

**MINUTES OF 1127TH MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2018
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL.**

PRESENT: - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR N. PETER (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, MRS S. LONG, B.MATTOCK AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

316. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillor Ms Y.Hargreaves.

317. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:

The Clerk reminded Members of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters on the agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct. No one made a declaration at this stage.

318. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th November 2017 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood).

319. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

AS THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

320. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

As the police were not present no report was presented.

The Clerk submitted a consultation document from the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding increases in the cost of the police budget in 2018/19.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

The Clerk submitted the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer.

321. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted the current newsletter. Details of The revised audit arrangements were reported.

The Clerk also referred to the Annual Invitation to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 23rd May 2017. Nominations were restricted to Chairmen only.

322. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

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(A) HOGHTON LANE TRAFFIC SPEEDS:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the County Council had published statutory notices of their intention to reduce the speed limit on Hoghton Lane following the public consultation. The consultation period was from 17th October to 17th November 2017 and the Clerk had submitted a letter in support of the proposals. The speed limit reduction was from Bells Lane to Chapel Lane.

He reported there had been no further progress on this.

(B). VILLAGE HALL SIGN:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that the Village Hall sign had still not been reinstated despite repeated requests to the County Council and. County Councillor Snowden.

(C). FOOTPATH - GIB LANE:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that some repairs had been carried out to the footway surface. Councillor Snowden had been requested to make a site visit to assess the situation.

(D). PRIVATE ROAD:

The Clerk reported the response of the County Council regarding issues in Private Road. Officers had carried out investigations and improvement work would be carried out.

In respect to the blocked gully near to the entrance of St. Joseph's Church this would be added to the gully cleansing programme and would be cleansed as soon as resources allowed. A site meeting was held on in December 2017 when remedial works had been agreed and these had now been completed.

(E). SEVERE WEATHER IN WINTER:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the County Councils Winter briefing note.

(F). BLOCKED DRAINS

(1) BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that he had noticed that the grids on Blackburn Old Road from the Parish Church car park to Dover Lane were blocked and needed attention. The Clerk had reported this to the County Council who had requested that the specific locations should be identified. The information had been passed to the County Council but no work had been done.

(2). QUAKER BROOK LANE:

At the last meeting the Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported blocked drains at the entrance to Ricroft Nurseries and Councillor Baldwin reported a similar problem opposite the Sheiling.

It was reported that some work had been done.

(G). TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATION ROAD:

The Clerk reported the temporary closure of Station Road on 11th and 12th January 2018 for work to the railway crossing barrier, and again on 14th January 2018 for further work to the crossing.

(H). POTHOLES:

Councillor Baldwin reported a pothole at the railway bridge on Blackburn Old Road.

Councillor Ms Urry reported a pothole opposite the entrance to the Village Hall and also referred to the road surface in general.

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The Clerk would inform the County Council.

323. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

No report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council.

324. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS.

The Clerk reported that the following decisions had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Raising of roof height to allow conversion of roof space to living accommodation to include front and rear dormers (rear dormer to include Juliet balcony) part split level, part single storey side extension, external alterations to include new rear balcony with glass balustrade, glass balustrades to existing rear balcony, new windows including new bi-fold doors to rear new double garage and widening of existing drop kerb. Aran Brook Bolton Road. (App no 17/01012/FUL) Applicant Mr. Sykes.- Granted.

2. First floor side and rear extensions Newfield 16 Riley Green (App no 17/01036/FULHH) Applicant Dr. Omed. - Granted.

(B). APPLICATION:

The Clerk reported that the following application had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a replacement two storey dwelling Oakmount Gib Lane (App no 17/01156/FUL) Applicant Mr. Cann.

Details of the applications had been circulated to all Members and the following observations had been made. The proposed dwelling is not in keeping with the other properties in the area by reason of its size and the materials to be used. It would overlook adjoining dwellings.

The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

(C). ADJOINING LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY APPLICATION:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the application for the erection of 78 dwellings (including 39 affordable homes) with associated access and landscaping land at Olive Farm and land north of Methuen Drive had been refused in September 2017. The applicants had now appealed and a decision was expected shortly.

To complicate matters a further application had been submitted addressing some of the concerns of local residents.

Reference was also made to a letter from a concerned member of the public.

The Parish Council reiterated its previous objections to the development.

325. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

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1. M. Savage.	Annual Maintenance Contract.	£720.00
2. T. Harkness	Clerk - Salary and Expenses Quarter ended 31st December 2017	£572.02
3. HMRC	Tax on salary and expenses Quarter ended 31st December 2017	£105.00
4. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration Quarter ended 30th September 2017	£36.00
5. Hoghton Holy Trinity Parish Church	Hire of Rooms Quarter ended 31st December 2017	£40.00

The payments were authorised and cheques signed

326. COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON BUDGET PROCESS:

The Clerk submitted a consultation from the County Council on the proposed budget savings for 2018/19.

The proposals recommended changes to street lighting maintenance and inspection by 50% and ceasing night time inspections. They also intend closing transport information centres, reduce costs of providing museum services to external organisations, the costs of advocacy services to vulnerable people and some extra sheltered care services.

No comments were made.

327. WAR MEMORIAL:

Following a meeting with an officer from Chorley the Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported on the current situation regarding the ponding issue.

With regard to the proposed resurfacing of the tarmac area together with pointing to specific areas where required Chorley Council had made a grant of £2000.00 towards the cost of the area to be resurfaced.

The Clerk had approached a specialist firm regarding the restoration of the names on the Memorial.

It was considered that an estimate should be obtained from the specialist firm in the first instance and subject to this being acceptable, further consideration would be given to the second phase of the work.

328. CRIPPLEGATE LANE - POND:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported the current situation regarding the work at Cripplegate Lane. However there was still a problem with rats.

It was considered that further work was required to a large tree on the site.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) felt that the Environmental Health Inspectorate at Chorley should be asked to take appropriate action regarding the rat problem.

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The Clerk would look into the employment of a tree surgeon to carry out work to the tree and remind Environmental Health about the rat problem.

329. LANCASHIRE CIVIC CAROL SERVICE - BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL:

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the Dean of Blackburn Cathedral to the Parish Council to attend the Lancashire Civic Carol Service at the Cathedral on 4th February 2018.

330. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:

The Clerk reported the next meeting would be held on 17th January 2018 at the Town Hall Chorley. Councillor Ms Urry would attend if possible.

331. ELECTORAL REVIEW:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the Boundary Commission intended to undertake an electoral review of the size of Chorley Council (number of elected members). This was to take place in June 2018. A Briefing Meeting was held on 6th December 2017. The Clerk had circulated a copy of the presentation made and Councillor Mrs Long who attended the briefing would inform the Parish Council of future developments.

332. COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES:

The Clerk circulated a consultation document from the County Council seeking the views of relevant groups/individuals on a number of ideas for volunteer opportunities within the Lancashire Countryside Service. Observations on the proposals were submitted.

The Clerk would forward the comments to the County Council.

333. MAINTENANCE OF FOOTPATHS:

The Clerk reported that he had recently been reminded by the County Council .

had indicated that the maintenance of public footpaths was the responsibility of the landowner and this included stiles.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) confirmed that this was the case .

It was felt that the County Council should remind all landowners of this.

334. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 19th February 2018 at 7.30. p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.55. p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

19TH FEBRUARY 2018.