

DRAFT MINUTES OF 1032ND MEETING OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20TH APRIL 2009 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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

212. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor N. Peter.

213. 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 declared an interest at this stage.

214. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th March 2009 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

215. ADJOURNMENT:

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

216. POLICE REPORT:

The police representative circulated a copy of the current newsletter which indicated that there were no reported crimes in Hoghton during February. The police also reported that the annual crime figures for the Parish for the 2008/09 which showed a 16% reduction from the previous year. He reported that the annual rate of detection had increased from 21% in 2007/08 to 33% in 2008/09.

Councillor MS Urry informed the Parish Council that she had reported an incident during March 2009.

217. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted the current Newsletter which included details of the training courses for new Members. Details of the courses would be sent to Councillor Peter to see if he wished to attend.

The Clerk also submitted an invoice for the Association's Subscription Fees for 2009/10 amounting to £145.56 compared with the figure for 2008/9 of £141.55 which is a slight increase from last year of £4.01.

The Parish Council agreed to continue its membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils, to the payment of the annual subscription fees in the sum of £145.56 and the cheque was signed.

218. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

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(A) HOGHTON LANE:

The Area County Surveyor was investigating the condition of the carriageway. Councillor Ms Urry reported that the carriageway in several other parts of Hoghton Lane was also in need of attention. The Area County Surveyor would be notified of the additional areas.

(B). RIGHT TURN – VILLAGE HALL:

The Clerk had received an estimate of £211.00 for the provision of a bi-directional sign to the Village Hall from the Environment Directorate and an order had now been placed for the signs.

It was also suggested that road markings indicating a right turn should be provided. The Clerk would include this in the list of projects submitted by the Parish Council to be included in the County Councils Highways Budget Allocations 2009/10.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared an interest in this item being Chairman of the Village Management Committee and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

(C). LAND ADJACENT TO THE BOARS HEAD:

The Clerk reported that discussions were taking place with the County Council and the de Hoghton Estate about this.

(D) FLOODING DOVER LANE:

The remedial work had still not been completed satisfactorily . The position would be reviewed at the next meeting.

(E) FOOTPATH – BRINDLE LODGE:

The Countryside Service had inspected the site and was considering tarmacing the footpath. It was suggested that this be included in the list of Parish Council projects submitted for inclusion in the County Councils Highways Budget Allocations 2009/10.

(F) FOOTPATHS - HOGHTON BOTTOMS:

Councillor Sharratt reported that he had further investigated the situation regarding the closure of footpaths 13 and 14 and explained the current state of the footpaths. The closure order had been extended to August 2009. He had contacted the Chief Executive at the County Council to see what proposals there were for the restoration of the footpaths but had not received a reply. The Parish Council was concerned that no work had been carried out for nearly eighteen months

The Clerk would write to the Chief Executive at the County Council and the local MP regarding the problem to ascertain the current position

(G) PRIVATE ROAD:

This road had been confirmed as an adopted highway.

(H) SPEED LIMITS ON RURAL ROADS:

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The Clerk also submitted a letter setting out the recommendations of the County Council survey of speed limits on Lancashire Roads and it was proposed that the 60mph limit on Riley Green Switch Road (A6061) should be reduced to 50 mph.

The County Council would now undertake a review of the speed limits on Class C roads.

Councillor Sharratt referred to his previous comments regarding the speed limits on the B5256 Sandy Lane and Dover Lane.

The County Council had requested responses to the proposal for the A6061 by 15th May 2009.

The Clerk would draw their attention to the anomalies on the B5256 and Dover Lane and the proposed review of speed limits on Class C roads was supported.

219. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

220. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) APPLICATIONS:-

The following planning applications had been received:-

1. Erection of two timber buildings land east of the Boatyard Inn – App no 09/00194/FUL - Applicant Mr Yates.

2. Erection of two storey side extension and single storey side extension Hawthorne Cottage Moulden Brow – App no 09/00225/FUL- Applicant Mr Sturgess.

No observations were made on the applications.

(B) HIGHER DENSITY HOUSING – ACHIEVING HIGH QUALITY DESIGN:

The Clerk circulated a consultation guidance note on this subject, the intention was to ensure that infill and back land development was to an acceptable standard.

No comments were made on the consultation document.

221. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment

1.Village Hall	Hire of Room Parish Council Meetings January - March 2009	£27.00
2. A. Harkness	Clerk Salary (£312.50) and Expenses(£113.78) January – March 2009	£428.28

The accounts were agreed and cheques were signed.

222. CHEQUE SIGNATORIES:

The Clerk reported that the new signatories had finally been confirmed and cheques could now be signed by those Members.

223. DOG BINS:

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No progress had been made on the dog bin at Viaduct Road. The Chairman would have further discussions regarding this in view of the fact that other authorities did this.

Councillor Peter reported at the last meeting that dog fouling continued to be a problem at Riley Green and was also occurring at Green Lane. The Clerk had informed the Dog Warden Service.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor Greenwood) reported on problems with Dog Fouling on Gib Lane and requested that a Dog Bin be provided .The Clerk would consult the Dog Warden Service about this.

224. PINFOLD:

The Chairman reported that Chorley Parish Council welcomed the discussion note by Councillor Peter regarding the future of the Pinfold. He also reported the comments of a local resident on the future of the Pinfold.

The Pinfold had been included in Community Action Project for the North Eastern Parishes as part of the Local Neighbourhood Action Plan. The Clerk would write to residents of Riley Green and Green Lane to inform them of the Parish Council's ideas for the Pinfold and to notify them that Chorley Council was looking into the dumping of rubbish and dog fouling which was occurring at the site.

The Chairman reported that as part of the Neighbourhood Action Plans consideration was being given to the development of a Community Action Project to include the Pinfold.

Chorley Council had also been asked to investigate the planning position regarding the Royal Oak Advertising sign at the Pinfold.

Councillor Sharratt reported on his discussions with the County Council regarding the legal status of the Pinfold.

225. LANCASHIRE LOCAL – CHORLEY:

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the Lancashire Local held on 25th March 2009 The Vice Chairman (Councillor Greenwood) informed the Parish Council that the Village Hall had received a grant under the Climate Change Fund.

226. NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN:

The Clerk circulated the draft Neighbourhood Action Plan the following proposals would affect Hoghton:-

1. Consult and engage more local residents in plans to develop the indoor and out door use of Brindle Community Hall and Hoghton Village Hall.
2. Display and promote information about local services and facilities in all parts of the area.
4. Promote existing local transport facilities and review including transport to hospitals and shopping facilities.
5. Consider options for funding to develop a Community Action project for the parishes to include the Brindle Parish Pound, Riley Green Pinfold, and the pond area at Wilderswood Close Clayton le Woods.

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These ideas would be incorporated in the Action Plan for 2009 /10 which would be launched during April 2009.

There would be a Brindle and Hoghton Day of Action on Monday 11th May 2009.

227. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE:

The Clerk reported the terms of the offer from Norwich Union for the provision of its insurance. The Clerk had contacted the Council's current insurers and asked for a quote in light of the one from Norwich Union. The matter would be considered at the next meeting.

228. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Clerk reported on the funding opportunities offered by the Green Partnership Awards Scheme.

229. WREATHS:

The Chairman reported that the wreaths placed on the War Memorial had been destroyed.

230. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

The Information Commissioners office has issued information on compliance with the Act. The Council's current practices met those requirements.

231. CHORLEY EQUALITY FORUM:

The next meeting of the forum would be held on 23rd April 2009. The Chairman and Councillor Ms Urry would attend.

232. SELRAP:

The Clerk submitted a request from the Campaign Organisers that the Parish Council should respond to the Article in the Lancashire County Councils Newsletter asking for the views of local councils on the proposed re-opening of the railway line. The Clerk would reply to the County Council expressing this Councils support.

233. AUDIT 2009:

The Audit would take place on 10th July 2009 and the Clerk would submit a Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement for approval at the next meeting.

234. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT:

The Clerk submitted the latest newsletter from the Local Works Campaign.

235. EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS – PUBLIC SECTOR DUTIES:

The Clerk submitted a pamphlet from the Equality and Human Rights Commission regarding the harmonisation of existing public sector duties into one equality duty.

236. GIB LANE /CRIPPLEGATE LANE:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor Greenwood) reported an infestation of wild ducks and vermin in this area. The Chairman would speak to the Environmental Health Officer about the problems.

237. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 18th May 2009 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 9.10.
p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

18TH MAY 2009