

DRAFT
MINUTES OF 1000TH MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 24TH APRIL 2006
AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: -

COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J. BALDWIN, E. MILLER-CROOK J. PROCTOR, T. SHARRATT, AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T HARKNESS (CLERK).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

246. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was submitted from Pc Evans (Community Beat Manager).

247. 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.

The Vice Chairman declared a prejudicial interest regarding the item referring to Notice Boards.

248. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th March 2006 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING MATTER: -

249. TRAFFIC SPEEDS – GIB LANE:

The Member of the Public present had received complaints about the speed of traffic using Gib Lane which was restricted to 30 mph.

Councillor E. Miller–Crook informed him that the Community Beat Manager was undertaking training in the use of hand held speed cameras and when proficient would visit areas where speeding was a problem to carry out speed monitoring exercises.

The Clerk would ask the Community Beat Manager to include Gib Lane in the speed monitoring exercises.

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THERE WERE NO FURTHER MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND THE PARISH COUNCIL RETURNED TO THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:

250. POLICING REPORT:

In the absence of the Community Beat Manager no policing report was presented.

Councillor Ms Urry indicated that the Community Beat Manager had not discussed her concerns regarding the safety of the shoot which had taken place recently on the farm at the rear of her property with her.

The Clerk would remind the Community Beat Manager and ask him discuss this matter with Ms Urry.

251. LAPTC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted the current Newsletter of the Association which reported changes to the Audit Regulations, changes to the procedure for the withdrawal of telephone boxes and details of the Community Empowerment Awards Scheme launched by the Commission for Rural Communities.

The Chairman reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Chorley branch of the Association held on 30th March and the quarterly meeting which followed.

The reports were accepted.

252. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A) TRAFFIC SPEEDS – HOGHTON LANE:

The Chairman had been informed that the County Council had agreed that the scheme should be included in this year's Road Safety Improvement Programme.

(B) OVERGROWN FOOTWAYS GIB LANE:

No progress had been made on this matter and it was decided to seek an estimate for doing the work which would then be submitted to Chorley Borough Council.

(C). GRASS VERGE BY BUS SHELTER – BOARS HEAD:

Councillor Miller Crook reported further damage to the verge and felt that the situation remained unchanged and required solving quickly.

Councillor Sharratt suggested that the Lancashire Highways Partnership could be asked to provide a higher kerb might provide a solution.

It was agreed to report the further damage to the Lancashire Highways Partnership (Area County Surveyor) and that he be asked to consider the suggestion regarding the kerb.

(D). 40 MPH SIGN - RILEY GREEN:

The sign would be reset as soon as possible.

(E). SIGNS - BRINDLE BAR:

The De Hoghton Estate and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council were currently discussing the replacement of the Information Sign with the County Council.

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(F). 40 MPH SIGN – BRINDLE BAR:

The sign had not been repaired and the Clerk would contact the Lancashire Highways Partnership (Area County Surveyor) again about this.

(G). BUS SHELTER A675 RILEY GREEN:

The condition of the bus shelter had been reported to Chorley Borough Council and their comments were awaited.

(H). FOOTWAY BETWEEN RAILWAY BRIDGE AND BOARS HEAD CAR PARK:

The Lancashire Highways Partnership (Area County Surveyor) had confirmed that this work had now been done.

(I). LAND ADJACENT TO THE BOARS HEAD:

Whitbreads Brewery had responded that they were looking into the tidying up of the site.

The Vice Chairman reported that some work had been done.

253 CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman presented a report on issues affecting the Parish Council.

254. PLANNING REPORT:

The Clerk reported that the applications for the rear extension to link to the kitchen area at 2 Gib Lane (app no 06/00123/FUL) and the erection of a rear conservatory at 7 Willowfield Chase (app no 06/00155/FUL) had been granted by Chorley Borough Council since the last meeting.

(Councillor Sharratt declared a non prejudicial interest in the application referred to at Willowfield Chase)

The Clerk had been notified of the following applications

1. Listed Building Consent for various internal alterations Dover Farm Blackburn Old Road (app no 06/00272/LBC).

2 Promotional Illuminated Display Unit Boars Head (app no 06/00433/ADV)

No observations were made on these applications.

255. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

1	Hoghton Village Hall	Hire of Room January – March 2006.	£27.00
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The Account was agreed and a cheque was signed.

256. PINFOLD:

The Chairman reported on the tree planting by the Scouts on 24th March 2006. It was also reported that a car had demolished part of the wall and damaged a street light. The Clerk was currently investigating a claim on the car owners insurance for the repair of the wall and the light.

257. NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported that the notice boards at Hoghton Bottoms, Pinfold and near to the Post Office had now been replaced at a cost of £165.00 each.

(The Vice Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

258. WAR MEMORIAL:

Discussions regarding the grant situation were ongoing with the Conservation Officer at Chorley.

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The Clerk was arranging for a bench to be made and would notify the Parish Council as appropriate.

260. CONSULTATIONS: THE NORTH WEST PLAN:

The Parish Council considered the following consultation documents:-

- (a) The North West Plan.
- (b) Chorley Corporate Strategy 2006/09.
- (c) Lancashire County Council Corporate Strategy 2006/09.
- (d) Clean Neighbourhoods and the Environment Act 2005.
- (e) South Ribble Local Plan Statement of Community Involvement.
- (f) Lancashire Fire Authority Three Year Action Plan.

261. CAMPAIGN FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:

The Clerk submitted the current newsletter of the organisation which set out the next steps in the campaign and asked for Parish Council support.

The Parish Council supported the action proposed.

262. HEALTH VIEWS – NEWSLETTER:

The Clerk submitted the current newsletter from the Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust; he also submitted information about the Patient Advice and Liaison Service.

Councillor Sharratt reported that he had been informed the Primary Care Trust was cash limiting the services available to disabled people. He would investigate this and inform the Parish Council.

263. POST OFFICE – HOGHTON LANE:

The Chairman reported the current position regarding the petition against the possible closure of Hoghton Lane Post Office.

The Parish Council was against the closure.

264. BRIDLEWAY TO HOGHTON BOTTOMS:

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Councillor Sharratt reported that an accident had occurred to a horse rider on this bridleway and he had discussed the matter with the Chairman.

The Chairman reported he was investigating this matter with the Footpaths Officer at Lancashire County Council.

265. REFUSE COLLECTION:

Councillor Ms Urry reported that when the wheelie bins were emptied on Hoghton Lane they were left on the pavement which meant pedestrians and particularly the disabled had to walk in the road.

The Chairman would discuss this with the Head of the Refuse Collection Service to see if the bins could be returned to people's gateways.

266. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 15th May 2006 the Annual General Meeting at 7.30.pm at the Village Hall to be followed by the normal meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55. p.m.