

HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL 16TH JULY 2012
MINUTES OF 1068TH MEETING OF
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 16TH JULY 2012
AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: POLICE COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER M. ETHERIDGE, POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER L. BOTTOM

1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor N. Peter.

2. 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.

3. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th June 2012 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. AS THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

5 POLICE REPORT:

Police Community Beat Manager Etheridge and Police Support Officer Bottom reported on incidents of crime in the area since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

It was also reported that a resident in Gib Lane had complained about an increase in the speed of traffic using Gib Lane. The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) confirmed this was the case.

The Community Beat Manager would ask the Road Traffic Unit to monitor this situation.

The Police also circulated a copy of their local newsletter which would replace the County wide police newsletter.

The Clerk reported that at the PACT Meeting on 3rd July the following issues of interest were discussed.

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Ironman Race:

This would be held on Sunday 22 July, there would be some temporary road closures in the Rivington/Wheelton/Brinscall areas.

Rural Watch.

There was to be a meeting about this at Brindle on 3rd September and Members of the Parish Council were invited to attend. Councillor Sharratt and Urry confirmed they would attend and the Clerk would provide them with further information .

Police Move to Clayton Brook.

This was now imminent, the Police were waiting for IT to be installed. Wheelton Police Station would then be auctioned off as soon as possible as 2 houses.

The Clerk also circulated a copy of the current Police and Crime Commissioner newsletter and information about current scams which he had been notified of by the Trading Standards Officer.

Councillors Proctor and Ms Urry referred to the effect the recent changes to the speed limit in the South Ribble section of the A675 had had on the stretch of road immediately within Hoghton when drivers entered the 50 mph zone.

The Police Community Beat Manager would ask the Road Traffic Unit to monitor this problem.

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) reminded the Parish Council that when the new traffic system had been introduced on the A657 the County Council had agreed to review it after three years. As it was over three years since the scheme was implemented he felt that the County Council should be asked to undertake this review.

The Clerk would ask the County Council to do so with the suggestion that the speed limit should be reduced to 40mph.

6. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted the current newsletter.

He also reported that any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by 29th August 2012. No resolutions were made.

7. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). FOOTPATH – PARISH CHURCH:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the proposed start date for the work was 20th July 2012. He was currently liaising with Councillor Peter for the supply and storage of materials for the work.

Prior to the commencement of the job Councillor Peter would trim the grass.

(B) ROAD SURFACE – QUAKER BROOK LANE:

It was reported that there had been no progress on the suggested resurfacing of Quaker Brook Lane.

The Clerk would contact the County Council to ask for the resurfacing to be done.

(C) ROAD MARKINGS A675 BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

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The Clerk reported that some work had occurred during June but it was not known whether this was the complete job. The Clerk would ascertain the current position.

It was also reported that the Blackburn Old Road sign at Brindle Bar had been repaired by Chorley Council.

(D) PRIVATE ROAD:

County Councillor Devaney was to undertake a site inspection with the Woodlands Officer regarding the tree which was leaning across the road and was in danger of falling down.

(E). OVERGROWN HEDGE – CHAPEL LANE:

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) reported that he had received a complaint from a local resident that the hedge on Chapel Lane was overgrown causing pedestrians to walk in the road. The Clerk had notified the Highways Inspectorate but no work had been done.

The Clerk would ascertain the current position.

(F) POTHoles CHAPEL LANE:

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) had reported that there were large potholes on Chapel Lane near the former Methodist Chapel. The Clerk had notified the Highways Inspectorate. The work had still not been done. County Councillor Devaney had advised that there was a backlog of road works which the Environment Directorate was attempting to reduce.

The Clerk would ascertain the current position.

(G) SIGNS – WEASEL LANE:

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) reported on the current situation regarding the signs to be erected by Chorley Council.

(H) RESURFACING OF STATION ROAD AND RILEY GREEN:

The Clerk had asked that Station Road and the A675 at Riley Green should be resurfaced.

(I) HEDGE - STATION ROAD:

Councillor Baldwin requested early action regarding the cutting back of the hedge.

The County Council had been asked to arrange for this to be done some time ago and it was explained that the landowner had 60 days to comply with any notice issued.

The Clerk would contact the County Council and ask that urgent action be taken.

(J) ENVIRONMENT BULLETIN:

The Clerk submitted the summer bulletin from the Environment Directorate. It mentioned the resurfacing of Riley Green Switch Road in September.

(K) HOGHTON LANE :

Councillor Ms Urry referred to the recent development at the two semi detached houses where the front wall had been removed to allow cars to be parked .

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She felt that this would give rise to a hazardous situation for vehicles travelling along Hoghton Lane. The Chairman(Councillor Dickinson) had consulted the Planning Officer at Chorley and there was nothing which could be done.

