

**MINUTES OF 1106TH MEETING OF
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 15TH FEBRUARY 2016
AT THE HOLY TRINITY PARISH
CHURCH HALL.**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:COUNTY COUNCILLOR M.DEVANEY.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) and Councillor J. Baldwin.

2. COUNCLLOR D. DICKINSON:

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) informed the Parish Council of the current position relating to the health of the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson).

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 18th January 2016 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:

As the police were not present no report was presented.

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The Clerk reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner had submitted his quarterly newsletter which in particular referred to the proposed increase in the police precept 2016/2017 amounting to 1.99%.

Councillors N. Peter and Ms M. Urry reported that the police undertook traffic speed monitoring on Hoghton Lane from 13th to 15th February 2016

The next PACT meeting meeting would be held on 1st March 2016 at Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

(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 and the LALC Area Committee Meeting on 4th February 2016.

8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :

The Chairman of the meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported there had been no progress on this matter. County Councillor Devaney informed the Parish Council that he had made several attempts to contact the appropriate officers at the County Council without success. He would continue to do so.

(B). FOOTWAY - GIB LANE:

The Clerk had requested Community Payback for an update on this matter on several occasions without success. He would continue to do so.

(C). SPEEDING TRAFFIC - GIB LANE:

It was reported that the County Council was still to arrange for a vehicle/traffic speed count on Gib Lane Lane near Bell Villas. County Councillor Devaney informed the Parish Council that the proposal had been included on a list by the County Council.

The Clerk would contact the County Council about this.

Councillor Peter suggested that the police be asked to undertake a traffic speed count.

The Clerk would contact the police about this suggestion.

(D). FLOODING - QUAKER BROOK LANE:

The Clerk reported that the works on gully at the entrance to Quakerbrook Lane, were due to start in the next 10 working days.

Councillor Peter reported that contractors were currently working on a traffic management scheme further down Quaker Brook Lane including providing passing places and the alleviation of the flooding problems. During work a manhole had been found and improvement work had been carried out to the manhole.

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He complimented them on the work they were doing. County Councillor Devaney would write to the contractors to thank them.

Councillor Peter also reported the issue of the trash screen in this location, following discussions it had been removed and this seemed to have resolved the problem.

(E). HOGHTON LANE TRAFFIC SPEEDS:

As reported earlier there had been traffic monitoring exercises on Hoghton Lane over the past two weeks.

The Clerk would ascertain the outcome of the surveys.

9. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

No report on issues affecting the Parish Council was made.

10. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION.

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

1. Application to discharge condition no 3 (material samples) of planning approval 15/00157/FUL White Croft Quaker Brook Lane (App no 15/01123/FUL) Applicant Mr. Mullineaux. - Granted

(B). APPLICATION:

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

Retrospective application for erection of a bridge over the railway, land at Pleasington Golf Club Viaduct Road. (App no 16/00100/FUL) Applicant Network Rail.

Details had been circulated to all Members and the Parish Council decided not to make any comments on the application.

The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

(C). VALIDATION CRITERIA FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk circulated details of changes to the system for the validation of planning applications with effect from 1st April 2016. From that date applications could only be submitted online.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

There were no accounts for payment

12. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Clerk reported that work had now been completed .

The Parish Council was asked what further work was required and considered the question of funding.

The Clerk reported that he had been advised by the Land Registry that the

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Parish Council had been registered as owners of the War Memorial.

The Parish Council discussed where the registration documents should be deposited and Councillor Peter suggested that it should be lodged with the Parish Council Bankers. The Clerk would contact them about this.

The de Hoghton Estate would be informed of developments.

The Clerk also reported that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission had corrected the spelling of Sir Vere de Hoghton on the War Memorial at Loos in France.

Councillor Sharratt congratulated the Parish Council on this and suggested a letter of thanks to the Commission.

It was also suggested that the Chorley Pals and the de Hoghton Estate should be notified.

13. CONSULTATION ON COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET OPTIONS :

County Councillor Devaney reported on the current situation on the proposed County budget options.

14. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2016:

The Clerk circulated details of this competition. Councillor Peter felt that because the parish was spread out along a main road it was difficult to compete with more compact villages and therefore the Parish should not enter the competition but donate the entry fee to a local charity. This suggestion was agreed.

He suggested that information about this decision be placed on the Parish Council notice boards.

A decision as to which charity would be made at the next meeting

15. THREE TIER LIAISON:

Councillor Ms Urry reported on meeting held on 20th January 2016 at the Town Hall Chorley including the discussion on the County Council's proposed cutting of bus subsidies and a presentation on rural broadband.

16. THE SIRLOIN:

The Clerk circulated details of the action taken by Chorley Council following the issue of a noise abatement notice on the management at the Sirloin.

The Chairman (Councillor D.Dickinson) had commented on the state of the decking at the Sirloin.

The Clerk had contacted Chorley Council to see if anything could be done to tidy it up.

17. NATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

The Clerk submitted the annual statement for this account interest of £5.87 was paid and the balance was now £788.10.

18. CHORLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA MEETING - EASTERN PARSHES:

The Clerk reported that there was a meeting of the group on Wednesday 10th February when they considered projects for next year. The Parish Council had

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suggested improvements to the pond at Cripplegate, phase two of the War Memorial and enhancements at the Pinfold.

A decision on the projects was awaited.

19. EQUALITY FORUM:

The Clerk reported that there would be a meeting of the Equality Forum on 22nd February 2016 at Chorley Town Hall. Councillor Ms Urry would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

20. TREE WARDENS:

The Clerk reported on the suggested scheme for the training of Tree Wardens in Parishes. The scheme was being co-ordinated by Clayton le Woods Parish Council.

Councillor Peter had volunteered to be the Parish Council Tree Warden and the Clerk had asked Clayton le Woods Parish Council for details but no response had been received

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.30. p.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman of the meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

21ST MARCH 2016.