

**MINUTES OF 1119TH MEETING OF  
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 24TH APRIL 2017  
AT THE HOLY TRINITY  
PARISH CHURCH HALL.**

**PRESENT:** - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR N. PETER (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN,Ms Y. HARGREAVES, B. MATTOCK AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MRS S.LONG.

**186. 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.

**187. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th March 2017 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood).

**THE PARISH COUNCIL THEN SUSPENDED BUSINESS :**

**188. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS:**

The Parish Council excluded the public and press during consideration of the following item, the reason being to conduct interviews for the filling of the vacancy on the Parish Council by co-option.

**189. SELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR:**

The Clerk reported that following the posting of notices inviting interested people to apply for the vacant seat on the Parish Council he had received two expressions of interest by the closing date. The Parish Council considered two candidates and then decided on which person to invite onto the Parish Council.

Resolved;- (1) That Mrs S. Long be co-opted as a Member of the Parish Council with effect from 24th April 2017 for a term ending in May 2020 and the Clerk notify her of the appointment.

(2) That a press release be issued on the appointment.

(3) That the other candidate be thanked for her interest.

**The Parish Council then resumed the business on the Agenda.**

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### **190. 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.**

### **191. POLICE REPORT:**

#### **(A). LIAISON:**

The Police did not attend. The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported on criminal activity.

Councillor Ms Urry reported a number of static caravan were located at Finnington Lane. The Clerk would contact Chorley Council about this.

Councillor Baldwin reported that a vehicle had been parked on the grass verge near the War Memorial for over three weeks.

Th Clerk would contact Chorley Council and the police about this.

#### **(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:**

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

### **192. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk circulated the current newsletter.

The Clerk reminded that the LALC Spring Conference would be held at the Leyland Hotel on 13th May 2017. The event would be free of charge to members of LALC.

At the last meeting it had been decided to defer making a decision on the appointment of delegates to the Conference to this meeting.

No delegates were appointed to the Spring Conference.

The Clerk also submitted an invoice for the Association`s Subscription Fees for 2017/18 amounting to £140.46 compared with the figure for 2016/17 of £153.29.

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 £140.46 and a cheque was signed.

### **193. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

#### **(A) HOGHTON LANE TRAFFIC SPEEDS:**

The County Council had been asked about the consultation on the reduction in the speed limit on Houghton Lane. No response had been received.

They would be asked to proceed with the consultation as soon as possible and local residents informed of the situation.

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### **(B). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported on the current situation.

The County Council had been requested to make the scheme to alleviate flooding in Chapel Lane a priority in their Highways Maintenance Programme 2017/18.

### **(C). GULLIES:**

Following the concerns expressed by Councillor Ms Urry at the last meeting about the state of the gullies on Hoghton Lane and that there should be a regular maintenance programme.

The Clerk had asked the County Council for a copy of the map and schedule of Gully Cleaning in Hoghton. The County Council had indicated that there was no map of all the gullies in Hoghton but specific problems could be reported to them via the Report Section of the Highways Website.

### **194. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

Councillor Mrs Long reported on matters affecting the Parish Council.

### **195. PLANNING REPORT:**

#### **(A). DECISION.**

The Clerk reported the following decision had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Application for a minor non material amendment to permission ref 15/00840/FUL (which was for the erection of a part two/part single storey side extension) to alter the roof of the extension The Glen Gib Lane (App no 17/00926/MNMA0 Applicant Mr. Ralph - Granted.

#### **(B). APPLICATION:**

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

Extension of detached garage Trinity Cottage Valley Road (App no 17/00402/FUL) Applicant Mr . Price.

Details had been circulated to all Members and no comments were made.

The Clerk would notify Chorley Council..

#### **(C). ADJOINING LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY APPLICATION:**

At the last meeting it was reported that an application had been made to South Ribble Council for the erection of 78 dwellings(including 39 affordable homes) with associated access and landscaping land at Olive Farm and land north of Methuen Drive.

The Clerk had asked for details but had not received any however, he had objected to the development stating it was an over development of the site, was located in Green Belt and would exacerbate access problems on to the A675 Blackburn Old Road.

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He had been informed that the applicants had been asked for further details and the application would not be considered by South Ribble Council until mid June.

He had been promised details of the application for circulation to the Parish Council when these were available.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) felt that further objections should be made regarding the affect of the proposals on Schools, Health Services and the infrastructure of the area.

The Clerk would inform South Ribble Council of this and enquire why the Parish Council had not been consulted as a neighbouring authority.

### **196. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

1. T. Harkness	Salary and Expenses Quarter ended 31st March 2017	£546.35.
2. HMRC	Tax on salary and expenses quarter ended 31st March 2017.	£105.00.
3. Holy Trinity Parish Church	Hire of hall - January - March 2017	£60.00

### **197. INSURANCE PREMIUM - RENEWAL.**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that he would submit submitted details of the Parish Council's insurance quotation from the Council's Brokers at the next meeting.

### **198. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Audit for 2016/17 would take place on 26th June 2017.

### **199. CHORLEY LIAISON:**

Th Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Chorley Liaison Committee would Be held on 19th July 2017.

### **200. WAR MEMORIAL:**

Following a site meeting The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) had prepared a plan suggesting the work on phase two of the restoration project.

He also reported the latest situation regarding the provision of a flag pole.

The Clerk would request meeting with the project officer to discuss the proposals.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) submitted a letter from Hoghton WI regarding a project to plant poppies at the War Memorial to commemorate their 90th anniversary and the ending of the First World War.

The Clerk would inform the WI of the proposed developments at the War

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Memorial and hold further discussions with them regarding their proposals.

### **201. FIRE - FORMER BOATYARD PREMISES:**

Councillor Ms Urry asked if there had been any further developments following the recent fire at these premises.

It was understood that the matter was under investigation.

### **202. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 15th May 2017 the Annual General Meeting at 7.30. p.m. to be followed by the normal meeting of the Parish Council at Holy Trinity Parish Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.20. p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**15TH MAY 2017.**