior Citizens' rail cards;
- Relevance of, and responses to consultations on Parish Plans;
- Jubilee Mill Recreation Ground;
- Number of different vehicles required to collect recyclable materials;
- Insufficient information on the performance of schools;
- Traffic problems in the Lostock Ward and, in particular, the hazards caused by speeding vehicles;
- Insufficient school buses;
- Removal of footbridge from Public Footpath No 8;
- Lack of facilities for young people in the Ward, including park/recreation ground facilities;
- Police presence in the villages;

A schedule attached to these minutes includes details of each of the separate questions and concerns expressed orally or in writing at the Forum meeting, together a summary of the respective responses and actions instigated to address the issues.

5. **CHORLEY COMMUNITY AGENDA**

(a) Chorley Borough Council Issues

Mr Carson reiterated the Chair's remarks that it had been decided to devote the greatest majority of time at this initial meeting of the Lostock Area Forum to listening to local residents' concerns and queries and as a forum for open discussion.

Future meetings of the Forum could be used by the Borough Council and its partner organisations as a means of informing and consulting with the local community on relevant proposals for future strategies, developments and service issues affecting the area.

(b) Lancashire County Council Issues

Ms Lowthian confirmed that it had been useful to hear and appreciate the views of local residents and undertook to ensure that each of the issues affecting Lancashire County Council's services would be investigated and appropriate action instigated, where necessary.

Details of the responsive action are outlined in the attached 'You Said/We Did' schedule.

(c) Parish Council Issues

The three constituent Parish Councils (Bretherton, Croston and Ulmes Walton) had each been invited in advance of the Forum meeting to submit questions on any matter affecting their Parishes. The following issues had consequently been raised by the Parish Councils:

- Action to deal with the problem of road speeds throughout the villages, and particularly on North Road and South Road, Bretherton (Bretherton Parish Council).
- The linkage between Lancashire County Council's 'Lancashire Locals' and the Borough Council's Area Forum pilots (Ulmes Walton Parish Council).

- Clearance of litter between the villages (Bretherton, Croston and Ulnes Walton Parish Councils).
- Borough Council's Planning Guidance on agricultural buildings/developments (Bretherton, Croston and Ulnes Walton Parish Councils).
- Support for South Penwortham ByPass (Bretherton, Croston and Ulnes Walton Parish Councils).

A response to each of the questions was given at the meeting, and a summary of each reply is included on the attached schedule.

(d) Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust (PCT) Issues

The following issues in relation to the provision of NHS services in the Ward were raised by a number of residents in response to a short address by Ms P Derbyshire:

- the lack of a General Practitioner in Bretherton;
- the effect on Hospital Trusts of proposals for hospitals to be re-imbursed on the basis of the number of cases dealt with;
- the reasons for some patients being required to change GP practices.

Ms Derbyshire confirmed that the issues raised and the individual cases brought to the Forum's attention would be investigated with the relevant Health Authorities.

The outcome of the PCT's examination of the matters is shown in the attached 'You Said/We Did' schedule.

(e) Lancashire Police Issues

Sergeant Alex Clayton from the Neighbourhood Policing Team gave a brief presentation to advise the meeting of Lancashire Constabulary's Neighbourhood Policing Policy which had been launched on 10 January 2006. The initiative was aimed at increasing the Police's accessibility and accountability to the public by closer collaboration with other relevant partners (including the County Council's Youth and Community Service and Neighbourhood Wardens) and increasing Police presence in targeted areas, wherever necessary.

Sergeant Clayton also drew attention to the plans to introduce PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings in the Lostock Ward in April 2006. These public meetings would provide a forum for open discussion on any local policing or community safety issue and enable the Police to discuss with local residents possible solutions to the matters raised. Feedback on the actions emerging from the meetings would be reported to the next PACT meeting.

The Police's responses to a number of queries and concerns raised with the Neighbourhood Policing Team at the conclusion of the Forum meeting are outlined in the attached 'You Said/We Did' schedule.

