

Chorley Liaison

Wednesday, 22nd March 2023, 6.30 pm
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley and Youtube

Agenda

Apologies

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| 1 | Welcome by the Chair | |
| 2 | Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 18 January 2023 of Chorley Liaison | (Pages 3 - 6) |
| 3 | Voter ID - Presentation

The Electoral Services Team Leader will be in attendance to give an update and answer questions on Voter ID. | (Pages 7 - 10) |
| 4 | Item requested by Bretherton Parish Council

Background

The Parish Council is concerned about the County Council attitude to road safety issues which appears to be based on 'doing nothing' until there is an accident. Preventative actions do not seem to be being considered.

Attached is the text of an email sent to CC Swarbrick along with the reply received. | (Pages 11 - 12) |
| 5 | Item requested by Heath Charnock Parish Council | |

Background

- To raising wider awareness of concerns recently raised by Nickleton Brow residents in Heath Charnock Parish due to speeding cars, under-reporting of traffic incidents, possible drug-driving following the use of nitrogen dioxide, litter created by discarded canisters in the Rivington area and damage to property (of individuals and in public ownership of United Utilities).

The Parish Council has reported this to the Police who said they would take action.

Mr Andy Pratt, the Deputy Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner is due to attend the 16 March Heath Charnock Parish Council meeting where these concerns will be discussed. The Parish Council's representative will be able to update the Chorley Liaison meeting.

6 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.

7 Items for Future Meetings

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

8 Any urgent business previously agreed with the Chair

(Pages 13 - 14)

Chris Sinnott
Chief Executive

Electronic agendas sent to Members of the Chorley Liaison Councillor Gordon France (Eastern Parishes) (Chair), Councillor Kim Snape (Chorley Rural East Division, Lancashire County Council) (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Alistair Bradley (Chorley Town), Alan Platt (Western Parishes), Michelle Le Marinel (Northern Parishes), Aaron Beaver (Chorley Town West) and Danny Gee (Chorley Town North).

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Minutes of **Chorley Liaison**

Meeting date **Wednesday, 18 January 2023**

Members present: Councillor Gordon France (Eastern Parishes) (Chair),
Councillor Kim Snape (Chorley Rural East Division,
Lancashire County Council) (Vice-Chair)
Lancashire County Councillors: Julia Berry, Hasina Kha
Chorley Borough Councillors: (Chair of Neighbourhood
Area Meetings): Alan Platt, Michelle Le Marinel, Aaron
Beaver and Danny Gee
Town and Parish Councillors: John McAndrew, Colin
Evans, Graham Ashworth, Craig Ainsworth, Bev Speers,
Tim Blackburn, Christine Bailey, Arnold Almond, Stephen
Mercer, Marel Urry

Officers: Angela Barrago (Service Lead - Communities), Zoe
Whiteside (Head of Spatial Planning) and Nina Neisser
(Democratic and Member Services Officer)

Apologies: Chorley Borough Councillors: Alistair Bradley
Lancashire County Councillors: Aidy Riggott
Parish and Town Councillors: Terry Dickenson

Other Members: Neil McLoughlin (Lancashire Constabulary)

17.20 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

17.21 Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 19 October 2022 of Chorley Liaison

The Chair advised the minutes of the last meeting has been amended to reflect the attendance of Parish Councillor Cornwell.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

17.22 Update from Lancashire Constabulary

Sergeant Neil McLoughlin from Lancashire Constabulary attended the meeting and although not a formal item on the agenda, the Chair agreed that an update be provided.

Sergeant McLoughlin provided an update highlighting some of the incidents recently dealt with in all the neighbourhood areas of the borough. He explained that there was

a lot going on currently with regards to neighbourhood policing and requested that those present encourage residents to report any incidents to the police via the various methods available to ensure that resources could be prioritised to the right areas.

The police were proactively going out and doing InTheKnow sign up sessions and Sergeant McLoughlin requested any other potential locations for the police to hold sessions and target sign up. This also provides another vehicle for people to report issues to the police and for the police to get information from residents, in regards to crime prevention.

