

**MINUTES OF 1095TH MEETING OF
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2015
AT THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) and Councillor M. Watson.

2. THE CHAIRMAN (COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON).

The Chairman of the meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) informed the meeting that the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) was currently recuperating at a Rest Home.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

3. 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.

4. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th January 2015 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood).

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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.

6. POLICE REPORT:

(A). NEWSLETTERS:

The Clerk circulated the current police newsletter which indicated there had been no reported incidents in Hoghton during January 2015.

He also circulated a copy of the current Police Air Support newsletter which would be the last one from PC Jeffrey who was retiring.

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There was a PACT meeting on 3rd February 2015 and the next meeting would be held on 3rd March 2015 at Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

At the last meeting Councillor Peter had reported problems relating to a car parked on Hoghton Lane which was causing sight problems for traffic entering and leaving Bells Lane.

The Police had agreed to look into this but the vehicle was in the South Ribble Policing area.

Councillor Peter reported that the vehicle was parked in a slightly different position than previously but still constituted a hazard.

Councillor Ms Urry confirmed this.

Councillor Sharratt reported that he had been involved in a near miss with a car exiting Bells Lane and was concerned about the parked vehicle inhibiting the view of traffic.

The Clerk would contact the police again about the parking problems.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

7. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

He also submitted details of the Parish and Town Councils Annual Conference to be held at Burnley Town Hall on 21st March 2015. Parishes could appoint up to two delegates.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) was appointed the Parish Council's delegate if he was able to attend.

8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :

Councillor Peter reported the current situation regarding the drain near Barracks Farm on Chapel Lane following his meeting and subsequent correspondence with County Councillor Devaney. He expressed his concern regarding the way this issue was being dealt with, particularly the cost of the exercise.

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) informed the Parish Council that representatives of the County Council were to meet representatives of the de Hoghton Estate to progress the matter further.

(B). FOOTPATH 44:

At the last meeting Councillor Ms Urry indicated that a broken stile on this footpath required attention. She confirmed that this had now been attended to.

(C). RESURFACING BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

At the meeting in October Councillor Ms Urry had reported that no work had been done to the section of the carriageway from the War Memorial to Lane Side Farm and the problem was getting worse. The edge of the

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resurfacing work was breaking up and was becoming more extensive. It now extended to the Parish Church and was also occurring on both sides of the road. It was a hazard for cyclists and motorcyclists.

The Clerk had contacted the County Council about this they had replied that following an inspection no further work was planned.

Councillor Ms Urry did not accept that no further work was required the road surface from the Railway Bridge to the Parish Church was cracking and needed attention. She also stated that loose gravel was blocking the gulleys.

Councillor Sharratt reported that the length of road from Causeway Farm to Finnington Lane was deteriorating.

The Clerk had notified the County Council but it appeared nothing further had been done.

The Clerk would contact County Councillor Devaney regarding the matter.

(D). BOLTON ROAD JUNCTION RILEY GREEN:

Councillor Sharratt reported details of an accident at the junction of Bolton Road and the A675 Riley Green on 14th February 2015. He referred to the speed limit on both these roads which at this point was 40mph. Bolton Road junction was designated a Give Way and had the appropriate signing and road markings however, he felt that there should be more warning and suggested that Stop signs should be erected at the junction.

Councillor Peter felt that there should be more of a deterrent here and that red markings should be put on the road to warn motorists.

It was agreed that the County Council should be asked to change the junction of Bolton Road and the A675 Riley Green to a Stop junction with appropriate markings.

(E). FLOODING HOGHTON LANE:

Councillor Ms Urry reported flooding problems on Hoghton Lane near to her property. There had been an incident recently where raw sewage was seen to be coming from the drains.

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that he had seen workmen attending to the problem.

The Clerk would ask the County Council to review the drainage situation on Hoghton Lane.

(F). FLOODING RILEY GREEN:

Councillor Peter reported flooding of the road at 6A Riley Green .

The Clerk would notify the County Council.

9. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

As the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) was not present no report on issues affecting the Parish Council was made.

10. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS.

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The Clerk reported that the following decisions had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension Home Lodge 6 Gib Lane (App no 14/01236/FUL) Applicant Mrs Dodds. - Granted.
2. Works to various trees covered by Chorley Council TPO (Hoghton) 1999. The Old Orchard Quaker Brook Lane. (App no 14/01270/TPO.) Applicant Mrs. Warburton. - Consent to Tree Works.
3. Tree works 42 Fowler Close (App no 14/01200/TPO) Applicant Mr Longley. - Consent to Tree Works.

(B). APPLICATION:

The Clerk reported that the following application had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

- 1 Erection of single storey side extension Heatherdale Quaker Brook Lane (App no 15/00082/CLPUD) Applicant Mr Allen.

Details were circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations were made.

