

## **Chorley Liaison**

Wednesday, 21st July 2021, 6.30 pm

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### Agenda

#### **Apologies**

1 **Welcome by the Chair**

2 **Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 17 February 2021 of Chorley Liaison**

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3 **Neighbourhood Planning Presentation**

Philippa Lane, Planning Policy and Housing Officer, will deliver a short presentation and take questions.

4 **Item requested by the Vice-Chair, Councillor Kim Snape**

Discussion item holding meetings in person / hybrid.

**Item requested by Wheelton Parish Council**

1. Why is it when refuse contracts are awarded that a contractor can refuse to empty CBC bins on the playground in Meadow Street, Wheelton?

**Background**

When the playground was refurbished we asked that our bin be left-the bin was taken away and a Chorley bin put in its place. Up to change of contract this bin was emptied. Our clerk queried this and has been told that the refuse wagon was too big to go up Meadow Street, the previous emptying of the bin was an act of kindness by the previous contractor plus other excuses - she was also advised she could empty the bin a) she is not a lengthsman and b) is not qualified on H&S grounds to do so.

**Response**

The entire play area is owned and managed by the Parish council according to our system. The Council did used to empty as a token effort when passing by to do the one outside the village hall. No contractors have ever taken part in emptying of these bins. Now have moved to a large 18ton HGV vehicle and relocated the litterbin that was outside the village hall to the bottom of the steps there is no need to access Meadow street in the HGV due to access issues.

This has recently been brought up for a discussion within the Wheelton Parish council with how they want to proceed. Officers suggested if they had a lengthsman then this could be done by them. The parish clerk offered to maintain the area if equipment was delivered and so this was delivered directly.

2. Has LCC decided that there will be no more 20mph areas in Chorley?

**Response**

Lancashire County Council have been approached for a response.

## 6 **Item requested by Croston Parish Council**

Would it be possible to have an update on the Knotweed issue?

### **Response**

External funding has been secured to pay for 18 months of an officer from Lancashire Wildlife Trust to lead on INNS. This will be starting in August/Sept.

### **INNS Mapping and Trothing Project – Lancashire Wildlife Trust**

- Previous work in the catchment has shown the difficulty in piecing together a strategic approach, and collecting the necessary data, this has led to an inefficient piecemeal approach with no strategic overview and a little impact on the INNS problem.

- The continued dominance and spread of INNS species with impacts on the native riparian bio-diversity, impacting on the value of the local fisheries, landscape, and species.

- A need to upskill and train staff and volunteers from the catchment stakeholders to correctly identify and record INNS and make appropriate site mismanagement plans to tackle them in the longer term

Working with the Community to Build a Robust Evidence Base – Groundwork CLM

- The online Douglas Catchment Story Map requires more frequent updating with projects and opportunities that have a positive impact on the catchment's environment and water quality

- There is an increased demand for volunteering opportunities across the catchment with all stakeholders reporting an increase in enquiries from members of the public.

- Need to train more volunteers in River Walkover survey skills to be able to increase local knowledge base,

- Increase in pressure during the Covid lockdown on public open spaces, particularly from an increase in visitor numbers. Habitat and access improvements required to repair damage and protect green spaces and the riparian environment for the future.

To complement this funding, funding has also been awarded to Chorley Council to employ a ranger for 18 months mainly to lead on the tree planting agenda but also to look after our rivers and combat our invasive non-native species.

Chorley Council Ranger team have been spraying the hogweed and knotweed on Council owned land throughout May – June and will continue to treat this, as necessary.

## 7 **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.

8 **Items for Future Meetings**

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

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

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