

HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL – 20TH MAY 2013
MINUTES OF 1077TH MEETING OF
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 20TH MAY 2013
AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: MR. J. PEET NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER CHORLEY POLICE COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER P. HARRISON, PCSO M. APPLETON, POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER M. JONES, COUNTY COUNCILLOR M. DEVANEY COUNTY COUNCILLOR M.OTTER PARISH COUNCILS CHAMPION AND ----- MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor T. Sharratt.

2. 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.

3. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th April 2013 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. AS THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

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5. POLICE REPORT:

(A) NEWSLETTER:

As the police were not present no report was submitted. The Clerk reported that he had been informed there had been no reported incidents of crime since the last meeting.

(B) CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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The Clerk circulated copies of the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer

(C) POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the latest Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter.

6. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

7. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). FOOTPATH - BRINDLE LODGE:

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the footpath scheme .

At the last meeting Councillor Watson reported that a tree was blocking the footpath near the wooden bridge. The Environment and Community Project Officer at the County Council had informed the Clerk that they were aware of the tree down on FP117 near the bridge. Arrangements had been made for a contractor to remove the obstruction and repair the damaged fence.

Councillor Watson reported that no work had yet been done to the tree.

The Clerk would contact the Environment and Community Project Officer to ascertain the current position.

(B). GRASS VERGES:

At the last meeting the Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) requested that the cutting of grass verges from the Boars Head to the Village Hall, and Councillor Baldwin asked for the grass verges from Station Road to the Boars Head to be cut.

The Clerk had contacted Chorley Council about these requests and they were arranging for the work to be done.

Councillor Baldwin reported that following the replacement of the hedge by the Bridge on the A675 Blackburn Old Road the grass verge had been left in an untidy condition.

The Clerk would contact Chorley Council about this.

(C) GRASS VERGES SANDY LANE TO RILEY GREEN:

Community Payback had agreed to carry out this work and Chorley Council had granted permission subject to certain conditions which had been discussed with Community PAYBACK,.

8. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) reported that the next meeting of Chorley Council would be held on 22nd May 2013.

9. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) DECISIONS.

The Clerk reported that the following planning application had been approved.:-

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Application for minor non material amendment to planning approval 11/00806/FUL for addition of two roof lights in place of sun pipes, addition of one roof light, clarification that the door shown on the original plan is a door and not a window as suggested on the elevations and addition of window adjacent to said door . Newlands Quaker Brook Lane (App no 13/00134/MNMA) Applicants Mr. and Mrs. Heeney.

The planning application for the conversion of a redundant farm building to a single dwelling Home Farm Hoghton Lane (App no 13/00118/FUL) Applicant Mr. Wilmer, had been withdrawn.

(B). APPLICATION:

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

1. Erection of part two storey part single storey side extension incorporating Juliette balcony 1-2 Spring Bank Cottages Viaduct Road (App no 13/00241/FUL) Applicant Mr. Quail.

Details were circulated to all Members and it was decided to make no comment.

10. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The following account was submitted for payment.

1. Village Hall	Hire of room January – March 2013	£30.00
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11. INSURANCE PREMIUM - RENEWAL.

The Clerk reported that details of the Parish Council's insurance quotation from Norwich Union for the period from 1st June 2013 was awaited.

12. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Audit for 2012/13 would take place on 18th June 2013.

The Clerk would submit full details for consideration by the Parish Council at the next meeting.

Prior to this the Independent Internal Auditor would examine the Parish Council's Accounts and procedures, confirm that they were in order, agree the Audit Report and submit it to the Parish Council for approval.

13. POND CRIPPLEGATE LANE:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported on the current situation.

The Footpaths Officer had processed an order for 20 tonnes of limestone to be delivered to the Parish Council by JJ Ashcrofts from Leyland. The Clerk was arranging for Community Payback to lay the stones.

Chorley Streetscene was arranging for the erection of the fence.

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Mr Peet the Neighbourhood Officer had indicated that any further work would have to be done after breeding season.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) referred to the ditch on Estate land and the Clerk had contacted Mr. Forrester the Land Agent regarding the work to be done.

The erection of a No through Road sign at the entrance to Cripplegate Lane was awaited. The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) would speak to County Councillor Devaney regarding the matter.

At the last meeting the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported that a local resident had informed him that the footpath was impassable and needed attention. The Clerk had notified the County Footpaths Officer. This was still to be attended to.

14. TRAVELLERS REST - BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported that this belonged to the owner of the property known as the Old School House and it had been confirmed that the shelter would be tidied up.

15. PINFOLD :

The Clerk reported that he had following consultation with the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) and Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) discussed an annual grass cutting contract with Mr. Savage the contractor. This would amount to £250.00 for the full season. This was agreed and payment would be made with the agreement of the contractor at the end of the cutting season.

The Clerk also reported that County Councillor Devaney had asked for the boundary with the adjoining cottages to be fenced.

It was decided to take no further action on this suggestion at the present time.

16. EQUALITY FORUM:

The next meeting of the Forum would be held on 18th April 2013 and Councillor Ms Urry would attend.

17 . THREE TIER FORUM:

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the Three Tier Forum held on 2nd April 2013.

18. PAVEMENTS - BOLTON ROAD TO SANDY LANE ;

The Clerk reported that County Councillor Devaney had asked the Parish Council to arrange for Community Payback to do some work on the pavements on both sides from the Bolton road up to Sandy Lane. The verges had encroached leaving relatively little walking room and this would also benefit by some hedge cutting.

The Clerk would discuss this issue with Chorley Council in the first instance.

19. LITTER/DOG BIN - BUS SHELTER THE STRAITS:

The Clerk reported that County Councillor Devaney had asked the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) to arrange for a combination litter/dog bin to be provided at the bus shelter.

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The Parish Council agreed that no further action should be taken on this at the present time.

20. HELICOPTER FLIGHTS – BEESTON MANOR:

Councillor Ms Urry reported that this was again becoming a problem because of non compliance with the regulations by the owner.

The Clerk would notify South Ribble Council.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 20th May 2013 the Annual General Meeting at 7.45pm 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 9.05. p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

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