

**HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL – 18TH FEBRUARY 2013**  
**MINUTES OF 1073RD MEETING OF**  
**HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2013**  
**AT THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

**1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:**

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor J. Baldwin.

**2. 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.

**3. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st January 2013 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**AT THIS POINT THE PARISH COUNCIL SUSPENDED BUSINESS :**

**4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS:**

The Parish Council excluded the public and press during consideration of the following item, the reason being to conduct interviews for the filling of the vacancy on the Parish Council by co-option.

**5. SELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR:**

The Clerk reported that following the posting of notices inviting interested people to apply for the vacant seat on the Parish Council he had received two expressions of interest by the closing date. The Parish Council conducted informal interviews of the two candidates and then decided on which person to invite onto the Parish Council.

Resolved;- (1) That Mr. M. Watson be co-opted as a Member of the Parish Council with effect from 18th March 2013 for a term ending in May 2016 and the Clerk notify him of the appointment.

(2) That a press release be issued on the appointment.

(3) That the other candidate be thanked for his interest.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL THEN RESUMED THE MEETING.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

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**THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. AS THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

### **7. POLICE REPORT:**

#### **(A) NEWSLETTERS:**

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the police that there had been no reported incidents of crime in the Parish during January 2013.

He also circulated the latest Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter and referred to the recently issued Draft Police and Crime Plan 2013 to 2018 consultation document . A report on this would be circulated to the next meeting.

A copy the Air Support Unit quarterly newsletter was circulated and their next PACT Meeting had been provisionally arranged for 4th April 2013.

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

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

### **8. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported that he had not received the current newsletter.

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) had discussed the current situation regarding the the resurfacing of Quaker Brook Lane, Station Road and Riley Green with County Councillor Devaney. He also reported on the meeting of the LALC of the Chorley Area Committee held on 6th February 2013. There was a suggestion that the Area Committee should merge with the Borough/Parish Liaison Committee. This was under consideration.

### **9. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

#### **(A). QUAKER BROOK LANE 20 MPH ZONE:**

At last meeting Councillor Peter reported that some two years ago he had met Mr. Peet the Neighbourhood Officer regarding the blocked gulley in Quaker Brook Lane and had unblocked it as he could access it from his land. The gulley had become silted up again and he offered to do the work subject to the agreement of Chorley Council. This had been agreed and the work done.

The Parish Council thanked Councillor Peter.

He also asked the current position regarding the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit on Quaker Brook Lane. The County County had agreed this and consultations would begin shortly.

#### **(B). HEDGE STATION ROAD:**

It was reported that BT had now cut back the hedge, the rubbish had been cleared and Community Payback had cleared the footpath.

A letter of thanks would be sent to Community Payback

#### **(C). FOOTPATH 19 RILEY GREEN:**

The Community Payback were to tidy up the footpath in the Spring.

#### **(D). GIB LANE:**

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At a previous meeting The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) had reported that the grass verge along the footway from the Railway Bridge to the top of the hill was very overgrown and was virtually impassable. He now reported that Community Payback had undertaken the work. A letter of thanks would be sent to them.

It was also reported that Community Payback would be clearing the footway along the A675 Blackburn Old Road during the spring and summer of 2013.

### **(E). FOOTPATH - BRINDLE LODGE:**

A site meeting with County Councillor Devaney the County Council's Footpaths Officer and Members of the Parish Council would take place on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 to discuss the work required.

Councillor Peter suggested that the farmer should attend this meeting to give his advice on the drainage situation.

The Chairman(Councillor Dickinson) would contact him about the meeting.

### **(F). TREES - PRIVATE ROAD.**

At the last meeting the Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood ) requested information regarding two trees on Private Road which were leaning . The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) had met County Councillor Devaney regarding this.

He had suggested an approach to the landowner, Councillor Peter suggested that this be discussed with a local farmer.

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) would speak to the farmer concerned about this.

Councillor Ms Urry asked if there had been any progress regarding the cutting of overhanging branches of trees on Hoghton Lane.

The Clerk would investigate this further.

### **(G). ROAD SURFACES:**

At the last meeting Councillor Ms Urry expressed her concern regarding the condition of the roads in the Parish and reported a number of potholes at the level crossing on Station Road, the brow of the railway bridge on the A675, and at Riley Green. Councillor Sharratt reported potholes near Hoghton Tower and near the entrance to the Village Hall.

