

DRAFT
MINUTES OF 997TH MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2006
AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: -

COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, E. MILLER-CROOK J.PROCTOR T.SHARRATT, AND MR. T HARKNESS (CLERK).

NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WAS IN ATTENDANCE.

166. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor Ms M. Urry.

167. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:

The Clerk reminded Members of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters in 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 declared an interest.

168. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st November 2005 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

169. LAPTC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted the current Newsletter of the Association and reported that Staffordshire County Council was seeking the support of all Parish Councils in the country that the Air Ambulance Service be funded from central government resources and not by charitable donations.

Councillor Sharratt was in support of this but also suggested that there other voluntary organisations such as the Royal Nation Lifeboat Institute should be similarly funded by central government.

He recommended that a resolution should be put to the Annual General Meeting of LAPTC supporting the funding of national voluntary organisations by the Government.

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The Parish Council agreed to support Staffordshire County Council, would ask the local MP for his support and that the Annual General Meeting of LAPTC should be asked to consider Councillor Sharratt's suggestion.

170. TRAFFIC SPEEDS – HOGHTON LANE:

There had been a delay in the Parish Council receiving details of scheme to reduce the speed of traffic on Hoghton Lane.

171. OVERGROWN FOOTWAYS:

The Vice Chairman reported that the work to Gib Lane had not yet been carried out.

The Clerk would contact the Lancashire Highways Partnership (Area County Surveyor) to ask when it was proposed to do this work.

172. ROAD MARKINGS EXIT ROAD M65 - HOGHTON ARMS ROUNDABOUT:

The Highways Agency had confirmed their intention to undertake white lining at this junction. This would be done during March and April 2006.

173. GRASS VERGE BY BUS SHELTER – BOARS HEAD:

Councillor Miller Crook reported that there had been further occurrences when the Brewery Delivery Wagons had damaged the grass verge.

The Lancashire Highways Partnership had informed the Clerk that they were to install concrete filled steel posts on the verge to prevent vehicle over-run posts. Once installed the verge would be soiled and levelled and seeded. The work would be undertaken as soon as possible.

Councillor Miller Crook had contacted the Lancashire Highways Partnership (Area County Surveyor), and had been informed that concrete posts would not now be erected, but the verge would be soiled and levelled and seeded. The brewery had been informed but no further action had been taken.

The Clerk would seek to clarify the situation.

174. CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS REMBRANCE DAY:

The de Hoghton Estate was considering the request that car parking should be provided at the Tower for the Annual Remembrance Day Service.

175. FOOTWAY BETWEEN RAILWAY BRIDGE AND BOARS HEAD CAR PARK:

Councillor Miller Crook reported that several large bushes overhung the footway and were a hazard to pedestrians. He produced photographs to show the extent of the overhanging.

The Clerk would contact the Lancashire Highways Partnership (Area County Surveyor).about this.

176. 40 MPH SIGN - RILEY GREEN:

Councillor Miller Crook reported that this sign was leaning and required re-erecting. He produced a photograph to show the extent of the lean.

The Clerk would contact the Lancashire Highways Partnership (Area County Surveyor).about this.

177. SPEEDING TRAFFIC – CHAPEL LANE:

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A local resident had complained about the dangerous bend on Chapel Lane near the old Post Office and the speed of traffic approaching the bend. He requested that a sign should be erected to deter speeding. It was reported that there was already a 30 mph sign in this locality and the Parish Council considered what other measures could be taken to warn motorists. Councillor Sharratt suggested that 'SLOW' should be painted on the road.

The Clerk would discuss this idea with the Environment Director at Lancashire County Council.

178 CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman presented a report on issues affecting the Parish Council.

179. PLANNING REPORT:

The Chairman reported that the application for various works to 23 Trees (9 of which to be removed) covered by TPO 11 1993.Hoghton Bank Manor Private Road had been approved.

Also the application for the erection of a single storey rear extension at 287 Hoghton Lane (app no 0501098/FUL) had been approved.

An appeal against refusal to grant a Certificate of Lawful Use for the proposed use for property to be reinstated as residential use at Quarry Cottages Chapel Lane (app no 05/00498/CLPUD) had been dismissed by the Government Planning Inspector.

180. PARISH COUNCIL ESTIMATES 2006/07:

The Clerk resubmitted the Parish Council's Estimates for 2006/07, which had been amended to include a sum for the resurfacing of the footpath project. The recommended that the precept agreed at the last meeting should remain unaltered.

