

**MINUTES OF 1170TH MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 22ND AUGUST 2022
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL
BLACKBURN OLD ROAD.**

PRESENT: - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR B. MATTOCK (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS A CULLENS, M. GRAHAM, Ms Y. HARGREAVES, AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1041. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Ms. Y. Hargreaves and Ms M. Urry.

1042. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBER:

Ms J.Caton was appointed a co-opted member of the Parish Council for the period ending May 2024.

1043. 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.

1044. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th July 2022 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood).

1045. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

The Member of the Public present raised the following matter:-

ROAD SAFETY AWARE CAMPAIGN:

The Parish Council was thanked for the Road Safety Notices supplied to the residents of Riley Green which had now been displayed.

PARISH PUBLICITY LEAFLET:

A draft of a suggested publicity leaflet informing residents of the Parish Council was submitted. It was also suggested that the Parish Council had a face book page

The draft was accepted a leaflet would now be prepared and further consideration would be given to having a Face Book Page.

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As there were no further matters raised the Parish Council continued with the items on the Agenda,

1046. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The police were not present.

There had been a range of consultations circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics.

The Parish Council repeated its concerns that the police had not attended its meetings since July 2021 and there had been no communication during that time.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) had informal contact with another police officer and suggested that if anyone had any issues to report they contact him and he would pass them on.

An approach had been made to the Police and Crime Commissioner about the apparent lack of policing in the Parish and the need to nominate a police officer with responsibility for Houghton. He had confirmed that the current police officer was still responsible for police liaison in Houghton.

The police officer concerned would be asked to attend meetings of the Parish Council.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

1047. LALC REPORT:

Various consultation documents had been circulated to the Parish Council together with updates from LALC. The e - newsletter had also been circulated.

The Training Officer at LALC asked if any new Councillors were interested in a 'Whistlestop Tour for New Councillors & Clerks training on the 8th September.

There were limited places the fee was £35.00.

A member expressed an interest in this and it was agreed she should attend and a cheque for the course fee was signed.

Details would be sent to the Training Officer.

1048. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

It was requested that Chorley Council should give further consideration to the siting of a refuse bin under the Viaduct beyond the end of Viaduct Road.

Reference was made to the current practice of filling in ponds including those at Chapel Lane and Weasel Lane. This practice was proving detrimental to the

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Environment. It was suggested that the County Council should approach landowners about this practice.

1049.HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). QUAKER BROOK LANE/THE STRAITS:

The overgrown hedges had been cut back but further work was required .

The de Hoghton Estate would be asked to tidy up the hedges.

(B). PRIVATE ROAD:

Several potholes and the subsidence issues on Private Road had been attended to.

(C). FOOTPATHS :

Some work had been done to the footpath in Brindle Lodge.

A former Councillor had discussed issues with the farmer at Brindle Lodge and arising from his discussions had asked on his behalf that further action be taken identify the line and condition of the path and that the Dog Warden be informed of the problems with dog fouling.

(D). STATION ROAD:

There had been no further progress in the cutting back of the hedge.

(E). SLOW DOWN SAVE LIVES RESOURCES:

An additional banner would be put near the Post Office and a contractor would contact the Vice Chairman about the siting of the banner.

The Clerk circulated comments from the County Council about the siting of smaller banners which seemed to imply they should not go on grass verges but placed on resident`s refuse bins.

The County Council would be asked to clear up the confusion regarding this as many parishes had located the smaller signs on the roadside verges.

(F).STREET SCENE STRATEGY:

Chorley Council's Streetscene Strategy was in the process of being refreshed for 2022-2025. the Strategy had been circulated to parish councils for comment.

Officers from Chorley wished to attend a parish council meeting to discuss the strategy as well as any other Streetscene related matters.

The aim was to meet with parish councils on an annual basis to discuss performance both in general and in relation to the strategy as they tried to improve relationships and work collaboratively with all Parish Council to better meet the demands of residents.

Arrangements would be made for officers from Chorley to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

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(G). ROAD SIGNS :

The street signs at the entrance to Chapel Lane had been replaced. However The Straits nameplate had been damaged and needed replacing. The Clerk would report this to Chorley Copuncil.

(H). ROAD MARKINGS BOLTON ROAD/RILEY GREEN SWITCH ROAD:

At the last meeting it was reported that the road markings were badly worn and traffic was ignoring them.

The County Council had been asked to reinstate the road markings as soon as possible.

It was also reported that the white lines on Blackburn Old Road by the Parish Church were faded and needed repainting.

(I). FOOTWAY - A675 BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

The pavement running from The Boars Head to the Old Vicarage was in poor condition and needed resurfacing. The whole length of Blackburn Old Road needed resurfacing and the footways required substantial weed control as they were badly overgrown.

The County Council would be asked to look into the resurfacing of the carriage way and control of weeds on the footways.

(J). TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - CHAPEL LANE:

There would be a Temporary Road Closure Order on Chapel Lane over that length of from Chapel Farm for approximately 60 metres in a westerly direction over the Railway Bridge.

The prohibition would be operative nightly from 2300 hours until 0600 hours on Tuesday 30th August 2022 until Friday 2nd September 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. There were no diversion route available, although access would be maintained for residents wherever possible The temporary prohibition was necessary to allow the safe removal of vegetation from the structure works to be carried out by Network Rail

Concerns had been expressed on the lack of notification. As this was the only access to Hoghton Bottoms, along long Barn Row and Weasel Lane. And whether a risk assessment was in place to provide emergency access between 11.00pm and 6.00 am.

Urgent representations had been made to the County Council regarding this.

The County Council had apologised that the Parish Council had not been notified on this occasion and would ensure that this did not happen again.

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With regard to the closure, resident access would be maintained whenever and wherever possible and all emergency services will be let through as was the usual practice.

