

# **DRAFT MINUTES OF 1029TH MEETING OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19TH JANUARY 2009 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT: - COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J. BALDWIN, N. PETER, J. PROCTOR, T.SHARRATT, Ms M. URRY AND MR. T HARKNESS (CLERK).**

## **144. 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 declared an interest at this stage.

## **145. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th November 2008 have been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **146. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

## **147. POLICE REPORT:**

In the absence of the Police the Clerk circulated the current police newsletter. There had been one reported incident in Hoghton in December 2008. Councillor Peter reported the theft of a Land Rover.

The Vice Chairman referred to car parking cars on Gib Lane. The police were asked to look into the problem.

Councillor Proctor asked if there had been any further information on the post of Police Archivist. The Chairman would speak to the Police Authority about this.

## **148. LALC REPORT:**

The Association's current Newsletter included a briefing note on the National Families Week, details of the training programme for 2009 and the comments of Mawdesley Parish Council on Chorley Council's proposals for sustaining the rural economy. The Chairman reported that the Parish Charter had now been adopted.

## **149. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

### **(A). TRAFFIC SCHEME – HOGHTON LANE:**

The Highway Authority was to assess the scheme and would then arrange for the painting of the white lines and markings by Quaker Brook Lane. This would be done in the Spring together with any road resurfacing work.

### **(B) BLOCKED DRAINS – HOGHTON LANE:**

Councillor Ms Urry had previously informed the Parish Council that a section of Hoghton Lane from Quaker Brook Lane was subject to flooding from blocked drains

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and the footway also required attention. These problems had been reported to the Area County Surveyor and the gullies would be checked and cleaned out. The footway would also be inspected and if any refurbishment work was necessary it would be included on the desirable footway resurfacing list and done on a priority basis. She also reported flooding near Brindle Lodge this would be reported to the Area County Surveyor.

**(C). RIGHT TURN – VILLAGE HALL:**

Councillor Ms Urry had referred to the problems associated with a right turn from the A675 into the Village Hall Car Park. The Area County Surveyor had replied that he did not consider that it was hazardous there had only been one reported accident in the last five years and there was no justification for any expenditure at this location also the stretch of road was lit. Councillor Ms Urry did not agree with these views as there had been several accidents at this location. It was felt that the situation might be alleviated if finger post direction signs to the Village Hall could be erected.

The Clerk would contact the Area County Surveyor about this.

*The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared an interest in this item being Chairman of the Village Management Committee.*

**(D). LAND ADJACENT TO THE BOARS HEAD:**

The Chairman had discussed the future use of this land with the Regional Manager of the Brewery and he did not feel anything was required to tidy up the land. However, he did agree to take the Parish Council's suggestion back to the Brewery for their comments. He would notify the Chairman about this.

The de Hoghton Estate had been in contact with the Chief Executive regarding this issue and he had agreed to look into the matter. Councillor Peter referred to the tree which was being cut down. He also reported that garden waste had been dumped at the end of the car park. This was a matter for the Brewery.

It was suggested that the Brewery erect a notice regarding tipping of waste.

The Clerk would speak to the Brewery about this.

**(E). GIB LANE – RESURFACING:**

The Vice Chairman reported on the current situation in Gib Lane following the recent flooding.

The Area County Surveyor would be asked to update the Parish Council about the resurfacing of the road.

**(F) OVERGROWN HEDGES:**

The hedges in Quaker Brook Lane had been cut back but not those in Chapel Lane, and Gib Lane. The Area County Surveyor would be asked to arrange for these hedges to be cut as soon as possible.

**(G) FOOTPATH – BRINDLE LODGE:**

The Clerk was awaiting a date for an inspection of the footpath by the Countryside Service of the County Council.

**(H) INFORMATION SIGNS - RILEY GREEN:**

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The De Hoghton Estate had discussed the replacement of the sign with the County Council and their response was awaited.

**(I) PRIVATE ROAD:**

The Area County Surveyor had investigated the condition of the road surface and the passing places on Private Road and would be taking action regarding the matter. The Clerk had notified Brindle Parish Council. Councillor Ms Urry reported that some minor repair work had taken place to the passing places. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

**(J) FLOODING DOVER LANE:**

It was understood that some work on the culverts was outstanding and Councillor Peter agreed to speak to the farmer about this.

**(K). DUMPING OF RUBBISH – HOGHTON BOTTOMS:**

Councillor Sharratt had reported the dumping of large amounts of rubbish near the bench and salt bin at Hoghton Bottoms. This had been removed but since then more rubbish had been dumped.

The Cleansing Manager at Chorley would be asked to remove it.

Councillor Sharratt asked all Members to be vigilant regarding fly tipping in this and neighbouring parishes.

**(L). FOOTWAY – WISE MARYS FARM:**

Councillor Proctor reported problems for pedestrians from an accumulation of leaves on this footway.

Chorley Council would be asked to sweep the footway.

**150. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Chairman reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

**151. PLANNING REPORT:**

**(A) DECISIONS:**

The following application had been approved:-

Change of use of the petrol station forecourt to residential curtilage, change of use of shop to residential accommodation, .erection of garden wall to front to reduce width of vehicular access and erection of 1.5 metre storey side extension and a single storey to rear `The Filling Station` Station Road (App no 08/1022/COU) Applicant Mr. Buckland.

**(B) APPLICATIONS:-**

The following applications had been received:-

1. Listed Building Consent for the installation of two 8mm thick poly carbonate window guards to the out side of the church to protect the stained glass windows Holy Trinity Church Blackburn Old Road. App no 08/01143/LBC Applicant Holy Trinity PCC.