6. **FEEDBACK/ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

The Chair referred to the feedback cards available at the meeting and invited the attendees to complete them to express their views on the format, arrangements and conduct of the Forum meeting. The cards could also be used to suggest items for consideration at the next meeting.

7. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The meeting noted that the next two rounds of the Lostock Area Forum pilot scheme would be held on the following dates at the venues indicated:

- Thursday, 6 July 2006 - Bretherton CE Endowed School, South Road, Bretherton.
- Thursday, 28 September 2006 - Wymott and Garth Prison Officers' Club, Pump House Lane, Ulnes Walton.

8. **CLOSING REMARKS**

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chair thanked all the members of the public present for their attendance and participation in the Area Forum meeting and expressed her gratitude to the Council Officers, Partner representatives and Mr Hoyle MP for their contributions.

One local resident responded by thanking the Chair and organisers for arranging the Area Forum as an opportunity for open debate with representatives of the County, Borough and Parish Councils, Police, Primary Care Trust and the local Member of Parliament.

LOSTOCK WARD AREA FORM

The Lostock Area Forum was held on Thursday, 23 March 2006 at Croston Old School, Church Street, Croston and approximately 35 people attended.

The questions and issues raised by members of the public, together with the responses given, are set out below.

"YOU SAID"	"WE DID"	LATEST POSTION TO BE REPORTED AT THE MEETING
Questions	Summary of Response	
<p>1. Raised at meeting: While concessionary travel is appreciated, local bus service provision is generally poor. It is difficult for instance, for people in Bretherton to travel over into Croston to visit a GP.</p>	<p>1. Lindsay Hoyle MP - As from April 2006, pensioners in Chorley Borough will be able to travel free on buses. At the moment, five Lancashire Districts have signed up to an agreement to allow free travel for pensioners and it is hoped that the remaining Lancashire districts will agree to the same arrangement. This will then result in pensioners being able to travel free on buses all over the County.</p> <p>The Government is also hoping that local authorities will be able to offer a diverse range of concessionary travel options, by offering free rail travel, if this can be negotiated with the rail companies.</p> <p>It is appreciated that free travel passes are of little use if a transport service is not available. In this respect, the Lancashire County Council is being urged to use grant monies to encourage the provision of more public transport services, especially to serve the rural parts of the County.</p>	<p>County Councillor Alan Whittaker to report on the provision of public transport at the meeting</p>
<p>2. Raised at meeting: Holders of Senior Citizens Rail Cards cannot claim discounted rail travel in all parts of the country. For example, the Rail Cards are not valid on Network South East.</p>	<p>2. Lindsay Hoyle MP - I am pursuing the availability of free off peak national travel for senior citizens on both buses and trains. I have written to the Government Minister and will continue to raise this issue in Parliament.</p>	
<p>3. Raised at meeting: The Parish Council has not received formal comments from the Borough Council on the Croston Parish Plan. The Borough Council</p>	<p>3. Councillor D Edgerley: The Council is currently consulting on the Local Development Framework for Chorley, which has to have regard to the relevant</p>	