Further updates/discussion included;

- An additional PCSO in the town centre and a new traffic management officer who could be contacted directly.
- County Councillor Hasina Khan thanked the police for their work regarding several town centre incidents which resulted in taxi drivers being abused and damage being caused. It was reported that issues had subsequently reduced and advised that a meeting had been set up with the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Taxi Trade to discuss funding available for dashcams to help further.
- Councillor Michelle Le Marinel thanked Sergeant McLoughlin and his team for their work in dealing with the criminal damages to vehicles in the Clayton Brook area prior to Christmas.
- Following a query regarding parent involvement when addressing youth crime, Sergeant McLoughlin advised that parents were involved, and the police would be utilising PSPO's. The police would also be making other relevant agencies, such as housing associations aware, where necessary.
- Sergeant McLoughlin advised Members that it would likely be at least 12 months before the new Police Station would open. Reassurances were given that there would still be a police presence in the town centre.

Actions:

The Contact details for the new traffic management officer, would be circulated to Parish Clerks by Sergeant McLoughlin.

17.23 Central Lancashire Local Plan - Presentation

Zoe Whiteside, Head of Spatial Planning provided Members with an update on the Central Lancashire Local Plan to ensure that those present were aware of the Preferred Options consultation.

Chorley, South Ribble and Preston Councils were currently undertaking a ten-week online consultation as part of the preferred options stage of the Local Plan process. Members were advised that this was the first part of a two-part consultation and it was hoped that the new Local Plan would be adopted by late 2024 – early 2025.

The first stage of the consultation, which would remain open until Friday, 24 February had received around 50 responses to date. There were publicity drop in events taking place across the borough alongside the consultation to encourage further participation.

It was noted that there was a lot of high-level policy included in the consultation which could be difficult to understand. It was anticipated that more detailed policies would be included in the subsequent consultation.

Members recognised the importance of getting views from residents and discussed the issues regarding lack of engagement and how this could be addressed. It was recognised that there was a joint responsibility of officers, Borough Councillors and Parish Councillors to proactively educate and promote the consultation in local communities as community leaders.

17.24 Item requested by Croston Parish Council

Alan Platt (Clerk of Croston PC) introduced this item which had previously been submitted in relation tackling knotweed and thanked officers for their response. He proposed to take the response back to the Parish Councillor who raised the question and would put him in touch with the Streetscene Services Manger to help identify the specific problem areas.

17.25 Questions from Members of the Liaison and the public

The following question was raised:

- Requirements for equality of access on planning applications

Adlington Town Council also advised that the details from the 2021 census were available and gave a good insight to the make-up of parishes. The additional information coming out imminently would highlight how parish areas have changed over the last ten years. It was agreed that the link could be sent out.

17.26 Items for Future Meetings

The Chair advised that officers were still trying to get the LLC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to attend a future meeting. There had been a change in the portfolio holder, but officers were hopeful once settled into the new role the Cabinet Member would attend a meeting.

County Councillor Berry advised that the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner with responsibility for road safety and the new Cabinet Member were keen to get out to the districts and liaise with Parish Councils. It was suggested that the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner also be invited to a future meeting.

Members noted that the deadline for adding any agenda items for the next meeting was Friday, 10 March.

17.27 Any urgent business previously agreed with the Chair

None.

Chair

Date

The Electoral Commission

Voter ID Resource – May 2023

Voter ID

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

Which forms of ID can I use to vote?

You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional license)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

If you don't have an accepted form photo ID

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a **Voter Authority Certificate**. You can apply for this at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk.

Alternatively, you can complete a paper application form and send this to the electoral services team at your local council.

If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, contact your local council. To find their contact details visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

Find out more

If you have any questions or would like to find out more, go to electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID, or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

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Accepted forms of photographic identification

You must present one of the following forms of photographic identification to vote at a polling station:

- a passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country (including an Irish Passport Card)
- a driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state
- a biometric immigration document
- an identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- a Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- a Blue Badge
- a national identity card issued by an EEA state
- an Older Person's Bus Pass
- a Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- an Oyster 60+ Card
- a Freedom Pass
- a Scottish National Entitlement Card issued in Scotland
- a 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- a Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- a Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- a Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- a War Disablement SmartPass or War Disabled SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- a 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- a Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- an Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- a Voter Authority Certificate or a temporary Voter Authority Certificate.

Out of date photo ID

You can still use your photo ID if it is out of date, as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

Further proof of identity

You may be required to provide further proof of identity if there is any discrepancy between your name as shown on your form of photographic identification and the name of the elector (or proxy) you claim to be.

Anonymous electors – accepted form of photographic identification

You must present your Anonymous Elector's Document in addition to your official poll card to vote at a polling station. The electoral register number on the Anonymous Elector's Document must match the electoral register number shown on the official poll card.