She also reported that a deer had been run over near to Brindle Lodge and that there had been an incident recently when a deer had been shot near the rear of her property but the offenders had been caught by the police.

8 CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) reported on the recent meeting of Chorley Council. The Clerk indicated that at the meeting to be held on 17th July Chorley Council would be considering its Annual Report and the revised Code of Conduct.

The Chairman(Councillor Dickinson) reported on appointments to the Three Tier Forum.

9. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) DECISIONS.

No decisions on planning applications had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

The following applications had been submitted since the last meeting of the Parish Council:-

(1) Application to demolish the existing conservatory and porch, erection of new porch and part two storey part first floor extensions and a new roof including raising the ridge, together with a detached out building incorporating a four cart garage and garden store Braemar Cripple Gate Lane (App no 12/00601/FUL) Applicant Mr. Bradley 5 The Stables Hapton.

Details were circulated to all Members and no observations were made.

The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

(2) Single Storey rear extension and Juliette balcony to side elevation 1-2 Spring Bank Cottages Viaduct Road (App no 12/00653/FUL Applicant Mr. Quail.

Details were circulated to all Members and no observations were made.

The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

(3). Outline application for the demolition of Stanley Grange and redevelopment to include 70 over 55 retirement dwellings and community centre with a proportion of units to provide for existing self unlimited customers for their ongoing supported living requirements with all matters reserved apart from access layout and scale following demolition of existing care home (App no 078/2011/10834/OUT Adjoining Local Planning Authority Application – South Ribble Borough Council) Applicant CARE Fund/Self Unlimited.

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that in February 2012 it had been notified of this outline application and had objected to the development for the following reasons:-

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1. The proposals were in Green Belt.
2. It was an over development of the site.
3. If approved there would be increased traffic on Quaker Brook Lane (being the shortest route to the nearest shops, fuel etc) increase of traffic on Roach Road/Gib Lane by residents' vehicles, utility & service vehicles etc.
4. The overall visual appearance of the development

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting additional supporting information. The Parish Council considered the information and wished to reiterate its previous objections.

The Clerk would notify South Ribble Council Council that the previous objections still applied.

4. Diversification of one and a half unused greenhouses into rural outdoor educational facility Ricroft Nursery Quaker Brook Lane (App No 12/00378/FUL) Applicants Mr and Mrs. Peter.

This application had been temporarily withdrawn pending information from the County Council Highways Directorate.

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment

1.Village Hall	Hire of Room Parish Council Meetings April - June 2012	£30.00
2.M. Savage	Grass Cutting Pinfold	£35.00

The Accounts were agreed and the cheques signed.

11. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2011/12:

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of the Accounts for 2011/12 has been completed and an administrative issue had been highlighted which had been verified and required no further action. (details were circulated). The completion of the audit would be now publicised. A fee of £120.00 plus VAT was payable for the audit.

The report was accepted the audit opinion approved and adopted and a cheque for £120.00 plus VAT was signed.

12. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Clerk reported on the current position regarding repairs to the War Memorial. An estimate was awaited and it was agreed that the Clerk accept the estimate when available subject to consultation with the Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) and the Vice Chairman(Councillor Greenwood)

Councillor Ms Urry reported on the latest developments in the establishment of a Friends Of Houghton War Memorial Group.

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13. PINFOLD:

The Clerk had made arrangements for the provision of a gate at the Pinfold adjoining 29 Riley Green.

The Clerk had contacted the Royal Oak Landlady who had confirmed she was leaving and suggested that the meeting be deferred until a new tenant was in place.

Arrangements were being made for the completion of the storyboard.

The Clerk reported that United Utilities had agreed to put reflective warning tape round the metal ties to the overhead cable support which was near the site entrance at Riley Green.

14. CHORLEY EQUALITY FORUM:

Councillor Ms Urry was unable to be present at the meeting meeting of the forum held on 5th July 2012 but had objected in writing to to the privatisation of Lancashire Link . She had not received a response.

15. BOROUGH/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:

The next meeting would take place on Wednesday 18th July at 6.30 p.m. at the Town Hall Chorley. The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) and Councillor Ms Urry would represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

The Clerk referred to the changes to the scheme for grass and hedge cutting and these issues would be raised at the meeting.

16. FLAGPOLE:

At the last meeting the location of the flagpole was changed to the Village Hall.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor Greenwood) suggested that this location would need the permission of the Village Hall Committee and they would not meet until September. However, a meeting had been held and the opinion was that the mound in front of the village Hall was not suitable and the flagpole should be sited near the notice board.

Councillor Sharratt felt that the proposal should be not be taken any further and the Parish Council concurred .

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 17th September 2012 at 7.45.pm at the Village Hall

there being no further business the Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) declared the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

**Signed
Chairman**

17th SEPTEMBER 2012