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<p>Cont.....</p> <p>appeared to be taking decisions on planning applications for developments in the village on an ad-hoc basis, without having regard to a strategic plan for the village.</p>	<p>planning issues and restrictions affecting all parts of the Borough. The consultations on the LDF will take account of all representations received.</p> <p>The Borough Council, when determining planning applications, has to have regard to a number of pertinent factors, including the District’s housing land allocations figure. At the present time, Chorley has sufficiently identified potential development sites to satisfy the District’s total housing requirements stipulated in the current Structure Plan.</p> <p>Chorley Council’s Planning Officers arranged to meet with Croston Parish Council representatives on 2 June 2006 to discuss the Croston Parish Plan.</p>	<p>The Planning Policy Manager met representatives of the Croston Parish Council on 2 June to discuss the Croston Parish Plan. Several positive suggestions emerged from the meeting and the two Councils have agreed to continue the useful dialogue.</p>
<p>4. Raised at meeting: Why has the Recreation Ground within the Jubilee Mill development been fenced off, causing children to play on the surrounding streets?</p>	<p>4. (DSNE): Open Space on this development remained unadopted and is still under the ownership of the developer. The most recent inspection with the site manager to discuss handing over the site to the Borough Council highlighted that the area in question was very popular with young children. As a result much of the grass in the area has worn away. A request was, therefore, made that this be rectified before the Borough Council would consider it for adoption. Since then the developer has fenced the site to protect newly sown areas and allow seed to germinate. If the grass is now established, there is no reason for the fence to remain and the developer could remove it.</p> <p>The issue is further complicated by the developer changing recently to Miller Homes, but the Council’s officials will continue their negotiations with the new owners.</p>	

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<p>5. Raised at meeting: Why does the current recycling system require so many different vehicles to collect the recyclable materials.</p>	<p>5. (DSNE): The current interim arrangements for the kerbside collection of recyclable materials, was agreed by most Lancashire Districts in 1999.</p> <p>From 2009, upon the expiry of the current contractual arrangements, it is proposed that all recyclable materials will be sent to a new centre at Leyland.</p> <p>In the interim, in the absence of one centre that will accept all recyclable materials, it is important that the collected materials with the most recyclable value (eg paper and glass) are segregated upon collection.</p> <p>Efficient and rational collection systems for Chorley effectively demand the use of compaction vehicles for plastics/cans and cardboard. Although it does appear that there are a plethora of vehicles employed, the relative efficiency of those vehicles means that the total number of vehicles is no more than what is required for the present system of collection.</p>	
<p>6. Raised at meeting: Statistics produced by the Lancashire County Council indicate that Lancashire Schools performance levels are good, but the claim is not backed up by statistics illustrating the number of children taking examinations and the data does not show the separate Districts’ split of pupils.</p>	<p>6. Cindy Lowthian (Lancashire County Council District Partnership Officer):</p> <p>This point is also the same as Issue No 23. The enquiry relates to the performance information contained within the Council Tax leaflet. It is the law that Authorities must provide such data before 31 March each year and many Councils use their Council Tax leaflet to provide such data.</p> <p>Last year Lancashire County Council undertook comprehensive research into how we could improve the information within the leaflet and altered it in the light of the findings in this research.</p>	

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<p>7. Raised at meeting: The traffic problems in Croston are appalling. A joint forum discussion between the County Council, Chorley Borough Council, the Police and local residents’ groups to debate possible solutions was advisable.</p>	<p>7/10 Police Inspector J Edmondson: The Police continue to maintain efforts to reduce the speed of vehicles throughout Chorley and focus on areas that have been deemed of community concern.</p>	
<p>8. Raised at meeting: The traffic problems affected the whole of Lostock Ward.</p>	<p>We work closely with the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety (LPRS) and I know that some of the Parish Councils in the area have made representations to the Partnership about speeding issues.</p>	
<p>9. Question submitted in advance: What steps are being taken to deal with the problem of road speeds throughout the villages - the hotspots in Bretherton and North Road and South Road?</p>	<p>There is a fixed camera site on South Road at Bretherton and a camera has been allocated to this location within the past six months. This is controlled by LPRS.</p>	

