

**MINUTES OF 1116TH MEETING OF  
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 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 T.SHARRATT AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

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

**123. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence was submitted from Councillor Ms.Urry and County Councillor A. Cullens.

**124. COUNCILLOR MS URRY:**

The Parish Council wished Ms.Urry a speedy recovery following her recent accident.

**125. 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.

**126. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st November 2016 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood).

**127. 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.**

**128. POLICE REPORT:**

**(A). LIAISON:**

The Police did not attend.

The Clerk circulated the current police newsletter.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N.Peter) reported that there had been some police incidents in the Parish during January.

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

The Clerk circulated a copy of the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer.

### **129. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter. There would be a Finance Workshop for Councillors on 23rd February 2017 and the Chorley Area Committee would meet on 2nd February 2017 at Chorley Town Hall.

He submitted an invitation from the County Council's Champion for Parishes for the Parish Council to send two delegates to attend the Lancashire County Council's Parish and Town Council Conference on Saturday 25th February 2017 at County Hall from 9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

The Clerk also referred to the Annual Invitation to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 23rd May 2017. Nominations were restricted to Chairman only.

The newsletter was accepted and Councillor Y.Hargreaves was appointed the Parish Council delegate to the Parish and Town Council Conference on 25th February 2017.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) was nominated for selection to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 23rd May 2017.

### **130. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

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

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

Councillor Sharratt commented that local people had wanted the speed reduction for over thirty years.

Councillor Ms Hargreaves felt that the efforts of the Parish Council and Mr Boardman a local resident deserved recognition.

Mr. Boardman attended the meeting and offered to keep local residents informed of developments.

The Clerk would seek details of the consultation from the County Council.

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

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported on his discussions with an officer at the County Council regarding a solution to this issue.

#### **(C). CHAPEL LANE - ROAD MARKINGS**

The County Council had now completed the SLOW markings on the approaches to the bridge on Chapel Lane.

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

The Clerk reported that the outcome of the speed survey was awaited.

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### **(E). PUBLIC FOOTPATH SIGN:**

In the past Councillor Sharratt reported that the public footpath sign by the stile on the west side of Sandy Lane (B5256) and Blackburn Old Road (A657) had fallen down. The Countryside Service had indicated it would be re-erected but had not given a specific time when they would do so. County Councillor Cullens would investigate why there was a delay.

### **(F). 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.

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

Councillor Sharratt reported a deep hole on Blackburn Old Road (A675) near the entrance to the Village Hall. Apparently this had been filled in recently but half the fill had come out.

The Clerk would report this to the County Council.

### **(H). HIGHWAYS ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:**

The Clerk reported the County Council was to introduce this system from April 2017. It was a new core system for highways providing up to date information regarding pothole repairs and gully cleaning.

### **131. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

District Councillor Mrs Long reported that there were no current issues affecting the Parish Council.

She also issued an invitation from the Mayor of Chorley to her Charity Ball to be held at the Park Hall Hotel Charnock Richard from 7.00 p.m. on Friday 3rd February 2017

### **132. PLANNING REPORT:**

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

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

Removal of dead wood and pruning to branches overhanging Station Road and interfering with street lighting 2 Station Road (App no 16/01034/TPO) Applicant Mr Piddington.- Refused.

The Clerk would ask the Chorley Council for the reasons for refusal.

#### **(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.

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### **(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.

### **(E). CONSERVATION AREAS:**

The Clerk reported that a local resident had asked that the Parish Council should request Chorley Council to consider the making of Conservation Areas at various locations within the Parish.

He had consulted Chorley Council on this suggestion and had been informed they were no longer establishing conservation areas.

### **(F). PLANNING IN PRACTICE:**

The Clerk submitted an invitation from Chorley Council to send delegates to a seminar to be held at the Town Hall on 13th March 2017 from 4.45p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

The topic of the Seminar was the role of the County Council's Highways Department in consultations on Planning Applications.

Councillor Ms Hargreaves was appointed the Parish Council's delegate at this seminar.

### **133. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1.A. Harkness	Clerk Salary and Expenses Quarter ended 31st December 2016	£652.75.
2.Holy Trinity Parish Church	Hire of Room Quarter ended 31st December 2016	£40.00

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

### **134. WALL AT PINFOLD:**

The Clerk reported that when the wall was damaged he had initially submitted details to the Council's Insurers. They had made financial arrangements for this to be dealt with and these had now been concluded at no cost to the Parish Council.

### **135. BANK ACCOUNTS:**

The Clerk reported that NATWEST had amended Parish Council Bank Account mandate to allow all members to sign cheques.

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

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The Parish Council agreed this course of action.

### **136. LETTER OF THANKS:**

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from the Autumn Club in respect of the donation made to them by the Parish Council.

### **137. ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:**

The Clerk submitted the annual maintenance account for 2015/16 amounting to £655.00 The account was approved and a cheque was signed. The Parish Council agreed to extend the contract for a further year.

### **138. LANCASHIRE CIVIC CAROL SERVICE - BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL:**

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the Dean of Blackburn Cathedral to the Parish Council to attend the Lancashire Civic Carol Service at the Cathedral on 5th February 2017.

### **139. WAR MEMORIAL:**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N.Peter) reported that he had contacted the Project Officer at Chorley to request urgent progress on the ponding issue. However nothing had been done. He would contact him again.

He also reported on the current situation regarding the provision of a flag pole.

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

The Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood) reported on the current situation regarding the pond. No maintenance work was being carried. However, he reminded the Parish Council that this had been recommended as a project in the Eastern Parishes Programme 2017/18.

### **141. DATE OF MEETING APRIL 2017:**

The Clerk indicated that the meeting of the Parish Council fell on 17th April 2017 which was Easter Monday. The Parish Council considered alternative dates.

It was agreed that the April meeting be held on 24th April 2017.

### **142. CHORLEY LIAISON MEETING:**

The next meeting would be held on 18th January 2017 at Chorley Town Hall.

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

Monday 20th February 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 FEBRUARY 2017.**