

**MINUTES OF 1149TH MEETING  
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 20TH JANUARY 2020  
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL.**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** 3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

**693. 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.

**694. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th November 2019 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood).

**695. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:-**

**HOLLINS CLOSE - RAT INFESTATION:**

Local residents expressed their concerns at the rat infestation in their homes. They explained what steps had been taken by the Pest Control Officer to eradicate the problem. They also referred to the property which had recently burnt down and suggested that the storage of pallets here had contributed to the problem. However, the problem still existed and it was considered that this was an extension of the infestation at Cripplegate Lane.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) explained what action had been taken by Chorley Council at Cripplegate Lane and stated that a programme of improvements to the area had been delayed following a complaint. An environmental advisor was to inspect the site and make recommendations

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) felt they only way to resolve the problem was to stop feeding the ducks at the pond on Cripplegate Lane.

The residents were advised to write to the appropriate officer at Chorley Council and to ask their neighbours to do likewise.

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### **VARIOUS:**

A Local Historian raised various matters including the replacement of the footbridge over the River Darwen, the confusion of local residents regarding the boundaries between Brindle and Hoghton. A request to visit the County Archivist to inspect the Parish Council Minutes in relation the closure of Hoghton Railway Station, the proposal to provide a park and ride and the possibility of the re-opening of a station in the locality. He also referred to the number of unoccupied properties in the Parish. It was understood that Chorley Council was considering this matter.

The Clerk would seek clarification that the footbridge over the River Darwen was a designated bridleway and permission was granted for the Historian to inspect the minutes.

**AS THERE WERE NO FURTHER ISSUES THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

### **696. POLICE REPORT:**

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

The police were not present.

The Clerk circulated a Police and Crime Commissioner consultation document regarding Neighbourhood Watch and The Herbert Protocol relating to the reporting of missing persons.

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

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

### **697. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk circulated the December 2019 newsletter and referred to the formation of Community Reliance Groups.

He submitted the Annual request from the Association regarding the nominations to attend the Annual Buckingham Palace Garden Party and the invitation to the LCC Parish and Town Conference on 8th February 2020 at Galloways Society for the Blind, Howick Park House Howick Park Avenue Penwortham from 9.30 to 12.30.

### **698. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

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

The County Council had been asked to deal with the flooding in Chapel Lane.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported on the recent work to prevent flooding in Quaker Brook Lane.

#### **(B). FOOTPATHS:**

The Clerk circulated the current map of footpaths and bridleways in the Parish and informed the Parish Council that the Chorley Ramblers Association was undertaking a survey of the condition of the footpaths.

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The County Council had been notified of the overgrown hedge near the former telephone box on Station Road.

### **(C). HEDGE - QUAKER BROOK LANE/THE STRAITS:**

Following the request from the Parish Council for a site meeting with County Councillor Snowden regarding the possible removal of the hedge to improve visibility at this junction he had requested photographs of the hedge before meeting the Parish Council. These had been sent to him and a reply was awaited.

### **(D) BLACKBURN OLD ROAD (A675) - ROAD SURFACE:**

At the last meeting a Member indicated that the condition of the road surface from the Village Hall to the traffic lights at Moulden Brow was deteriorating rapidly and needed urgent attention. The County Council was currently investigating this.

### **(E). HIGHWAYS WINTER BRIEFINGS:**

The Clerk circulated the latest bulletin.

### **(F). FLOODING - DOVER LANE:**

The County Council was investigating the flooding which had been reported on Dover Lane about 100m from the Blackburn Road.

### **699. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

A report was presented on matters affecting Chorley Council.

### **700. PLANNING REPORT:**

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

Planning permission was granted for developments at Riley Green, Viaduct Road and Chapel Lane since the last meeting.

#### **B. APPLICATIONS:**

Applications for development at Private Road, Riley Green, Willowfield Chase and Sandy Lane had been submitted to Chorley Council. Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations were made.

Chorley Council would be informed.

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the planning applications for development at The Straits.

He also reminded the Parish Council that a Planning in Practice Session would be held at Chorley Council offices on 10th February 2020 which was open to Members of the Parish Council.

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### 701. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Salary and expenses quarter ended 31st December 2019	£733.63.
2. HMRC	Tax on salary and expenses quarter ended 31st December 2019	£145.83
3.M. Savage	Annual Maintenance Contract	£890.00
3. Hoghton Holy Trinity Parish Church	Room Hire October and November 2019	£40.00

The Accounts were agreed and cheques signed.

### 702. CHORLEY BUDGET CONSULTATION:

The Clerk submitted a consultation document relating to proposed changes to the Council Tax system and its possible effect on the Parish Precept.

The Parish Council objected to the proposals.

### 703. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported the current situation regarding Chorley Council's proposals to resolve the pending issue at the War Memorial.

### 704. CONSULTATIONS:

The Clerk referred to the consultation document dealing with the revised planning issues in the Central Lancashire Development Plan which was circulated at the last meeting.

No observations were made.

He also referred to the Consultation from the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner requesting the views of the Parish Council on an increase in the police precept for the next financial year.

A Member had no issue with the proposed increase albeit expecting to realise local benefits in Hoghton with increased police activity when needed.

### 704. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:

A report was presented on the meeting held at Chorley Town Hall on Wednesday 15th January 2020.

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### **706. 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 2nd February 2020.

### **707. PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

The Parish Council considered the whether the current monthly programme of meetings should be reviewed.

The Clerk was asked to draw up a schedule of six weekly meetings from May 2020 for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

### **708. MAYOR OF CHORLEY CHARITY BALL:**

The Clerk submitted an invitation to the ball on 14th February 2020 at the Town Hall tickets were £30 each.

### **709. DIGITAL INCLUSION:**

Chorley Council were proposing Computer Training Classes and had asked if anyone would be interested in attending.

The Clerk would seek further details.

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

Monday 17th February 2020 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 9.10 p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**17TH FEBRUARY 2020.**