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<p>10. Question Card: Could we have speed cameras on Station Road?</p>	<p>There are two mobile enforcement sites in the area, South Road, Bretherton and Southport Road, Ulnes Walton. Over the past six months these sites have been enforced on 20 occasions by Mobile Camera Enforcement officers. The site at Bretherton does tend to be the site where there are more offenders caught. The Ulnes Walton site seems to be mostly used as a deterrent, as offenders at that location seem to be few and far between. The visible presence at either site is beneficial in achieving a reduction in speed for a time, but does not, unfortunately, always have a lasting effect. LPRS does review these sites, although I do not have details of the timescales or criteria. Mobile enforcement is carried out by LPRS staff using a liveried car or motorcycle. The motorcycle is currently under modification but will hopefully be back in action soon. There are two members of LPRS staff operating in Southern Division.</p> <p>At the present time there are no mobile or fixed enforcement sites on North Road. A National Speed limit exists on this road and such roads are rarely made into enforcement sites</p> <p>In addition, members of the Neighbourhood Policing team are undergoing training to operate the hand held laser. Part of the training will involve risk assessment of sites, so whilst they might be aware of a particular stretch of road that has been brought to their attention, it might not be possible to carry out enforcement there.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Devices (SPIDS) are another means of deterring speeding, which at the same time record data about speeds of vehicles. One SPID is owned by LPRS and is used throughout Southern Division.</p>	

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Cont	<p>Speed monitoring and enforcement tactics do change and improve motorists’ attitudes. The Police’s continuing work with both the Road Safety Partnership and the Community Safety Partnership will hopefully impact and help to reduce the number of speeding motorists.</p>	
	<p>(DSNE): The Borough Council is not currently responsible for highways and traffic management in the Lostock Ward. The Lancashire Highways Partnership arrangement was due to terminate in June, 2006 when the County Council would assume overall responsibility for highway maintenance and traffic management schemes.</p> <p>The staff currently based at Chorley under the agency agreement were likely to be transferred to another location.</p>	
	<p>Lindsay Hoyle MP: The imposition of a 40mph speed limit on North Road would resolve the need to distinguish between the speed of cars and HGVs.</p> <p>Mr Hoyle’s suggestion that one of the speed cameras located on South Road should be reversed has been examined by the Police. Apparently however, the fixed site speed cameras currently in use by the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety are not reversible, so at this stage the one on South Road, Bretherton cannot be reversed. It is, however, possible for the enforcement officers who operate at the vehicle enforcement site on South Road to work in both directions and Mr Hoyle’s comments have been passed on to the officers.</p>	

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<p>11. Raised at meeting: Traffic congestion in the villages could be eased if there was greater use of public transport for school children, thus relieving parents of the need to use private cars to take children to school and collect them.</p>	<p>11. Lindsay Hoyle MP: Any suggestion or initiative that promotes the increased use of public transport should be supported and encouraged. However, if school children are to be encouraged to use public transport through the issue of travel permits, etc, it is equally important that adequate and reliable bus services are provided, especially in rural areas.</p>	
<p>12. Raised at meeting: Footpath No 8 leading from Lostock Bridge on Ulnes Walton Lane was unusable because the footbridge was removed as unsafe in 2001. The Forum’s support of action to reinstate the footpath was sought.</p>	<p>12. Cindy Lowthian: (Lancashire County Council District Partnership Officer) The details of this enquiry are being dealt with by the County Council’s Public Rights of Way Team who were trying to resolve the complex issues involved. A letter has been forwarded, following the Area Forum meeting, to the local MP. The Public Rights of Way Team are continuing to liaise with the member of public concerned.</p>	
<p>13. Raised at meeting: In response to a short address by Pauline Derbyshire from Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust a number of queries were raised and comments made on the provision of NHS services in the Ward. In particular, the following points/questions were raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is there not a General Practitioner in Bretherton? 	<p>13. Chorley and South Ribble PCT: The provision of General Practitioners in specific areas is largely determined by population figures.</p> <p>Under the GMS contract a GP practice is able to determine its own practice boundary or catchment area to enable the practice to control its workload and thus ensure it is able to provide a quality service. It is for the practice to decide if they wish to remove patients from their list although they are required to inform patients of the reason for this.</p>	

