

**MINUTES OF 1157TH MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 25TH JANUARY 2021
(VIRTUAL MEETING)**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE PC C. EXLEY COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER
LANCASHIRE POLICE AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

823. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was submitted from The Chair (Councillor T.Greenwood).

824. COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD:

The Clerk reported that the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) had expressed his thanks to the Parish Council for their get well messages following his COVID19 outbreak. He was wished a speedy recovery.

825. PC C. EXLEY:

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor N. Peter) welcomed PC Exley the Police Community Beat Manager for an area which included Brindle and Hoghton who was attending his first meeting.

826. 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.

827. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 30th November 2020 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and would be signed by the Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) when appropriate.

828. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING
MATTER:**

PINFOLD - RILEY GREEN:

The residents wished to comment on the matter.

In view of the ongoing complaints procedure issued against the Parish Council in October 2020.

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the Chairman of the meeting (Councillor N. Peter) felt this was inappropriate.

They were asked to submit a formal complaint letter for consideration by the Parish Council and agreed to contact the Clerk regarding this.

AS THERE WERE NO FURTHER MATTERS THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

829. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The new police officer responsible for Hoghton indicated his role which was to try and help with the issues in the area. He wanted to obtain as much information about the area problems, and was doing this through the police system 'In The Know'. This allowed local residents to tell us their issues, and allowed the Police to contact them via text or email telling them of what the police had been doing. They wished to disseminate information to local residents, to engage with the community as a whole, as well as in person. The Officer was a firm believer of bobbies back on the beat, and would try to do this in the next year.

It was also reported that a fixed penalty notice regarding anti social behaviour in Hoghton had been issued recently.

There had been a range of consultations circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics dealing with the introduction of the Government restrictions arising from the Coronovid pandemic and the proposals for the police budget in April 2021.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

830. LALC REPORT:

A newsletter had not been issued since the last meeting.

831. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). QUAKER BROOK LANE/THE STRAITS - TRAFFIC:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported on his discussions with various members of the County Council regarding the proposed traffic management scheme. He had contacted the County Councillor for Highways requesting a site visit to be attended by local residents. When a site visit was agreed a time scale would be imposed for it to take place.

(B). BLACKBURN OLD ROAD (A675) - HEDGE:

Chorley Council had been asked to remove the debris from the hedge at the boundary of land running from the railway bridge to the Boars Head Car Park which had been left on the footway.

Chorley Council would be asked for an update.

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(C). QUAKER BROOK LANE - DRAINAGE:

The Parish Council had requested the County Council to undertake a comprehensive drainage scheme to alleviate flooding on Quaker Brook Lane,

The County Council reply was circulated which indicated that no further was required.

(D). HOGHTON LANE - PARKING:

It appeared that the parking situation had been resolved.

(E). OVERGROWN GUTTERS/PAVEMENTS:

At the last meeting it was reported that the pavements and gutters in the Parish were overgrown with vegetation in particular at the entrance to Station Road where sight lines were obscured. There were also problems in Gib Lane.

The Chorley Council had cleared leaves in Gib Lane but other work was still required.

The hedge in Station Road had not been cut back despite a request from the Parish Council in March.

(F). PRIVATE ROAD - FLOODING:

Flooding continued to be a problem in this area and County Councillor Snowden had been reminded of the request for a more permanent solution to be provided by the Highways Department and a reply was awaited.

It was also reported that the recently repaired sinkhole near Holly Bank on Private Road was subsiding again. This had been reported to the County Council and this was currently being dealt with.

A temporary closure order had been made for Private Road to allow United Utilities to carry out urgent repair work. It currently lasted until 29th January 2021.

(G). HIGHWAYS WINTER BRIEFINGS:

The Clerk circulated the latest bulletin.

(H). MANHOLE AND DRAINS HOGHTON LANE CHORLEY AND SOUTH RIBBLE:

There was a long running drainage/flooding issue along the main A675 road along both sides of Hoghton Lane outside Olive Farm, Bells Lane corner, Methuen Drive, Old Oak corner, Daub Hall Lane corner etc. The A675 carriage way was flooded on the bend at Higher Walton facing the access to Gregson Lane.

There were weak points of drainage throughout this area and recent building development such as Olive Farm and Brindle road which would add several hundreds of houses to problems on an already overstretched system.

The County Council had been asked to look into this problem.

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832 . CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

Details of the actions taken by the Council in relation to the Pandemic were reported and the arrangements for the proposed 2021 National Census including details of possible scams.

833. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) DECISIONS:

Since the last meeting an application for permission for tree works at Private Road had been agreed. Applications for developments at Willowfield Chase, Private Road, Sandy Lane, Viaduct Road, Hoghton Lane and Gib Lane had all been granted. Three applications had been refused one was for a development at Rock Gardens the other two were for tree works at Station Road and Quaker Brook Lane.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

Applications had been received for developments in Sandy Lane, Hollins Close Blackburn Old Road, Moulden Brow and Rock Gardens plus an application for tree works at Quaker Brook Lane had been submitted since the last meeting.

Details had been circulated to all Members and no comments were made with the exception of a possible problem relating to footpath 47 had been reported to Chorley Council.

A site investigation would take place to decide whether any further action was necessary.

(C). CPRE - VISION FOR PLANNING:

The Clerk circulated the CPRE document setting out their vision for the planning system.

(D) TIPIS - BOLTON ROAD:

Correspondence was submitted from a resident in Bolton Road expressing his concerns at the lack of action by Chorley Council in enforcing the terms of the planning permission and seeking the help of the Parish Council in resolving the issue.

The Parish Council had requested enforcement action in the past.

The Head of Planning at Chorley would be asked to expedite the enforcement action within a specific time span.

834. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment

1.T. Harkness	Clerk - Salary and Expenses Quarter ended 31st December 2020.	£782.45.
2. HMRC	Tax on Salary .	£169.38.
3.N. Peter	Pinfold Notice	£45.24.

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4.D. Metcalfe	Rental for Zoom Meeting	£14.39

The accounts were approved and cheques signed.

835. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Chairman of the meeting (Councillor N. Peter) reported on the present position on work to rectify the ponding issue at the War Memorial.

836. CRIPPLEGATE LANE:

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council had decided to retain the pond and maintain the area. The rat infestation would continue to be monitored.

837. CONSULTATIONS:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the 2021/22 County Council Budget Consultation and the Development of the Covid 19 vaccination programme.

838. RISK ASSESSMENTS:

The Clerk reported that a review was currently being undertaken on the Parish Council's Risk Assessment Procedure.

Details of the revised procedure would be circulated to all Members of the Parish Council for approval and adoption at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

839. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 1st March 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman of the meeting (Councillor N. Peter) declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

1ST MARCH 2021