

**MINUTES OF 1130TH MEETING  
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 23RD APRIL 2018  
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL.**

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

**Councillor Ms Y. Hargreaves was not present during consideration of Minute Numbers 369 - 375.**

**369. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:**

An apology for absence was submitted from the Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter).

**370. 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.

**371. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th March 2018 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**372. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

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

**373. POLICE REPORT:**

**(A). LIAISON:**

The police were not present. Reference was made to the road traffic accident on Houghton Lane on 10th March 2018.

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

The Clerk submitted the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer.

**374. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk submitted an invoice for the Association's Subscription Fees for 2018/19 amounting to £137.66 compared with the figure for 2017/18 of £140.46.

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 £137.66 and a cheque was signed.

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### **375. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

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

The Clerk reported that the implementation of the speed limit order was still awaited.

#### **(B). POTHOLES:**

It was reported that the potholes at the railway bridge on Blackburn Old Road and Riley Green were still to be repaired.

The recently repaired pothole near the Village Hall required further attention.

#### **(C) CHAPEL LANE - TRAFFIC SPEEDS:**

The Clerk reported that following a traffic survey the County Council had indicated that traffic enforcement was not justified at this time but Spid devices would be installed when the rota system allowed.

#### **(D). HOGHTON LANE - REPAIRS:**

It was reported that United Utilities had indicated to local residents on at least two occasions that it was intended to undertake work on Hoghton Lane but this had not started.

It had not been possible to contact them to ascertain when the work would be carried out.

County Councillor Snowden would be asked to investigate this.

#### **(E). QUAKER BROOK LANE - GULLIES:**

It was reported that there were still problems with the gullies near the entrance to Quaker Brook Lane despite work being carried out.

The Clerk would contact the County Council for their views on this.

### **376. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

There were no matters affecting the Parish Council. Discussion took place regarding the imminent ward boundary review.

### **377. PLANNING REPORT:**

The Clerk reported that no decisions on planning applications had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council. The following applications had been submitted.

1. Erection of livestock building following removal of existing building Causeway Farm Riley Green (App no 18/00277/FUL) Applicant Mr. Fitzell.

2. First floor extension over existing detached garage The Old School House Blackburn Old Road (App no 18/00333/FULHH) Applicants Mrs and Mrs.Duckworth.

Details of the applications had been circulated to all Members and no observations were made.

The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

### **ADJOINING LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY APPLICATION:**

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It was reported that the latest appeal relating to the application 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 had been rejected.

The Clerk would ascertain the current situation

### **378. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A.Harkness	Clerk - Salary and Expenses - Quarter ended 31st March 2018.	£579.34
2. HMRC	Tax on Salary and Expenses - Quarter ended 31st March 2018.	£105.00
3. Royal British Legion	Silent Soldier Campaign	£100.00
4. Holy Trinity Parish Church	Hire of hall - January - March 2018	£60.00

The payments were authorised and cheques signed.

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

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the timetable for the new audit arrangements for 2017/18 and requested them to agree that a certificate of exemption from External Audit should be applied for .

The timetable was noted and the application for a certificate of exemption was agreed and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood).

### **380. WAR MEMORIAL:**

Chorley Council would be asked for a progress report on the ponding issue.

Some further minor work to complete the refurbishment work was still to be carried out.

The Parish Council had acquired the Silent Soldier Silhouette from the Royal British Legion and following discussion relating to its proposed location it was decided to put it at the War Memorial.

Arrangements would be made for a site visit to determine the precise location.

A quotation of £569.83 for the provision of a flagpole was submitted and accepted.

Discussions would be held with the Scouts regarding arrangements for the flying of flags when appropriate.

### **381. CRIPPLEGATE LANE - POND:**

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

A site inspection would be held later in the year.

### **382. CONSULTATIONS:**

The Clerk submitted consultation papers from the County Council regarding proposed changes to the disabled person's NoWcard scheme the changes to

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street lighting maintenance and the press release from Chorley Council regarding their promotional video.

Comments were made regarding the consultation documents.

The Clerk also submitted an update on the introduction of the Data Protection Act and would attend a training session on 25th April 2018 at Chorley Town Hall.

### **383. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY:**

Under planning legislation developers were charged when they received planning permission for development. The charge was then allocated to the relevant parish. This usually related to large scale developments and the funds were to be spent on improving the parish over a five year period. Chorley Council was required to publish an annual report on the allocations it makes. In Hoghton's case no funds were received.

### **384. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:**

The Clerk reported on the meeting held on 21st March 2018.

### **385. PRECEPT:**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Precept of £6000.00 had been paid into the Parish Council Bank Account by Chorley Council.

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

Monday 21st May 2018 at 7.30. p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Church Hall the Annual General Meeting to be followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.45. p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**21ST MAY 2018.**