

# **DRAFT MINUTES OF 1030TH MEETING OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2009 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** - COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J. PROCTOR, AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T HARKNESS (CLERK).

**167. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin, N. Peter and T. Sharratt.

**168. 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 declared an interest at this stage.

**169. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th January 2009 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**170. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**171. POLICE REPORT:**

As the Police were not present no report was submitted. The Chairman reported on his investigations relating to the availability of Police Archives.

**172. LALC REPORT:**

The Association's current Newsletter was submitted. The Clerk reported the following: - Chairmanship Work Shop on 4th March 2009 at Howick House from 7 - 9 p.m. Fee £20.00. Nominations for Buckingham Palace Garden Party 14th July 2009. the Village of the Year Competition and the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition.

the Parish agreed to enter the Annual Best Kept Village Competition, The Clerk would approach the organisations recommended for the Certificate of Merit Class last year to see if they wished to participate this year. The matter would then be considered at the next meeting.

**173. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

**(A) BLOCKED DRAINS – HOGHTON LANE:**

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Councillor Ms Urry reported that work had commenced on the drainage system relating to the cause of the flooding near Brindle Lodge. She also indicated that the carriageway in this area was deteriorating rapidly.

The Clerk would approach the Area County Surveyor about the condition of the carriageway.

**(B). RIGHT TURN – VILLAGE HALL:**

The Environment Directorate was to provide an estimate for the provision of a double sided sign on the A675 opposite the Village Hall. The Parish Council would give further consideration to this when the costs were known.

*The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared an interest in this item being Chairman of the Village Management Committee.*

**(C). LAND ADJACENT TO THE BOARS HEAD:**

The County Council had inspected the site and their view was that the County Council involvement had long since ended. The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) informed the Parish Council of changes in the management of the Boars Head.

**(D). GIB LANE – RESURFACING:**

The Area County Surveyor had indicated that the resurfacing work would be done by the end of March 2009.

**(E) OVERGROWN HEDGES:**

The hedges in Chapel Lane and Gib Lane had been cut back.

**(F) INFORMATION SIGNS - RILEY GREEN:**

The sign had been removed recently but there was no information as to what further developments would take place. The Clerk would consult the County Council and the De Houghton Estate.

**(G) FLOODING DOVER LANE:**

Councillor Peter had reported that the work to the culvert had been completed but other work was required relating to a ditch. The Clerk would contact the appropriate authorities regarding this.

**(H). SALT BIN – THE CROSSINGS STATION ROAD:**

Following an incident at the Railway Crossing Barrier during the recent icy weather the Area County Surveyor had been asked to provide a salt bin near the Sirloin Public House.

**(I) FOOTPATH – BRINDLE LODGE:**

The Countryside Service had inspected the site and was considering tarmacing the footpath.

**(J) FOOTPATHS - HOGHTON BOTTOMS:**

The footpaths had been obstructed for some time and were eroding. The Clerk had asked the Countryside Service of the County Council to investigate.

**(K). FOOTWAY – WISE MARYS FARM:**

Councillor Proctor reported that Chorley Council had swept the footway.

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**174. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Chairman reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

**175. PLANNING REPORT:**

**(A) DECISIONS:**

The following applications had been approved:-

1. Listed Building Consent for the installation of two 8mm thick poly carbonate window guards to the out side of the church to protect the stained glass windows Holy Trinity Church Blackburn Old Road. App no 08/01143/LBC Applicant Holy Trinity PCC.

2. Widening and upgrading of existing vehicular access including new gates and gate posts, new timber fence to south eastern access boundary Horrobin Farm Bolton Road App no 08/01102/FUL Applicant Mr Hartley.

3 Application for Ecclesiastical Exemption in respect of repairs to the existing steps at the front of the church, remove existing ramp access to both the ramp and the front steps St. Joseph's Church Chapel Fold Private Road and provide new ramp faced in stone slabs and providing hand rails App no 08/01235/ECC Applicant Mr Cowdall. (Neighbouring Parish Application)

4. Demolition of an existing single storey scout hut and erection of a new purpose built storey straw bale building with green roof and rendered walls with new dedicated car parking all within current location of the existing site Scout Hut Blackburn Old Road. App no 08/01080/FUL Applicant Group Scout Leader.