It was agreed: - That subject to the amendments agreed the Estimates for 2006/07 as set out below be approved and that the Parish Council's precept on Chorley Borough Council for 2006/07 amount to £3,500 00

ESTIMATES 2006/07

| LAST YEAR 2004/05 | DESCRIPTION | CURRENT YEAR 2005/06 | | ESTIMATES 2006/07 |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| ACTUAL £ | | ORIGINAL £ | CURRENT £ | PROJECTED |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| 3,322.81 | B/FWD | 3,814.80 | 3,814.80 | 3,400.00 |
| 3,250.00 | PRECEPT | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| 721.00 | GRANTS | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| 62.39 | VAT | 100.63 | 100.63 | 100.00 |

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| 67.66 | INTEREST | 67.66 | 28.54 | 50.00 |
| 7423.86 | TOTAL RECEIPTS | 7483.09 | 7443.97 | 3550.00 |
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| PAYMENTS | | | | |
| 1153.72 | CLERK – SALARY | 1100.00 | 555.86 | 1100.00 |
| 343.37 | EXPENSES | 360.00 | 202.94 | 200.00 |
| 400.00 | GRANTS AND DONATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 137 PAYMENTS | 800.00 | 390.00 | 800.00 |
| NIL. | CAPITAL SPENDING | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| 536.25 | INSURANCE | 600.00. | 611.33 | 700.00 |
| 272.00 | REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | 350.00 | 75.00 | 700.00 |
| 230.64 | FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS | 270.00 | 286.93 | 280.00 |
| 124.80 | JOB ADVERTISEMENT | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| 58.75 | AUDIT FEES | 58.75 | 58.75 | 59.00 |
| NIL | PHONE RENTAL | 155.00 | NIL | 200.00 |
| 90.00 | HIRE OF ROOMS | 90.00 | 54.00 | 90.00 |
| 122.79. | STATIONERY AND EQUIPMENT | 150.00 | NIL | 150.00 |
| 15.00 | TRAINING | NIL | NIL | 50.00 |
| 28.00 | WREATH | 28.00 | NIL | 30.00 |
| 16.60 | PAY AWARD | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| NIL | COMPUTER RENTAL | NIL | NIL | 100.00 |
| 109.63 | ELECTIONS | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| 107.43 | FOOTPATH PROJECT | 141.00 | 141.00 | 141.00 |
| NIL | RETIREMENT GIFT | 40.44 | 40.44 | NIL |
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| 3609.06 | TOTAL | 3492.19 | 2275.25 | 4741.00 |

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181. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

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| 1 T. Harkness | Clerk Salary and Expenses June – September 2005. | £382.24 |
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| 2.Holmes Florists | Remembrance Day Wreath | £25.00 |
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| 3. Village Hall | Hire of Room - October and November 2005 | £18.00 |

The Parish Council agreed to pay these accounts and the cheques were signed.

182 LIAISON MEETING BOROUGH/PARISH COUNCIL:

The Clerk reported that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 18th January 2006 when the main topic for discussion would be the Borough Council's budget for 2006/07.

The Chairman would attend the meeting.

183. CHORLEY PARISHES MEETING WITH MP:

The Chairman reported on the meeting with the Local MP and representatives of Parishes in Chorley on Thursday 5th January 2006.

184 PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE:

The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council had attended a conference for Parish Councils organised by the County Council held on 14th January 2006 at the Woodlands Conference Centre Chorley.

185. DONATION – AUTUMN CLUB

A letter of thanks was submitted from the Chairlady of the Autumn Club for the donation towards their funds.

186. PINFOLD:

The Clerk reported that the Lancashire Countryside Service had placed an order for the work at Pinfold with Mr Ormerod. Arrangements were being made for the tree planting to be carried out by the Scouts and Members of the Parish Council would be invited to attend.

187. NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk had not been contacted by any other tradesman and he suggested that he Care Estimate should be accepted and the work put in hand at a cost of £673.00.

It was agreed that the order for the new notice boards should now be placed.

182 STANDING ORDERS:

The Clerk submitted a copy of draft standing orders to be adopted by the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the draft Standing Orders be circulated to all Members of the Council and the matter be further considered at a future meeting.

183. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the cleaning of the war memorial.

The Parish Council discussed ways in which the appearance could be improved. Councillor Sharratt suggested that a local contractor should be approached to see if he could assist with the clean up.

The Clerk would write to the contractor to see if he could assist.

184. CHORLEY AND SOUTH RIBBLE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX.

The Clerk reported the appointment of a Specialist Employment Caseworker who was available to discuss all aspects of employment law.

185. DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION NEWSLETTER:

The Clerk circulated copies of the copies of the current newsletter.

186. MAYOR OF CHORLEY CHARITY BALL:

The Parish Council declined the invitation to attend the Charity Ball.

187. LANCASHIRE WINTER SERVICE INFORMATION:

The Clerk circulated copies of the copies of the leaflet issued by the County Council entitled Safer Winter Driving.

188. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk reported he had received a discussion paper on this subject. I

It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

189. CHORLEY HOUSING STRATEGY:

The Clerk submitted the final version of the Chorley Borough Council Housing Strategy.

190. NHS REFORMS CONSULTATION;

The Clerk submitted a leaflet regarding the consultation on changes to the Strategic Health Authority, Primary Care Trusts and Ambulance Service Trusts in Cumbria and Lancashire.

It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

191. COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER:

The Clerk submitted details relating to the changes to, policing in the Parish following the appointment of a Community Beat Manager for the area covering the Brindle, Hoghton Wheelton, Withnell and Pennine areas.

192. WOMENS INSTITUTE SCRAPBOOK:

Councillor Proctor presented on behalf of the Women's Institute the scrapbook produced of life in Hoghton to which the Parish Council had made a financial contribution.

193. APRIL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

The Clerk reported that the meeting scheduled for April would be on Easter Monday.

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It was agreed to meet on 10th April 2006.

194. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 20th February 2006 at 7.30.pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45.
p.m.