(K).LONG BARN BROW - TRAFFIC CONES:

The County Council had informed the Parish Council that that they intended removing the cones. Local residents put them there as the road was blocked by inconsiderate visitors parking and blocking tractors. The issue was one of inconsiderate parking not the placing of traffic cones.

A meeting would be held with local residents and representatives of the County Council and the police to discuss the parking situation at Hoghton Bottoms.

(L). EVENTS AT HOGHTON TOWER:

At the last meeting it was reported there had been severe parking problems in several locations locally during two recent events at the Tower. There did not appear to adequate traffic management of the events.

The issues were discussed with the de Hoghton Estate and the police to ensure similar problems did not arise at future events. The Estate and the police were reviewing the issue.

1050. CHORLEY/COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

No report was presented.

1051.PLANNING REPORT:

(A) DECISIONS:

The following decisions had been made since the last meeting.

1. Reserved matters application for the erection of a single detached dwelling (access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale) pursuant to outline planning detached dwelling and detached garage (with all matters reserved)) Land adjacent To 243 Hoghton Lane. (App no 22/00625/REM). - Granted.

2.Section 19 application to vary condition no.3 (approved plans) attached to listed building consent ref. 20/00717/LBC (Application for listed building consent for the conversion of existing Methodist Chapel into one dwelling, including a first floor rear extension) in order to install solar PV roof tiles Pearson House Chapel Lane .(App no 22/00664/LBC). Granted.

3.Section 73 application to vary condition no.3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission ref:20/00716/FUL (Conversion of existing Methodist Chapel into one dwelling, including a first floor rear extension) in order to install solar PV roof tiles Pearson House Chapel Lane (App no 22/00653/FUL). Granted.

4. Application to discharge conditions nos. 11 (dwelling emission rate details) and 18 (remediation strategy) attached to planning permission ref:21/01054/FUL (Erection of dwelling house) | Land At Straits Farm The Straits (App no 22/00620/DIS).Discharged.

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5. Application to discharge conditions nos. 12 (dwelling emission rate details) and 20 (remediation strategy) attached to planning permission ref: 22/00294/FUL (Section 73 application to vary condition no.3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission ref: 21/00965/FUL (Erection of five dwellings and garages) in order to include dormers to all plots, estate access gates, amend materials/frontages to all plots, reposition roof lights to all plots, and amend rear gable surrounds of plots 1, 2, 3, and 4). Discharged.

6. Front Porch Heatherdale Quaker Brook Lane (App no 22/00259/FULHH). Granted.

7. Minor non material amendment to planning permission ref 22/00041/FUL (Single storey side extension) to replace parts of brickwork with feature western red cedar wood panelling Ellisland Station Road (App no 22/00699/MNMA). Granted.

8. Minor non material amendment to planning permission ref 22/00297/FULHH (Two storey side extension) to reduce the extension from two storey to single storey 1 Bell Villas Gib Lane (App no 22/00625/MNMA). Approved.

(B).APPLICATIONS:The following applications had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council:-

1. Application to discharge conditions nos. 11 (dwelling emission rate details) and 18 (remediation strategy) attached to planning permission ref:21/01054/FUL (Erection of dwelling house) | Land At Straits Farm The Straits (App no 22/00620/DIS).

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3. Application for tree work (Chorley TPO 8) to lift crown 5 metres above ground level over new access Straits Farm The Straits (App no 22/0822/TPO.)

4. Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed two storey rear extension and single storey side extension Sandall Cottage Riley Green. (App no 22/00770/RCPUD).

5. Single storey side/rear extension incorporating rear dormer roof space 3 Rock Gardens. (App no 22/00831/FUL).

6. Two storey/part single storey rear extension(following demolition of existing two storey extension and conservatory) and elevational alterations (resubmission of planning application ref App no 22/00134/FULHH) 103 Chapel Lane (App no 22/00836/FULHH).

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Details had been circulated and to date no comments had been received. Chorley Council would be informed.

1052 .ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The following accounts were submitted for payment.

1.Holy Trinity Parish Church	Room Hire - August 2022	£20.00
2. CPRE	Annual Subscription	£36.00

The accounts were approved and cheques signed.

1053. CHRISTMAS 2022:

Following a further site visit the Parish Council discussed the provision of Christmas Trees in the Parish for Christmas 2022.

The County Council agreed to arrangements for lights to be put up on trees and the notice board at the Boars Head.

Some funds had been allocated for a power supply to the location of a Christmas tree at the Pinfold Riley Green and arrangements would proceed with the siting of the Christmas Tree.

Further consideration would be given to the Switch On Ceremonies.

1054.COMMUNICATIONS:

The CPRE AGM at Mere Sands Wood on 12th September 2022.

1055. FUTURE MEETINGS - VENUE:

The Parish Council was reminded that there was a clash of meeting at the Church Hall on 3rd October and 28th November 2022.

Arrangements had been made for these meetings to be held in the Scout Hut at Brindle St. Joseph`s Hall Private Road at 7.30 p.m.

1056. REPLACEMENT BENCH - CHAPEL LANE:

The Clerk submitted quotes from Glasdon Ltd for the supply of a replacement bench at Chapel Lane. The price included assembly, Mainland UK delivery, a ground fixing kit and a choice of material in wood effect polymer Light Brown or Dark Grey Dark Brown or Black (100% polymer recycled seat slats) at a cost of £650.00 (plus VAT).

The Parish Council agreed to the acquisition of the bench,

1057. VAT RETURN:

VAT amounting to £133.86 had been claimed and paid into the Parish Council`s bank account.

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1058. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7.30. p.m. at the Scout Hut St. Joseph`s Church Hall
Private Road.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood)
declared the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

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