

**MINUTES OF 1153RD MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 3RD AUGUST 2020
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: THREE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

767. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Ms Y. Hargreaves and Mrs. S. Long.

768. 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.

769. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th June 2020 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood).

770. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING MATTER.

PINFOLD:

Following the posting of a notice the Members of the Public present were concerned about the timing of the notice and requested clarification as to who could use the Pinfold together with the question of access.

The Pinfold was a designated Village Green owned and managed by the Parish Council.

Some time ago it was proposed that a `story board` should be erected referring to the history of the Pinfold explaining its current use and who was entitled to use it.

Local residents would be consulted on the content of the story board before it was put up. It would then be erected near or on the gate adjacent to 29 Riley Green which would be kept open for access purposes.

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THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DID NOT RAISE ANY FURTHER ISSUES AND THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

771. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The police were not present.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

772. LALC REPORT:

The current newsletter had not been issued.

773. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). HEDGE - QUAKER BROOK LANE/THE STRAITS:

The County Council had requested the landowner to cut back the hedge at the junction of The Straits and Quaker Brook Lane.

They had not replied to the request of the Parish Council that the hedge be removed to improve sight lines at this junction.

The County Council had been asked again for a site visit to discuss this suggestion.

(B). DOG BIN LEEDS LIVERPOOL CANAL:

Following requests from local residents Chorley Council had put a dog bin near the Leeds Liverpool Canal.

(C). OVERGROWN HEDGES:

(1). OLD VICARAGE BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

The landowner had cut back the hedge and a further cut would take place in the Autumn.

(2). GIB LANE:

The hedge had been cut back and another cut would take place in the Autumn.

(3). BLACKBURN OLD ROAD (A675):

The hedge at the boundary of land running from the railway bridge to the Boars Head Car Park was overgrown and a road safety hazard forcing pedestrians to walk in road.

The County Council would be asked to arrange for it to be cut back.

It was also reported that there was a raised grid located on the right hand side of the footway near the railway bridge.

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This had been reported to the County Council.

(E). QUAKER BROOK LANE/THE STRAITS:

A blocked drain at Quaker Brook Lane was reported as well as a fallen tree on the land adjoining the Post Office.

The blocked drain was a recurring problem and a more permanent solution was required.

The County Council had been informed of the problems with the drain and the fallen tree. They would be asked to consider a solution to the recurring flooding problems with the drain.

(F). PARKING - HOGHTON LANE:

Cars were parked on the footway near Wise Mary`s Farm which were causing problems for pedestrians meaning they had to walk in the road.

The Police would be asked to investigate this situation.

(G). ROAD SIGNS:

A warning sign was missing near the double bend on Hoghton Lane and tree branches were obscuring the 40mph sign.

The County Council would be informed.

774. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

No report was presented.

775. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) DECISIONS:

Applications for developments at Private Road and Quaker Brook Lane had been refused and applications for developments at Valley Road. Bell Villas, Quaker Brook Lane and Bolton Road had been granted since the last meeting of the Parish Council .

(B). APPLICATIONS:

Applications for two developments in Chapel Lane and a further application for development in Weasel Lane had been submitted to Chorley Council since the last meeting. Details had been circulated to all Members and no comments were made on the various applications this would be reported to Chorley Council.

(C). TEEPEES BOLTON ROAD:

It was reported that the teepees had been re-erected in accordance with the existing planning permission.

776. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The following accounts had been paid:-

1. Whitehead Aldrich	and	Payroll Administration	£50.40
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2. T. Harkness	Salary and Expenses Quarter ended 31st March 2020	£715.60
3. HMRC	Tax on salary and expenses	£145.83
4. H. Fowler Joiner	Notice Boards	£600.00
5. CPRE	Annual Subscription	£36.00

777. VAT CLAIM:

VAT had been reclaimed for 2019/20 amounting to £146.64.

778. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported work to rectify the ponding issue at the War Memorial waqs expected to start by the middle of August 2020.

779. CRIPPLEGATE LANE:

The Specialist Contractors appointed to control the rat infestation were continuing to do so.

The Parish Council had asked to see details the ecology consultants report when published.

780. CONSULTATIONS:

Consultation documents from the CPRE and the Police and Crime Commissioner had been circulated since the last meeting.

The Parish Council had been invited to join a website at the forefront of a Lancashire wide initiative linking groups and communities under the banner; "Let's Join Together". The parish council could register as a group and publish its timetable .

It was funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner and the website was dedicated to not-for-profit organisations providing them space to advertise the work they do, promote upcoming events, and get their message out to new members or potential volunteers and network with other organisations.It was free to join.

The Parish Council agreed to join the website and the Clerk would make the arrangements

781. DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2020/21:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council would now meet on the following dates:-

2020 - 14th September,26th October and 30th November.

2021 - 25th January, 1st March, 12th April.

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All at 7.30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

782. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 14th September 2020 at 7.30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

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

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

14TH SEPTEMBER 2020