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<p>Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference was made to the publicised proposals for hospitals to be re-imbursed on the basis of the number of cases dealt with. Would this cause undue pressure to be exacted on Hospital Trusts, which might lead to more hospital closures. The issue of patients having been required to register with other GP practices because of increasing population numbers was raised 	<p>The GPs at Euxton Medical Centre requested the removal of a number of patients living outside of their catchment area and spoke to all patients who live outside their boundary and advised them they would need to find an alternative practice. Patients were also given lists of alternative practices they could approach. We understand from the practice that patients were informed by the GP in person and at that time they were given an explanation of the reasons for their removal.</p> <p>The general issues raised and individual cases brought to the Forum’s attention would be investigated with the relevant Health Authorities and responded to personally by the PCT and Lindsay Hoyle MP.</p>	
<p>14. Raised at meeting: There appears to be a general lack of facilities for young people in the Ward.</p>	<p>14. (DLCS): The Council’s Leisure and Cultural Services Unit has devised a ‘Get Up and Go’ Programme for Young People, which provides a range of activities for young people across the whole of the Borough.</p> <p>The Unit will also work closely with local voluntary and community groups encouraging them to provide facilities for children and young people in their own areas, by offering guidance and advice on available funding sources</p>	

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<p>15. Question Card: Gangs congregate around the Co-op store, woodyard and station. The village police is never on duty and by the time Chorley Police arrive (up to 1½ hours later), the situation has already got out of hand. Could we have a CCTV camera in this area.</p>	<p>15. Police Inspector Edmondson: The Police, in liaison with the County Council’s Youth and Community Service, target areas where nuisance problems with youths have been identified.</p> <p>While the Police presence in the Ward will continue to be restricted by staffing and time resources, the new Neighbourhood Policing policy should ensure that the Police’s efforts and activities are used to their best advantage and able to respond effectively when required.</p> <p>Sergeant Alex Clayton said that the Police work closely with the Neighbourhood Wardens, as well as with the County Youth and Community Service and local community groups to examine ways of engaging with young people, and not simply by reacting to identified nuisances.</p> <p>Sergeant Alex Clayton also reminded the meeting of the telephone number (08451 253545) for non-emergency calls.</p> <p>Councillor Edgerley reported that, in addition, the Neighbourhood Wardens could be contacted on 01257 515647 whenever situations that would benefit from use of the mobile CCTV equipment arose.</p>	

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<p>16.Question Card: Why did the Council decide to take off the 107 bus to Chorley (which went through Bretherton) during the day, but kept it on in the evenings when only one or two people use it?</p>	<p>16. Cindy Lowthian (Lancashire County Council District Partnership Officer):</p> <p>This action was taken following a comprehensive review of public transport services. It was decided that, as Service 107 was failing to meet the required guidelines of revenue to costs, that this service would need to be withdrawn and the 'Red Rose Runner' would provide an alternative service. The evening service was maintained as there was no alternative service.</p> <p>A letter has been sent to the member of the public who raised the query, along with a copy of a leaflet providing details of the Red Rose Runner Service.</p>	
<p>17. Question Card: Croston Parish Council has had little response from the Parish Business Plan with LCC. For the past three years, the Parish Council has been 'battling' with LCC - 1 traffic survey on Moor Road (placed in an area <u>not</u> requested by the PC) and some 'promises' of calming measures in Out Lane. This was months ago. How can CBC assist the Parish Council with requests and dealings with LCC?</p>	<p>17. Cindy Lowthian (Lancashire County Council District Partnership Officer):</p> <p>These comments have been passed to officers from the County Council's Traffic and Safety team. An Officer from this team is now actively working on the Croston Parish Plan to see if there are items suitable for progress. They have been in contact with the Clerk of Croston Parish Council. They will also confirm with the Parish Councillor who raised this enquiry that they are looking into the matter.</p> <p>Director of Customer, Democratic and Legal Services:</p>	

