

**HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF 1010TH MEETING
HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2007
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
PRESENT: -**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: POLICE COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER C.EVANS.

240. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence were submitted from Councillor E. Miller-Crook.

241. COUNCILLOR E. MILLER-CROOK:

The Clerk reported on the current progress of Councillor Miller-Crook.

242. 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.

243. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th March 2007 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

244. POLICING REPORT:

The Police Community Beat Manager reported on policing in the Parish since the last meeting and in particular referred to the recent trend concerning the theft of caravans and bicycles in the Southern Division.

The Clerk circulated copies of the latest edition of "Dialogue" the newsletter of the Lancashire Police Authority – Southern Division. Councillor Sharratt commented on the publication.

245. LAPTC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted the current Newsletter of the Association cancelling the Spring Conference. The newsletter also enclosed briefing notes on the Freedom of Information Act changes and the revisions to the Members Code of Conduct. The report was accepted.

246. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). TRAFFIC SCHEME – HOGHTON LANE:

Following the meeting with the County Council and local residents the Clerk had circulated a brief note. The County Council had discussed the suggested lowering of the speed limit with the police. The Police did not support the reduction of the speed limit to 40 mph.

Councillor Sharratt referred to the inadequacy of the plans which had been prepared by the County Council. Parish Council had also requested a meeting with the police on several occasions but no response had been received.

The Local MP had expressed his support for a 40mph limit to the County Council and the Police. The County Council had received a total of 36 letters from local residents about the proposals.

The scheme would be consider by the Lancashire Local – Chorley at its next meeting and County Councillor Mrs Livesey would present the views of the community to that meeting. In the meantime, the Community Beat Manager would contact the person responsible for the scheme at the Police and notify the Clerk. The Clerk would then try to arrange a meeting with the Police, the Parish Council and local residents.

Local residents would be informed of the present position.

(B). LAND ADJACENT TO THE BOARS HEAD:

The Chairman reported on the current situation regarding the tidying up of the land. The Clerk would write to the Brewery to try to establish the extent of their ownership of the land.

(C). STILE – PUBLIC FOOTPATH:

Councillor Proctor reported that a stile on the public footpath running between numbers 243 and 245 Hoghton Lane was damaged and need repair. The Clerk would contact the Footpaths Officer about this.

(D). REFUSE COLLECTION:

Councillor Ms Urry reported that the Bin men had dropped a container for the recycling of glass on the road during the collection round on 14th April 2007 and left broken glass in the road. The Clerk would report this incident to the Refuse Collection Service.

247. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

248. PLANNING REPORT:

A. DECISIONS

The Clerk reported that the following application has been granted.

Extension to rear ground floor family room with additional 2 bedroom extension above existing double garage and family room Oakdene Gib Lane Applicant Mr S. Callum (App no 07/0070/FUL)

B. APPLICATIONS:

The following applications had been submitted to Chorley Council since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Conversion of joiners workshop to dwelling Fell View Chapel Lane
Applicants Mr. and Mrs Whittle (App no 07/00367/FUL).
2. Proposed tree works to various trees within ChoreyTPO10 (Hoghton) 1991
Sheringham Quaker Brook Lane Applicant Mr. Coupe (App no 07/00371/TPO)

The Parish Council made no observations on the applications.

C. UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT:

The Chairman referred to the unauthorised development at Quaker Brook Farm which was currently being investigated by Chorley Council.

249. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1.Village Hall	Hire of Room Parish Council Meetings January- March 2007 plus Meeting with County Council 27th March 2007	£57.00
2. A. Harkness	Clerk Salary and Expenses January – March 2007	£414.51

The accounts were agreed and cheques were signed

250. CHORLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK;

The Clerk reported that Chorley Planning Department had produced the Sustainable Resources Preferred Options Development Plan Document for comment. The period for representations ended on 2nd May 2007. The Parish Council was consulted last year but because of a ruling against another Council in the High Court the documents had to be revised. The report was noted.

251. INSURANCE PREMIUM - RENEWAL.

The Clerk submitted details of the Parish Council's current insurance cover requested the Council to consider whether this was adequate and reported that the cost of renewing this would amount to £688.36 an increase of £48.10. over last year's premium. It was noted that there was an excess of £125.00 on each claim and an annual index linking increase of 7% on property valuations. There was an additional cost for the Pinfold and the commemorative bench A sum of £700.00 had been included in the Parish Council's Estimates for this premium in 2007/08.

After discussion of the valuation of the property insured (War Memorial, bus shelters, notice boards roadside seats Pinfold) the annual premium of £688.36 was agreed to be paid to Allianz Cornhill Insurance PLC and a cheque was signed.

252. TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY PLAN FOR CHORLEY:

The Clerk submitted this consultation document. The Plan would be considered at the next meeting.

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253. LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT FINAL YEAR ACTION PLAN:

The Clerk submitted the Final Four Year Integrated Risk Management Plan of the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.

No comments were made on the Plan.

254. MRS CLARK - FORMER HEADTEACHER GREGSON LANE SCHOOL:

Councillor Sharratt referred to the tragic death of Mrs Clark and it was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to her family.

255. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 14th May 2007 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 8.35. p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

14TH MAY 2007