

**DRAFT MINUTES OF 1021ST MEETING  
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 21ST APRIL 2008  
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).**

**251. 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.

**252 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th March 2008 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**253. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**254. POLICING REPORT:**

As the police were not present no report was presented. The Clerk circulated the latest edition of the Police Authority Newsletter.

The Parish Council noted the newsletter.

**255. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk submitted the current Newsletter and reminded the Parish Council that with effect from 1st April the Association would be known as the Lancashire Association of Local Councils. He also reported the proposed dates of the LALC Conference 3-5th October (provisional) and the LALC AGM 1st November

The report was accepted.

**256. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

**(A). TRAFFIC SCHEME – HOGHTON LANE:**

Councillor Ms Urry indicated she was awaiting a response to queries she had made regarding the changes to the signage on Houghton Lane.

**(B). LAND ADJACENT TO THE BOARS HEAD:**

The Chairman reported that following a site meeting on 8th April with the De Houghton Estate, the Landlord of the Boars Head and the Area County Surveyor. The de Houghton Estate and the Landlord of the Boars head would jointly remove the brambles. The Landlord would repair and repaint the fence and the Area County Surveyor would ascertain the position regarding the maintenance of the trees.

**(C) CRIPPLEGATE LANE:**

Signs indicating a Cul de sac had been erected but this had had no effect on reducing the amount of vehicles trying to get down the lane.

The residents had requested the erection of a sign saying Bridle Path No Vehicular Access. The Clerk had contacted the Area County Surveyor and the Environment Director about this.

The bin collection service had agreed to collect and return the bins at Hazel Cottage and the Clerk would arrange a similar facility for the residents of Braemar on Cripplegate Lane

**(D) GIB LANE:**

The Vice Chairman reported that although some potholes in Gib Lane had been repaired there were several more. Members commented on the number of potholes on roads in the parish and on the condition of road surfaces generally.

Councillor Sharratt reported that the next meeting of the Lancashire Local South Ribble would be considering a list of schemes in that area which would receive attention during 2008/09.

The Clerk was requested to find out whether a similar list had been formed for the Chorley area.

**(E) FINGER POST SIGNS:**

The sign to Samlesbury at the Boars Head was in need of repair and arrangements were being made for it to be done.

Councillor MS Urry referred to other finger posts signs which required attention.

The Clerk would notify the Area County Surveyor.

**(F) BLOCKED DRAIN - HOGHTON LANE:**

This had been reported to the Area County Surveyor.

**(G) CULVERT- DOVER LANE:**

The residents of Dover Lane had complained about flooding near the junction of the A675. In the past the culvert had collapsed and repairs had been carried out. It was now proposed that the culvert be replaced. This would be done in the summer and would require the temporary closure of the lane.

**(H) MUD ON ROAD – RILEY GREEN:**

This had been reported to the Area County Surveyor and the mud had been removed by the farmer concerned, however, it had been swept into the gutter.

The Clerk would notify the Area County Surveyor.

**(I) FLY TIPPING – PRIVATE ROAD:**

Councillor Proctor reported fly tipping on Private Road and the Chairman had asked Chorley Council to remove it.

**257. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Chairman reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

**258. PLANNING REPORT:**

There were no matters to report.

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### 259. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment

1.Village Hall	Hire of Room Parish Council Meetings January - March 2008	£27.00
2. A. Harkness	Clerk Salary and Expenses January – March 2008	£428.22
3 T. Harkness	Plaque for bench	£35.00

The accounts were agreed and cheques were signed

### 260. 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 £722.84 an increase of £34.48. 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 bench at The Post Office. A sum of £750.00 had been included in the Parish Council's Estimates for this premium in 2008/09.

After discussion of the valuation of the property insured (War Memorial, bus shelters, notice boards roadside seats Pinfold) the annual premium of £722.84 was agreed to be paid to Allianz Insurance PLC and a cheque was signed.

### 261. AUDIT 2008:

The Audit would take place on 18th July 2008 and the Clerk would submit a Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement for approval at the next meeting.

### 262. PROVISION OF DOG FOULING BINS HOGHTON BOTTOMS:

The Chairman reported that the Dog Warden at Chorley had met the owner and agreed the sites for the Dog Bins these would be erected in the next few weeks.

### 263. MERSEY BASIN FORUM:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the membership arrangements for the Forum.

### 264. ELECTIONS 2008:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that following the deadline for receipt of nominations for election to the Parish Council six nominations had been received by the Returning Officer and as there were seven seats on the Parish Council the nominees had been returned unopposed and there would not be an election. There was therefore one vacancy on the Parish Council.

The Clerk would make arrangements to advertise the vacancy following the Annual General Meeting in May 2008.

### 265. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 19th May 2008 the Annual General Meeting at 7.30.pm at the Village Hall to be followed by the normal meeting of the Parish Council.

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There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45.  
p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**19th May 2008**