

MINUTES OF 1090TH MEETING OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 28TH JULY 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillor J. Baldwin.

2. COUNCILLOR J. BALDWIN:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) informed the Parish Council of the current situation regarding Councillor Baldwin`s treatment.

The Parish Council sent their best wishes to Councillor Baldwin for a speedy recovery.

3. 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.

4. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th June 2014 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. 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.

6. COMMEMORATON OF START OF WORLD WAR ONE:

Mr Collins a representatives from the Holy Trinity Parish Church submitted details of the arrangements made for ceremonies to mark this event.

There would be a service in Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday 3rd August when a ceremonial candle would be presented to the Church.

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On Monday 4th August 2014 there would be a service at the War Memorial when sprigs of rosemary would be laid for each of the men who lost their lives in the War.

The Chairman (Councillor D.Dickinson) would read out the names.

At 10.30 p.m there would be a Vigil at the Parish Church where candles would be lit for each of the fallen and then extinguished when their names were called.

A copy of the Vigil Service was circulated by Mr. Collins.

The Vigil would end at the exact time that War was declared.

Councillor Ms Urry would give a reading of the poem Dulce et Decorum Est by Robert Owen.

Mr. Collins was thanked for the details he had reported and then he left the meeting.

7. POLICE REPORT:

(A). NEWSLETTERS:

As the police were not present no report was presented.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 5th August 2014 at Clayton Brook.

Councillor Sharratt reported on the Air Support PACT Meeting held on 26th June 2014 and expressed his concerns about what would happen in the the future.

Councillor Ms Urry referred to the work of Police Constable Jeffrey with regard to these PACT Meetings.

The Parish Council placed on record its appreciation of her work.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

8. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

It was also reported that as in 2013 the Lancashire Parish Councils Conference and the LALC AGM would be held on the same day. This year they would be held on 8th November 2014 at County Hall Preston.

Notification of delegates was required by 17th October 2014 and details of any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by 29th August 2014. No resolutions were made.

The reports were accepted and the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) and Councillor Ms M. Urry were appointed the Council's delegates to the Lancashire

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County Council/Parish Council Conference and Annual General Meeting of LALC to be held on 8th November 2014.

9. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :

Councillor Peter reported that he had been contacted by the County Council on the structure of the drain near Barracks Farm on Chapel Lane but had not had opportunity to respond.

He would inform the Clerk of the name of the officer concerned who would arrange for Councillor Peter to be contacted again.

(B). GIB LANE :

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that the debris had been removed and the dangerous pothole at the junction of Gib Lane and Blackburn Old Road near the Boars Head Public House had been filled in.

(C). FOOTPATH 44:

It was reported that following a further inspection the footpath was considered passable.

Councillor Ms Urry reported that the wrong stile had been repaired. The broken stile was located on the border of the adjoining field.

The Clerk referred to the priority order for the repair and maintenance of footpaths.

He had been informed that the repairs had been placed on a list and would be carried out in order of priority.

(D). CRIPPLEGATE LANE- POND:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that pipes were being installed at the pond by Chorley Council but no further work had been done since the last Meeting.

The Clerk would contact the Neighbourhood Officer to ascertain the current position regarding this work.

(E). FINGER POST SIGN to SAMLESBURY:

Chorley Council had agreed to replace the sign but it had still not been erected.

The Clerk would ask Chorley Council to carry out this work as soon as possible.

(F). FUTURE OF LOCAL BUS SERVICES:

The Clerk submitted a consultation by the County Council on subsidised bus services assessment criteria. The County Council were proposing to revise the criteria to measure services in a more sustainable way.

The revised approach would place emphasis on journeys that provide access to work education and health opportunities and would prioritise daytime and Sunday services relative to those provided in the evening after 6.30 p.m.

Brindle Parish Council felt that the proposals were unfair on local parishes with regard to weekend services and that this should be drawn to the attention of the County Council.

The Parish Council supported the views of Brindle Parish Council.