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	<p>With regard to the second part of the question, the questioner has been advised that this may be an issue that could be raised at the regular Borough/Parish Council Liaison meetings, to which each Parish Council is invited. Alternatively, the local Borough or County Councillors can be contacted to seek their advise, support and efforts to interact with the County and Borough Councils.</p>	
<p>18. Question Card: I am new to the village and fear that the park/recreational facilities for children are severely lacking. Why is this and are there any proposals/funding available to increase and improve those that are available?</p>	<p>18. Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment:</p> <p>The Borough Council's Officers are unable to recall a time when Chorley Borough Council provided a play area in Croston, owing partly to the lack of suitable locations.</p> <p>However, the Parish Council provide a play facility on Town Lane and the Borough Council has installed five-a-side posts on Riverside Crescent following a request from a local Councillor, which has proven to be extremely popular with the young people in the community.</p> <p>Whilst it is accepted that there is little in the way of play provision, Mr A Brown (Greenspace Co-ordinator) will be happy to consider means of providing some form of development. Locating play and recreation facilities is becoming increasingly difficult and, as current planning policy is working toward neighbourhood parks as opposed to the more traditional smaller local sites, careful consideration will need to be given to any new facilities proposed for the village.</p>	

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Cont.....	Mr Brown will be pleased to meet anyone who has any specific thoughts on what they would like to see for young people in Croston.	
<p>19. Question submitted in advance: The Borough Council's support for a South Penwortham By-Pass is sought.</p>	<p>19. Cindy Lowthian (Lancashire County Council District Partnership Officer):</p> <p>The current status of this project is that it has been identified in the Lancashire Local Transport Plan as one of four schemes Lancashire County Council would wish to promote. The others are the Heysham M6 link, Ormskirk Bypass and the A56 Villages Bypass.</p> <p>The completion of the Heysham to M6 link is the County Council's first priority and in 2003 a prioritisation exercise was conducted on the other schemes that concluded that the next priority would be the Ormskirk Bypass, followed by the A56 Villages Bypass and then the Penwortham scheme. Currently, the Heysham and Ormskirk projects are being progressed and when staff resources are available, the other schemes will be progressed as well.</p> <p>The original timescales are now no longer valid as, with the new Regional Prioritisation process, Highway Authorities can promote more than one scheme, with each scheme being judged on its own merits against other schemes. Therefore, County Councillor Tony Martin (Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development) has indicated that he would wish to progress the Penwortham ByPass scheme as soon as staff resources are available, although it is not possible at this time to say when that will be.</p>	

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<p>20. Question submitted in advance: Lancashire County Council are proposing to establish local forums known as the ‘Lancashire Locals’. How is it envisaged that the Chorley Borough Forums will link to the LCC Forums as there appears to be some duplication?</p>	<p>20. Cindy Lowthian (Lancashire County Council District Partnership Officer): The key differences between the proposed Lancashire Local Committees and Area Forums are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The primary purpose of the Area Forum Pilot Scheme is to consult and engage communities and other stakeholders on strategies/policies and service issues within the pilot areas. They operate on a ‘sub district’ footprint and give residents and representatives of local community groups/businesses an opportunity to raise questions on service related issues on an open forum basis and to influence service providers. • Lancashire Locals differ from Area Forums because their primary purpose is about ‘decision making, monitoring and influencing’ county council services in the borough. Their primary purpose is not to ‘consult’ in the same way that Area Forums do. Lancashire County Council recognise that there are better means to consult with communities - such as Area Forums - rather than at the Lancashire Local Committee itself. • Lancashire Local meetings will still be held in public to allow for visible, open and accountable decision making. The public will have an opportunity to comment on particular items before they are discussed. 	