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Item for Liaison Committee meeting from Bretherton Parish Council

The Parish Council is concerned about the County Council attitude to road safety issues which appears to be based on ‘doing nothing’ until there is an accident. Preventative actions do not seem to be being considered.

Below is the text of an email sent to CC Swarbrick along with the reply received

From: Glenys Southworth Bretherton PC <brethertonpc@yahoo.co.uk>

Sent: 11 February 2023 16:40

To: Swarbrick, Rupert (Cllr) <Rupert.Swarbrick@lancashire.gov.uk>

Subject: HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Dear County Councillor Swarbrick, the Parish Council would be grateful if the County Council could give consideration to the following

- Provision of a Speed camera on the road coming into Bretherton from Croston
- Provision of convex mirror on the large tree on the The Bungalow (this is the name of the house on Flag Lane)side of the road so that pedestrians can see what traffic is approaching
- Additional signage on the road from Croston to warn motorists
- Provision of Speed bumps on the s-bends on the road from Croston to Bretherton
- Extension of the footpath on the side of the road opposite The Bungalow to give pedestrians better clearance to see traffic coming

Kind Regards,

Glenys Southworth

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- Dear Ms Southworth

Thank you for your email about highway issues in Bretherton.

The present policy of the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety, whose partners include the 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.

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

They 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 Submissions of Dashcam Footage FAQs](#).

The tree next to The Bungalow is on private land. There is no current evidence to suggest that general use of traffic mirrors results in a positive contribution to road safety and in certain circumstances the presence of a mirror could be noted as a contributory factor in a traffic collision. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- They can give a distorted impression of vehicle movements; in particular, motorcyclists/cyclists who can appear inconspicuous in a mirror.
- The headlights of emerging vehicles can reflect onto oncoming vehicles, resulting in a potential for misperception.

- The emerging driver may come to rely on the mirror, even where this has become partially obscured by either surrounding foliage or weather
 - conditions which effect the field of vision.
 - They can be subject to vandalism resulting in a reduction in reduced vision.
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As a result, the Department for Transport (DFT) strongly discouraged their use except for road junctions where visibility for emerging vehicles is severely restricted by natural layout and cannot be improved by other means e.g., removing hedges, walls, trees, or other obstacles. In line with this established process the county council are unable to consider such an installation at this location. The exception to this is where an installation is undertaken by a property owner within private land and in a manner where it does not represent a hazard for other road users i.e., results in a distraction or is set at a height likely to result in glare for approaching drivers.

The section of road between Croston Station Bridge and Overhall Lane features areas of reduced footway availability. Where it is established, that pedestrian activity is likely to be more common than drivers would normally be expected to encounter additional signage can be applied to identify this to approaching traffic. There is signage present in both directions at the entrance points exiting Croston following Station Bridge and at Overhall Lane. The current absence of recorded pedestrian related injury incidents along this section by Lancashire Constabulary indicates that this is currently being acknowledged by drivers who, as a result, are utilising additional caution when transiting the area.

We work 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, the council will look to introduce mitigation measures.

Flag Lane and South Road have been previously assessed and the result of those investigations of casualty and speed data indicated that there were no clear speeding issues at these locations which would justify action from the Partnership. However, the residents may benefit from the 'Community Toolkit' which gives examples of how local residents can raise awareness of speeding and road safety issues in their local area and is available on the [Lancashire Road Safety Partnership website](#)

As with many similar rural locations these roads will not feature the same level of footways, which are common in higher populated areas such as towns or cities and directions for both pedestrians and drivers on safe use of such roads is contained within the Highway Code. The current absence of pedestrian related injury incidents along this stretch of Flag Lane would indicate the road is operating satisfactorily in terms of road safety, and that both pedestrians and drivers are exercising appropriate caution.

I hope you find this information useful.

Kind regards
Emma

Emma Lane, District Lead Officer, Highways and Transport, Lancashire County Council, Tel: 0300 123 6780



Chorley Liaison agenda management timetable

Date of meeting	Deadline for items to be requested by Members
Wednesday 19 July 2023	Friday 7 July 2023
Wednesday 18 October 2023	Friday 6 October 2023
Wednesday 24 January 2024	Friday 12 January 2024
Wednesday 20 March 2024	Friday 8 March 2024

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Future agenda items

Community energy funding
 Time Credits
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 Northern Rail
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