

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

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