

**MINUTES OF 1128TH MEETING  
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 19TH JANUARY 2018  
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL.**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** SPECIAL SERGEANT BULLOCK.

**335. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:**

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor Ms Y.Hargreaves.

**336. 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.

**337. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th January 2018 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**338. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

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

**339. POLICE REPORT:**

**(A). LIAISON:**

Special Sergeant Bullock gave a report of policing in the Parish since the last meeting including foot patrols in Houghton and the issue of a fixed penalty notice for dog fouling.

The Clerk circulated a copy of the document issued by the NFU regarding Combating Rural Crime.

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

The Clerk submitted the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer.

**340. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk submitted the current newsletter and referred to the Wellbeing Fund offering grants for groups for the over 60s and Healthwatch Engagement which wanted to publicise its work on health and social care.

The Clerk reported on the implications for the Parish Council of the General Data Protection Regulation to be introduced in May 2018.

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### **341. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

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

The Clerk reported that the speed limit order had been signed but it was not known when the speed restriction signs would be erected.

#### **(B). VILLAGE HALL SIGN:**

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that the Village Hall sign had been re-erected.

#### **(C). BLOCKED DRAINS**

The Clerk reported that the County Council would clear the blocked drains from the entrance to the Parish Church car park to Dover Lane.

The drain at the junction of Quaker Brook Lane and The Straits required investigation.

#### **(D). POTHOLES:**

It was reported that a pothole at the railway bridge on Blackburn Old Road had been marked for attention. There was another pothole further down on the railway bridge which needed repair.

The pothole opposite the entrance to the Village Hall had been repaired.

Other potholes at the end of Gib Lane and Riley Green were reported.

The potholes requiring attention would be reported to the County Council.

The Clerk referred to proposed changes to the system for the repair of potholes.

#### **(E). QUAKER BROOK LANE:**

Bollards had recently been erected at the entrance to Quaker Brook Lane which were likely to cause a traffic hazard.

The Clerk would ask the County Council for an explanation.

### **342. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

There were no matters affecting the Parish Council.

### **343. PLANNING REPORT:**

#### **(A). DECISION.**

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

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a replacement two storey dwelling Oakmount Gib Lane (App no 17/01156/FUL) Applicant Mr. Cann.- Granted.

#### **(B). APPLICATION:**

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

1. Application for Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory Newfield 16 Riley Green (App no 17/01036/FULHH) Applicant Dr. Omed.

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Details of the applications had been circulated to all Members and no observations had been made.

The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

### **(C). ADJOINING LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY APPLICATION:**

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the application for the erection of 78 dwellings (including 39 affordable homes) with associated access and landscaping land at Olive Farm and land north of Methuen Drive had been refused in September 2017. The applicants had now appealed and a decision was expected shortly.

To complicate matters a further application had been submitted addressing some of the concerns of local residents.

Reference was also made to a letter from a concerned member of the public.

The Parish Council reiterated its previous objections to the development.

### **344. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration Quarter ended 31st December 2017	£36.00
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The payment was authorised and a cheque signed

### **345. WAR MEMORIAL:**

Chorley Council would be asked for a progress report on the ponding issue.

The Clerk had approached a specialist firm regarding the restoration of the names on the Memorial and following a site meeting submitted an estimate of cost for the Repair of the base and the cleaning of the whole monument.

An estimate had also been received for the tarmacing of the area round the War Memorial

The Parish Council then considered its options.

The contractor would be asked to meet the Parish Council on site to discuss his estimates.

Th estimate for the resurfacing of the surrounding area of the War Memorial was accepted

### **346. CRIPPLEGATE LANE - POND:**

A report was presented on the current situation regarding the work and the rat problem at Cripplegate Lane some tidying up work was outstanding.

A tree surgeon had been approached regarding a large tree on the site and Chorley Community Housing had been contacted regarding repairs to the pavement .

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

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the Eastern Parishes meeting on 7th

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### **348. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:**

A report was presented on the meeting held on 17th January 2018 when discussion took place regarding the forthcoming Iron Man event and internet accessibility in rural areas. .

### **349. CANAL AND RIVERS TRUST:**

The Clerk submitted a publication from the Trust.

### **350. UTILITY PRIORITY SERVICES REGISTER:**

The Clerk circulated a consultation document from the Rural Services Network regarding setting up a Register to assist people in rural areas who may find themselves in vulnerable circumstances.

The Priority Services Register was operated by utility companies for example Electricity North West. This allowed people who registered on it to receive special consideration and action particularly in the event of disruption of power or water power disruption.

It was suggested the Parish Council should identify vulnerable people in Hoghton.

Details of the proposed register would be published in the Parish Council Newsletters.

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

Monday 19th March 2018 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 8.40. p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**19TH MARCH 2018.**