

**MINUTES OF 1141ST MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2019
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL.**

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

549. 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.

550. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th March 2019 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

551. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

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

552. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The police were not present.

With regard to the provision of a dog bin on the canal side at Riley Green Special Sergeant Bullock had informed the Parish Council that it was hoped to have a meeting with the Canal Trust to which the Parish Council would be invited.

It was reported that vehicles were obstructing the footway at Riley Green.

The police would be informed.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

553. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted an invoice for the Association's Subscription Fees for 2019/20 amounting to £177.06 compared with the figure for 2018/19 of £137.66

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 £177.06 and a cheque was signed.

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The LALC Spring Conference would be held on 15th June 2019 at the Leyland Hotel.

Any Member interested in attending would contact the Clerk who would make the necessary arrangements.

554. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). TREES - BUS SHELTER BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

Concerns had been raised regarding the trees near the bus shelter opposite the Boars Head.

The Clerk would contact the County Council about the possibility of revisiting them to carry out pruning work.

(B). QUAKER BROOK LANE:

Notices had been posted indicating that patching of the road surface in Quaker Brook Lane would be carried out shortly.

555. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy payments were reported.

Changes to the Refuse Bin Collection were also reported.

556. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION.

No decisions had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

(B). APPLICATION:

An application had been received for a development at Viaduct Road. Details had been circulated to all Members and no comments had been made.

The Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

557. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A.Harkness	Clerk - Salary and Expenses - Quarter ended 31st March 2019.	£676.59.
2. HMRC	Tax on Salary and Expenses - Quarter ended 31st March 2018.	£130.00
3. Holy Trinity Parish Church	Hire of Hall - January - March 2019	£60.00

558. CHORLEY ELECTORAL REVIEW:

The Local Government Boundary Commission had completed its review of the electoral arrangements for Chorley and recommended a reduction in the number of councillors from 47 to 42 and that the ward boundaries be redrawn to reflect voter numbers. This meant that the Brindle and

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Hoghton Ward would now include Clayton East. The recommendations were subject to Parliamentary Approval and would be implemented from May 2020.

559. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Parish Council was informed of the present position regarding the ponding issue.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) agreed to contact the appropriate officer at Chorley regarding progress on this matter.

The Clerk reported that the War Memorial had now been confirmed as a listed structure of Historic Interest.

560. CRIPPLEGATE LANE :

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported on the discussions he had had with County Councillor Snowden and the resident concerned.

561. CHORLEY LIAISON MEETING:

A report was presented on the meeting of the Liaison Committee held on 20th March 2019.

562. CONSULTATIONS:

There were currently no consultations to report.

563. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the timetable for the audit arrangements for 2018/19 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).

564. PRECEPT:

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

565. MERCHANT NAVY DAY 2019.

The Clerk submitted a request from Seafarers UK inviting the Parish Council to support its campaign to raise awareness of the work of the Merchant Navy.

The Clerk would seek details from Chorley Council regarding any events planned by them to mark this campaign.

The Clerk would contact the appropriate organisations regarding the flying of the flag of St. George at the War Memorial on 23rd April 2019.

566. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:

In view of the number of notices being posted on the notice boards it was agreed to undertake a review of them to ensure that Parish Council and other statutory notices were appropriately displayed.

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567. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 20th May 2019 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 8.20. p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

20TH MAY 2019.