The Chairman reported potholes on the A675 Blackburn Old Road near the Boars Head and near Holy Trinity Parish Church.

The location of all the potholes mentioned had been reported to the County Council for attention.

Councillor Sharratt reported that he had been informed that the contractor responsible for the repair of the potholes had changed his specification.

He had written to the Environment Director at the County Council for confirmation of this.

Councillor Peter suggested that the County Council be asked for details of the methodology, full specification and procedure for the filling in of potholes.

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The Clerk would request this information.

Councillor Ms Urry reported on the condition of the road surface and footpath near Bells Lane which was in South Ribble.

### **10. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) reported on the recent meeting of Chorley Council.

### **11. PLANNING REPORT:**

#### **(A) DECISIONS.**

The Clerk reported that no notifications of planning application decisions had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

#### **(B). APPLICATIONS:**

The Clerk reported that no notifications of planning applications had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

#### **(C) PLANNING IN PRACTICE EVENT:**

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that this event would take place on 4th March 2013 at Chorley Town Hall from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. and would deal with topics concerning permitted development, flooding and sewerage matters. The Parish Council had been invited to send representatives to this event.

The Clerk asked that interested persons inform him about attending the Event by 22nd February 2013.

#### **(D) OPEN SPACE AND PLAYING PITCH SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT - CONSULTATION :**

The Clerk submitted this consultation document jointly issued by the Central Planning Authorities.

The purpose of the consultation was to provide guidance on the interpretation and implementation of each council's open space and playing pitch provision as set out in the local plans .

The Parish Council made no observations on the document.

### **12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

There were no accounts for payment

### **13. POND CRIPPLEGATE LANE:**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported on the current situation regarding drainage problems arising from the pond following a meeting with the Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) Mr. Peet the Neighbourhood Officer from Chorley Council, Mr. Forrester representing the de Hoghton Estate and Mrs Riley a local resident.

Chorley Council was undertaking work to reduce pond levels and improve the drainage of the adjoining dike. Fencing work would also be carried out . The de Hoghton Estate had been asked to carry out work to the section of the dike on their

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land.

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) had met County Councillor Devaney regarding the state of the bridleway and he was looking into the repair of it.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor Greenwood) commented on the response from the County Council on the condition of the bridleway on Cripple Gate Lane.

He would meet County Councillor Devaney on site again to discuss these comments and the repair of the bridleway.

The Clerk would contact the de Hoghton Estate about the additional work required to their land.

### **14. BOROUGH PARISH LIAISON:**

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Borough/ Parish Liaison Committee would be held on Wednesday 20th February 2013. The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) and Councillor Ms Urry would attend.

The Chairman reported that he had asked that an item regarding the painting of bus shelters should be discussed at this meeting. The Parish Council agreed with this.

### **15. EQUALITY FORUM:**

Councillor Ms Urry reported that the meeting of the Forum which had been postponed on 21st January would now be held on 6th March 2013 and she would attend.

### **16. LETTER OF THANKS:**

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter of thanks from St. Joseph`s RC Church for the donation they had received from the Parish Council towards the cost of publishing their parish magazine..

### **17. NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA MEETING:**

The Chairman(Councillor Dickinson reported on the meeting of the Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Committee held on 12th February 2013.

Councillor Ms Urry indicated that she would raise concerns about these meetings at the Borough/ Parish Liaison Meeting.

### **18. SHOPMOBILITY:**

The Clerk submitted an application for grant from the Chorley branch of this organisation. The Parish Council adhered to its existing policy .

### **19. NATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT:**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council National Savings Account had received £4.12 in interest this year and now stood at £770.63.

### **20. PAYROLL:**

The Clerk reported that because of changes brought in by HMRC the Company responsible for the Parish Council Payroll would from 1st April be required to send monthly returns and would now charge £18.00 including VAT per quarter. The

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current charge is £14.04.

### **21. LINDSAY HOYLE:**

The Clerk reported that the local MP had been made a Privy Councillor and was now addressed as The Right Honourable.

The Parish Council agreed to send him a letter of congratulation.

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

Monday 18th March 2013 at 7.45.pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

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