**(B) APPLICATIONS:-**

A retrospective application to retain four lighting columns The Boatyard Inn Bolton Road. App no 09/00053/FUL Applicant Daniel Thwaites PLC had been received.

No observations were made on this application.

Erection of two stables tack room and first hay store to replace existing stable /tack room Viaduct Road App no 08/01237/FUL Applicant J. Miller Crook

The Chairman reported that this application which was considered at the last meeting was likely to be refused.

**(C). TRAINING ON PLANNING:**

Chorley Council was to hold an interactive workshop for Parish Councillors which would cover various stages in the planning process including Section 106, Planning Policies, Consultation, Affordable Housing and Urban Design. It would be held on Monday 9th March 2009 in the Lancastrian Suite at the Town Hall from 6.30 p.m. until 8.30 p.m.

The Chairman and Councillor MS Urry would attend.

**176. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

There were no accounts for payment.

**177. CHEQUE SIGNATURES:**

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The latest position regarding the addition of new signatories was reported.

**178. PINFOLD:**

Following a site inspection, a discussion note was circulated by Councillor Peter regarding the future of the Pinfold. The Clerk would publish notices requesting the views of the Public on the Pinfold. The matter would be further discussed at the next meeting when these views were known.

**179. LANCASHIRE LOCAL:**

The Clerk reported on the meetings of the Lancashire Local – Chorley held in February 2009

**180. DOG BINS – VIADUCT ROAD:**

The Chairman reported on his further discussions regarding the request for a dog bin at Viaduct Road by the Chorley Dog Warden Service.

**181. CHORLEY EQUALITY FORUM:**

Councillor Ms Urry reported on the meeting of the forum held on Wednesday 21st January 2009.

**182. CHORLEY STANDARDS COMMITTEE:**

Councillor Sharratt had submitted an application form for Membership of the Chorley Standards Committee and if short listed, he would be interviewed on 2nd March 2009.

**183. CHORLEY HOMELESS STRATEGY:**

Following recent amendments to the legislation Chorley had revised its strategy. The new legislation wanted Local Councils to be more proactive in preventing homelessness and have a more joined up approach to it with other agencies.

The Parish Council made no comments on the Strategy

**184. LETTER OF THANKS:**

The Clerk reported a letter of thanks from the Air Ambulance for the donation made by the Parish Council.

**185. NATIONAL SAVINGS:**

Interest amounting to £22.48 had been paid on the National Savings Account which totalled £761.42.

**186. NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLANS:**

Following a site visit in September 2008 with the view to drawing up a local Neighbourhood Action Plan. Chorley Council four informal sessions had been arranged for Parish Councillors and Clerks to look at the Plans. The dates were as follows all at the Town Hall:

Tuesday, 17 March 2009	4.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday, 18 March 2009	1.00 - 3.30pm
Thursday, 19 March 2009	4.00 - 8.00pm
Friday, 20 March 2009	9.00am - 12.00 noon

The Chairman and Councillor Ms Urry would go to one of the sessions.

Chorley Councillors were also to tour the Borough on 14th March 2009 and would visit Hoghton.

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**187. BENCHES:**

The contractor had been asked to repaint the benches out side the Village Hall and at the Boars Head Car Park.

**188. FIRE AUTHORITY – ACTION PLAN:**

The Fire Authority had now adopted its action plan following consultation and no changes were envisaged for Hoghton.

**189. CHARITY CRICKET MATCH:**

The Chairman reported that the Mayor of Chorley had been invited to attend a Charity Cricket Match in aid of Derian House on Monday 4th May 2009.

**190. NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT:**

The new Executive Director of the Environment at Lancashire County Council – Ms Jo Turton had commenced her duties on 9th February 2009.

**191. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 16th March 2009 at 7.30.pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50. p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

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