2. Widening and upgrading of existing vehicular access including new gates and gate posts, new timber fence to south eastern access boundary Horrobin Farm Bolton Road App no 08/01102/FUL Applicant Mr Hartley.

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*Councillor Peter declared a prejudicial interest in the application and did not speak or vote thereon*

3. Demolition of an existing single storey scout hut and erection of a new purpose built storey straw bale building with green roof and rendered walls with new dedicated car parking all within current location of the existing site Scout Hut Blackburn Old Road. App no 08/01080/FUL Applicant Group Scout Leader.

4. Notification of application for Ecclesiastical Exemption in respect of repairs to the existing steps at the front of the church, remove existing ramp access to both the ramp and the front steps St. Joseph's Church Chapel Fold Private Road and provide new ramp faced in stone slabs and providing hand rails App no 08/01235/ECC Applicant Mr Cowdall. (Neighbouring Parish Application)

5. Erection of two stables tack room and first hay store to replace existing stable /tack room Viaduct Road App no 08/01237/FUL Applicant J. Miller Crook.

No observations were made on these applications.

**(C) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:**

The Clerk submitted the Draft Sustainable Resources Supplementary Planning Document on the use of sustainable resources in Chorley to 2106.

No observations were made on the document

**152. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The following accounts were submitted for payment

1 Village Hall	Hire of room October and November 2008	£18.00
2. T. Harkness	Clerk – Salary (£312.50) and Expenses (£114.67) September – December 2008.	£427.17

The Accounts were agreed and cheques signed.

**153. CHEQUE SIGNATURES:**

The new signatories were asked to give proof of their identity at the local branch of Natwest Bank.

**154. GRANTS**

**(A). AUTUMN CLUB**

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from the Chairman of the Autumn Club for the donation towards their funds.

**(B). NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE:**

The Air Ambulance North West had requested a donation. It was agreed to donate £75.00 to the Air Ambulance and a cheque was signed.

**155. PINFOLD:**

The Chairman reported the position regarding the status of the Pinfold and the Parish Council discussed its options for the future. A site visit would be held to assess the effect of trees on the culvert crossing the site and in the meantime the

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Clerk would post notices asking for the views of the public on the future use of the Pinfold.

Following this the Parish Council would consider the matter and an action plan would be drawn up.

**156. LANCASHIRE LOCAL:**

The Clerk reported on the meetings of the Lancashire Local – Chorley held in November and December 2008 and in particular referred to County Council's Budget Proposals. The Clerk circulated a copy of the budget for the information of the Parish Council.

He also reported that the County Council had approved changes to the role of Lancashire Local in December 2008 following the consultation exercise.

**157. BOROUGH/PARISH LIAISON:**

The Chairman and Councillor Ms Urry reported on the meeting of the Liaison Committee held on 15th January 2009 and in particular referred to Chorley Council's Budget proposals. The Parish Council had until 6th February to comment and the Clerk submitted a copy of the Consultation Document together with a commentary on the proposals. The comments made were endorsed.

The Chairman of Brindle Parish Council had requested the support of this council in relation to a review of the working arrangements between parish councils and Chorley. The Parish Council gave it support to this recommendation.

Councillor Ms Urry reported on other matters discussed including the proposed introduction of a single refuse bin system and Chorley Council's views on sites for travellers.

**158. CHORLEY EQUALITY FORUM:**

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the forum would be held on Wednesday 21st January 2009 and the Chairman and Councillor Ms Urry would attend. She also reminded Members of the Holocaust Memorial Service to be held in Chorley on 24th January 2009

**159. SELRAP:**

The clerk submitted the current newsletter from this group asking all Members to sign a petition requesting the re-opening of the Colne to Skipton line. The Parish Council agreed to the signing of the petition.

**160. LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY CONSULTATION:**

The Clerk submitted a consultation document issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government on local authority publicity. No observations were made on the document.

**161. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT:**

The Parish Council had asked Chorley to "opt in" to this Act. The Chief Executive had informed the Clerk that they had decided not to do so because they felt that their Neighbour Working arrangements fulfilled the intention of the Act.

**162. LANCASHIRE LINK:**

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The Clerk reported that this was statutory organisation which brought together local people, organisations and groups who wanted to improve publicly funded health and social care services in Lancashire. It was holding a series of local events designed to ask people what they thought of local health services and to find out how they think LINK should work.

The nearest events were on Tuesday 20th January at the Gujarat Hindu Society Temple South Meadow Lane Preston and on Thursday 22nd January at the Civic Centre Leyland. The events were open to anybody and the dates had been advertised on the Notice Boards.

**163. DOG BINS – VIADUCT ROAD:**

Following a request for a dog bin at Viaduct Road the Chorley Dog Warden Service had inspected the Area and could not see a suitable location. However, signs would be put up requesting people take their bags home or place in the litter bins nearby.

It was considered that the dog bin could be put next to the litter bin currently on Viaduct Road. The Chairman would consult Chorley again about this suggestion.

**164. BRINDLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**

The Society was to give a presentation on the history of the Parish Council on 28th September 2009 to which all Members of the Parish Council were invited. The Society had also requested the Parish Councils support for a Royal Visit to Brindle and Hoghton in 2013. The Parish Council felt that this suggestion should be referred back to the Society for action.

**165. MAYORS CHARITY BALL:**

The Clerk reported details of the ball to be held on 13th February 2009 at Park Hall.

**166. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 16th February 2009 at 7.30.p.m at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25. p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

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