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<p>Cont.....</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lancashire Locals are aimed at strengthening local democratic decision making. Locally Elected Chorley Councillors will take some of the decisions previously made by the County Council's Cabinet or individual cabinet members at County Hall. • When taking decisions about issues within the Borough - the Lancashire Local Committee may decide to consult with one of the Area Forums - if a particular issue concerns that area. In this way Area Forums can support (not duplicate) Lancashire Locals • Area Forums may also lobby Lancashire Local Committees to consider particular issues. • Lancashire Locals operate on a different footprint to Area Forums. The Lancashire Local in Chorley will cover the whole Borough. 	
<p>21. Question submitted in advance: Litter between the villages - Can a means of clearance on a regular basis be implemented especially in the areas not covered by the Parish Lenghtsman?</p>	<p>21. Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Enviroment: Normally these roads would be swept by a large mechanical sweeper on a three week cycle - until recently this was nearer to two weeks. However, recent changes have reduced the frequency in order to divert resources to minor roads - both in the town and in villages and with some success.</p> <p>The driver of the sweeper will request a litter pick if the verge is sufficiently littered. Alternatively, we would respond to requests or complaints from the local area.</p>	

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Cont.....	<p>The Council is reviewing how it deals with rural verges as part of the new sweeping regime, but will be happy to continue to respond to requests. If it would assist we can arrange to meet Parish representatives to discuss specific areas.</p> <p>The Council recognises that there are roads in these and other parts of the Borough that are heavily trafficked, in some cases at high speeds, and, therefore, any manual or mechanical cleaning operation is subject to a rigid risk assessment. We would be happy to share these assessments with parishes, if they so wish.</p>	
<p>22. Question submitted in advance: Please can you provide details of the Borough Council Planning Guidance on agricultural buildings/developments.</p>	<p>22. (DDR): There is no guidance specific to buildings used for agricultural purposes but their design is covered by Local Plan policies and by a comprehensive design guidance document.</p> <p>Councillor Edgerley added that the issue could be debated at the planned meeting to discuss Parish Plans.</p>	
<p>23. Issues raised with Cindy Lowthian after conclusion of meeting: The figures included in the leaflet issued with the rent Council Tax bill do not indicate any performance. For example, children and young people (GCSE grades), Highways (Downtime for signalled crossings), Tourism and Waste Management (How does Chorley compare with Lancashire/national figures),</p>	<p>23. Cindy Lowthian (Lancashire County Council District Partnership Officer):</p> <p>Please refer to the response to Issue No 6 which relates to the same enquiry.</p>	

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<p>23. Cont.....</p> <p>adult and community services (case services), libraries (how much are people borrowing).</p>		
<p>24. Issues raised with Police after conclusion of meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community group known as ‘The Elderberries’ requested the attendance of the Community Beat Manager at one of their meetings to talk about bogus officials. • Residents of Station Road, Croston referred to anti-social behaviour nuisances around Croston Railway Station Car Park and the Late Shop • Concerns about parking on Town Road, Croston. • Nichola Lewis explained to residents her role as Emergency Services Community Support Officer. 	<p>24.</p> <p>Police Inspector J Edmondson:</p> <p>PC Caroline Plummer and Margaret Rushton (Community Crime Prevention Officer) will be requested to meet the group.</p> <p>Sergeant Alex Clayton updated the residents on the police activity to target the anti-social behaviour, which will be continued.</p> <p>The concerns will be passed on to the Community Beat Manager for the village for examination in conjunction with Parkwise.</p>	

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LOSTOCK WARD AREA FORUM – 6 JULY 2006

“YOU SAID, WE DID”

There were some common issues raised by members of the public at the first meetings of the Area Forum Pilot Scheme either during the ‘open forum’ sessions or as questions after each event.

You said: We’ve got problems with recycling containers

We did: People can have alternatives including lids and other accessories. We also carried out a major inquiry into the green woven sacks for plastics and cans and carried out a trial with residents to test alternatives. The new sacks will be delivered across the borough during the summer.

You said: The bin crews leave litter behind

We did: We’ve working hard with Cleanaway to ensure the best possible service and have recently made some real improvements. Operators have received extra training and the crews are now being supervised from the back of the wagons where they can be monitored more closely. Extra curtains have also been placed at the back of vehicles to prevent waste blowing out.

