

**MINUTES OF 1117TH MEETING OF  
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 20TH FEBRUARY 2017  
AT THE HOLY TRINITY  
PARISH CHURCH HALL.**

**PRESENT:** - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR N. PETER (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, Ms Y. HARGREAVES, B. MATTOCK, AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MRS S.LONG AND ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

**144. APOLOGIY FOR ABSENCE:**

An apology for absence was submitted from County Councillor A. Cullens.

**145. RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR:**

The Clerk reported that Mr. T. Sharratt had submitted his resignation from the Parish Council on ill health grounds.

The Parish Council paid tribute to the work of Mr. Sharratt on behalf of the people and parish of Hoghton since 1996 and wished him a speedy recovery.

The Parish Council placed on record its appreciation of the services of Mr. T. Sharratt to the Parish since 1996.

The Clerk had sent a letter of appreciation to Mr. Sharratt.on behalf of the Parish Council.

**146. FILLING OF VACANCY:**

Following Mr. Sharratt`s resignation there was now a vacancy on the Parish Council. The Clerk informed Members of the procedure relating to the appointment of a new Member..

**147. COUNCILLOR MS URRY:**

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) welcomed back Councillor Ms.Urry following her recent accident.

**148. 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.

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### **149. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th January 2017 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood).

### **150. ADJOURNMENT:**

**THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. AS THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT DID NOT WISH TO RAISE ANY ISSUES THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

### **151. POLICE REPORT:**

#### **(A). LIAISON:**

The Police did not attend.

The Clerk circulated the current police newsletter.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) referred to the lack of information in the police report and reporting of incidents.

The Member of the Public present referred to the significant increase in rural crime over the past twelve months and the lack of a police presence.

### **152. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the agenda for the Parish and Town Councils Conference on 25th February 2017.

### **153. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

#### **(A) HOGHTON LANE TRAFFIC SPEEDS:**

The consultation on the reduction in the speed limit on Hoghton Lane was still awaited.

The Clerk had contacted County Councillor Cullens regarding the matter.

#### **(B). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported there had been no further progress on this issue. He would contact the officer concerned at the County Council regarding this.

#### **(C). SPEEDING TRAFFIC - GIB LANE:**

The outcome of the speed survey was awaited and the Clerk had contacted Councillor Cullens about this.

#### **(D). VILLAGE HALL - SIGN:**

The County Council had still not erected the sign despite indicating the work would be done by the end of November 2016. County Councillor Cullens had asked the County Council to re-erect the sign as soon as possible.

#### **(E). POTHOLE - BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:**

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At the last meeting it was reported that there was a deep hole on Blackburn Old Road (A675) near the entrance to the Village Hall. The County Council had been notified. Councillor Baldwin reported that the hole was becoming larger.

The Clerk had informed the County Council.

Councillor Baldwin indicated that the pothole had been repaired.

### **(F). CARRIAGEWAY A675 RILEY GREEN:**

Councillor Ms Urry referred to the condition of the road surface on the stretch of this road from the speed limit sign to the traffic lights at Moulden Brow.

The road had been earmarked for repair but nothing had been done and the condition of the road was deteriorating.

The Clerk would ask the County Council for a progress report.

### **154. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

District Councillor Mrs Long reported on the proposed changes to the waste collections from 1st April 2017.

### **155. PLANNING REPORT:**

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

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

1. Application for certificate of lawfulness in respect of rear extension 297 Hoghton Lane (App no 16/00978/PLUD) Applicant Mrs Banks. - Granted.

2. Retrospective planning application for change of use of existing agricultural buildings from agriculture to forestry processing, change of use of yard area from agriculture to agriculture and forestry processing; installation of 990kw biomass boiler and associated flue; erection of new office Horrobin Farm Bolton Road. (App no 16/00870/FUL) Applicant Mr. Hartley. - Granted.

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

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

#### **(C). SIRLOIN:**

Members reported on the current situation regarding the advertising boards.

The Clerk would seek clarification from the Planning Enforcement Officer.

#### **(D). TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS:**

The Clerk reported on the latest situation regarding the request from a local resident for the support of the Parish Council for the placing of Tree Preservation Orders on land adjacent to the The Straits and Hoghton Lane at Brookhouse Farm which had recently been advertised for sale and development. Chorley Council had indicated that it did not intend making any tree preservation orders at this site.

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### **(E) DRAFT CENTRAL LANCASHIRE EMPLOYMENT SKILLS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT - CONSULTATION:**

The Clerk submitted a consultation notification relating to the proposed introduction of Employment Skills Plans in connection with certain types of planning applications. The Consultation Period was from Monday 30 January – Monday 13 March 2017.

No comments were made.

### **156. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Services - September to December 2016	£30.00
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The Parish Council agreed to pay the account and a cheque was signed.

### **157. LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGETS 2017/18.**

The Clerk submitted the consultation documents from the County Council and Chorley Council regarding their proposed budgets for 2017/18.

No observations were made .

### **158. BANK ACCOUNTS:**

The Clerk reported the closure of the National Savings Account and would arrange for the transfer of the funds to the Parish Council's current account so that all the funds were in one place.

### **159. CHORLEY LIAISON:**

A report was presented on the meeting of the Chorley Liaison Committee held on 18th January 2017.

### **160. EQUALITY FORUM:**

A report was presented on the meeting of the Chorley Equality Forum held on 13th February 2017.

### **161. WAR MEMORIAL:**

The Clerk reported that at the Eastern Parishes Meeting on 9th February 2017 it had been agreed that arrangements would be made to resolve the pending issue and funding agreed for phase two of the project.

The Parish Council would discuss the matter with Chorley Council and the work involved in phase 2.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) suggested that the Parish Council consider enhancements to the area to make it more community based..

### **162. BEST KEPT VILLAGE:**

The Clerk submitted details of this year's Competition The entry fee for the Competition was £15.00. The Parish Council decided not to enter this year.

### **163. NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA MEETING - EASTERN PARISHES:**

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the Eastern Parishes held on Wednesday 9th February 2017 when in addition to the funding of the Second Phase of the

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War Memorial the maintenance of the pond at Cripplegate Lane and a story board for the Pinfold projects were agreed.

### **164. RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME:**

The Clerk submitted details of Chorley Council's Rural Community Grants Scheme.

Details had been displayed on the Notice Boards.

### **165. CHORLEY YOUTH ZONE:**

The Clerk circulated details of this project.

### **166. CHORLEY FAIRTRADE:**

The Clerk submitted an invitation to the Parish Council to attend the Chorley Fairtrade Aspiring Borough Launch on 28th February 2017 at Chorley Town Hall from 2.00 to 4.00p.m.

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

Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.30. p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Church Hall.

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

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**20TH MARCH 2017.**