(C). SIGN - SIRLOIN:

The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer had asked the Management of the Sirloin to submit retrospective applications for both the advertisement sign and the decking as soon as possible and it was understood this was in the hands of their agent where there had been a change in personnel which had lead to the delay in the submission of the applications.

The Clerk would ask Chorley if there was a time limit for the submission of retrospective applications.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment

*1. Douglas Tonks Ltd	Payroll Administration/Payment of Clerks Salary (£462.50) and Expenses (£151.60) Quarter ended 31st December 2014.	£642.58.
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* Payment by Direct Debit.

12. NATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

The Clerk reported that the annual interest had been paid on the Council's

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National Saving Account this amounted to £5.82 and the Account now stood at £782.23.

13. APPLICATION FOR GRANT:

The Clerk submitted an application from Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility for a grant .

The Parish Council decided to adhere to its policy of not making grants to organisations out side the Parish.

14. CHORLEY BUDGET CONSULTATION 2015/16.

The Clerk submitted a consultation document relating to Chorley Council`s proposed spending in 2015/16.

COUNCILLOR SHARRATT LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

15. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Clerk reported that at the Chorley Council Eastern Parishes meeting it had been agreed to treat the refurbishment of the War Memorial as a priority in 2015/16.

Councillor Peter indicated the progress made relating to the survey of the War Memorial. A representative from a specialist company had undertaken a preliminary condition survey and would be submitting it to the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed to pay the cost of the survey. Councillor Peter would now process the matter and submit it to the Parish Council for further consideration.

The Clerk referred to a survey of repair work required and would send this to Councillor Peter.

The Parish Council was still awaiting a response from the De Hoghton Estate regarding ownership.

Councillor Peter also reported that there would be an event organised by the Tower regarding the names on the War Memorial of those who fell in World War One.

He also asked if there was a time limit for keeping the wreaths at the War Memorial.

The Clerk reported there was no time limit the wreaths would be removed when they deteriorated.

16. DOG WASTE BIN HOGHTON BOTTOMS:

At the last Meeting the Clerk had reported that the Parish Council currently paid £86 a year for the emptying of the bin but Chorley had been replacing its litter bins with a combined bin and emptying them free of charge.

He had requested that a new bin replace the one at Hoghton Bottoms with a combined bin and that it be emptied free of charge.

Chorley Council had responded that following consultation with the Executive Member for Streetscene, the annual charge to empty dog waste receptacles would continue. Although dog waste could now be collected with general litter there was still a cost to the Council to empty these bins and a charge of £71.79 per annum (approx. £1.38 per empty) was deemed a reasonable charge.

The Council had been rolling out some replacement litter bins and where there was an existing old litter bin and dog bin next to each other, they had been replaced by a single new larger bin and therefore no charge applied (as the dog bin had been removed).

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For sites where there was still a dog bin the charge would still apply. However, if the parish was to pay for the replacement of the bin with a new litter bin (one off charge of £250) the Council would waive future collection charges.

It was agreed that a replacement bin should be acquired at a cost of £250.00 and the Clerk would make the arrangements.

17. GRASS CUTTING PROGRAMME 2015:

The Clerk submitted details of Chorley Council's Annual Grass Cutting Programme 2015.

18. PARISH PRECEPT 2015/16:

The Clerk reported that following the request for the Precept to be £5000.00 Chorley Council had adjusted this to reflect the top up grant (£167.00) and the amount of the precept to be collected from Council Taxpayers was £4,833.00.

19. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported that the signs relating to the procedure to be followed to keep the notice boards tidy had been put in place.

The Parish Council would review the scheme after twelve months.

20. FUTURE OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN CHORLEY:

The Clerk submitted a consultation document and call for evidence form relating to the proposed future of public services in Chorley.

21. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

The Clerk reported the current position regarding the establishment of a Parish Council Website. The Website was now in test mode and the Parish Council were requested to agree to their contact information being put on the website, an editorial would be written each month on Parish Council meetings, the logo would be changed and mission statement would be prepared.

22. TRANSPARENCY CODE:

The Clerk submitted the code of recommended practice issued by the Government relating accounting principles under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 whereby local councils with an annual turnover not exceeding £25000.00 would be exempt from external audit. The Code would come into operation in March 2015.

23. EASTERN PARISH MEETING 16TH FEBRUARY 2015:

The Clerk submitted the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2015.

At the meeting it was agreed to prioritise the restoration of the War Memorial. The provision of an information board would be dealt with within Chorley Council's other resources. However the future development of the Village Hall would not be put forward as a Neighbourhood Project because of the cost implications.

24. PLANNING IN PRACTICE:

The Clerk submitted details of a seminar dealing with planning issues and organised by Chorley Council on 23rd March 2015 at the Town Hall from 6.00 to 8.00 p.m.

25. RED ROSE 100 WALKING EVENT MAY 2015:

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The Clerk submitted details of the event which would pass through Hoghton during the weekend of 23rd to 25th May 2015.

26. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 16th March 2015 at 7.45.pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

16TH MARCH 2015