You said: There’s nothing for kids and teenagers to do and we’re plagued by juvenile nuisance and anti-social behaviour on our streets

We did: Our Get Up and Go! scheme was introduced to provide free holiday activities ranging from sports and leisure to arts and cultural activities like DJ workshops across the borough and give youngsters something to do. Since it began in 2003 it has provided thousands of youngsters with new skills and the opportunity to meet

new friends, taking them off the street corners at no costs to families. This year we have increased funding to provide even more choice.

We've also invested in our sports development team that aims to increase participation and awareness of all sports in Chorley. The team works closely with local schools and recently teamed up with the Community Safety Partnership to provide an innovative coaching scheme called 'On the Ladder' where youngsters can gain skills that keep them busy and may help them develop a career in the future.

We're also building links across the borough's communities to ask families what activities and facilities they would like to see.

You said: Motorcyclists are using our community as an off-road race-track and churning up our open space

We did: The Council has given some major consideration to providing a motorcycle track within the borough but has never been able to highlight anywhere residents are happy with. In 2005 the Executive Cabinet agreed it should not impose such a facility on any community without approval of residents and there remains no provision within Chorley.

You said: We need more speed cameras and traffic calming to make our streets safer

We did: We've arranged for people with specific highways concerns and issues to speak direct with Lancashire County Council, who are responsible for those services in this area, to get them sorted out and we're doing everything we can to ensure these concerns are heard.

You said: We want you to get tough on people who dump their rubbish around Chorley

We did: We've introduced a zero tolerance stand on dog fouling, litter and fly-tipping and we're handing out more and more fixed penalty tickets to people who do it.

We've also raised the amount from £50 to £100 and invested in our Neighbourhood Warden scheme so there are more people on the street tackling this kind of issue.



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QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY PARISH COUNCILS

Bretherton Parish Council

- 1) What actions are being taken to reduce road traffic speed throughout the villages in the Lostock Ward, particularly North Road, Bretherton?
- 2) What initiatives are being introduced to occupy young people in the community?

Ulnes Walton Parish Council

- 3) Lostock Ward Newsletter. It is questioned what the benefits are in producing a Lostock Ward Newsletter when the Borough already circulates the Chorley Borough News? The most recent issue contained an article about the Area Forum and there would seem to be substantial cost implications for the production of a separate newsletter.
- 4) Mechanisms for feed back from Forum Meetings. Concern is expressed about the time of producing the minutes of the last meeting on the Borough website. In order for there to be accountability and for partners to have a clear understanding what has been discussed at the meetings it is felt a better more timely system for feedback needs to be introduced.

Parish Councils of Bretherton, Croston and Ulnes Walton

- 5) Please explain what the County Highway strategy is, regarding (i) volume of traffic, (ii) road speed management and (iii) road safety, specifically in the Lostock Ward?
- 6) We understand that the Lancashire Highway Partnership will be terminated with effect from 30 June 2006. Please clarify what will replace the Highways Partnership and who will have responsibility for highway issues in the future.
- 7) Please explain why ambulance response times for the Lostock Ward are substantially poorer than the rest of the Borough.

The following statistics were supplied in connection with question 7:

Ambulance response times - for Category A Emergencies the National Target response time is 75% within 8 minutes.

Financial Year 05/06

During the year, over the County as a whole, Lancashire Ambulance Service achieved a 75.51% response time, meeting the national target.

For the area of Chorley and South Ribble PCT the equivalent figure was 65.9%.

The best result was achieved in the Blackpool PT area (90.40%).

The worst in Hyndburn and Ribble Valley PCT area (64.95%).

In our neighbouring PCTs - with which Chorley and South Ribble will shortly be merged - results were as follows:

Preston PCT area 80.04%

West Lancs PCT area 68.22%