Councillor Ms Urry reported on the operation of the 152 Stagecoach Service in Houghton and would be complaining to them about the poor service which she had experienced on the evening of the meeting.

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(G). ENVIRONMENT BULLETIN:

The Clerk submitted the Summer edition.

Councillor Ms Urry reported that during the recent resurfacing work Openreach Bt was installing high speed broad band cables but had stopped short of linking it to the system when the road works were being done. Openreach had not returned to finish the job.

The Clerk would contact Openreach about this and ask the local MP to investigate the delay in providing high speed broadband in the Parish.

Councillor Sharratt reported that the gullies on the A675 Blackburn Old Road from the railway bridge to the Straits were blocked.

The Clerk would inform the County Council.

(H). NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER:

The Parish Council were informed that Mr. Peet had been re-appointed the Neighbourhood Officer for Brindle and Hoghton in addition to other duties.

(I). HEDGE STATION ROAD:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) had reported that the hedge by the telephone exchange on Station Road was overgrown and obstructed the footway.

The Clerk had contacted Chorley Council about this and they had asked for the name of the owner of the land.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that it was Bt and the Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

10. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported on the Council proceedings.

11. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS.

The Clerk reported that he had not been informed of any decisions on applications since the last meeting.

Councillor Sharratt reported that he had carried out an inspection of the proposal to erect barriers near the railway bridge on Blackburn Old Road A675 as a safety measure to reduce the risk of vehicles leaving the road. He considered that this proposal was not warranted and asked on what basis this decision had been taken ,why it was being done and at what cost.

He felt that appropriate authority should attend the Parish Council to explain the proposal.

It was considered that this was being undertaken by the County Council.

The Clerk would contact them about this.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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The Clerk reported that the following applications had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Single storey rear extension to existing building to provide additional ambulance storage/WC and removal of condition 3 of planning approval ref 11/00020/COU to allow the building to be permanently used for the storage of ambulances Middenstead Farm Station Road (App no 14/00807/FUL) Applicant Chloe Care Ltd.

The Parish Council made no observations on this application.

2. Notice of intention to install High Speed Broadband Cabinet pavement opposite telephone exchange Station Road (App no 14/00796/NOT) Applicant Bt Openreach.

3. Notice of intention to install High Speed Broadband Cabinet highway verge opposite Boars Head Blackburn Old Road (App no 14/00797/NOT) Applicant Bt Openreach.

The Parish Council noted these applications.

(C). ONSHORE OIL AND GAS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT:

The Clerk submitted a scoping consultation issued by Chorley Council on this topic.

The Parish Council made no comments.

(D). COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING:

The Clerk submitted a scoping consultation issued by Chorley Council on this topic.

The Parish Council made no comments.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment

1.Village Hall	Hire of Room Parish Council Meetings April - June 2014	£30.00
2.Brindle Parish Council	Apportionment of Stationery Costs 2013/14	£220.39
3.Douglas Tonks Ltd	Clerk Salary and Expenses April - June 2014, Payroll Administration	£634.02

*Payment by Direct Debit

13. GRANTS:

The Clerk submitted requests from Holy Trinity Parish Church and Brindle St. Joseph`s RC Church towards the cost of printing the Parish Council newsletter in their parish magazines.

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The Parish Council agreed to make grants of £100.00 each to the two churches and a cheque was signed in respect of the grant to Brindle St. Joseph`s RC Church.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) and Councillor Watson declared interests in these applications and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

14. BENCHES:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that as part of the spending plans it was agreed in May to repair and maintain the benches. Mr Savage a local contractor would trim round the benches and then restore them.

The cost would be £70.00 per bench. A sum had been allocated in the estimates for maintenance work and this expenditure could be met from this allocation plus funds in balances to cover any extra cost.

There was one bench which was particularly worn because of the condition of the wooden slats.

The Clerk was investigating the name of the supplier.

It was also suggested that the benches in the bus shelters should be painted and that Mr. Peet the Neighbourhood Officer be asked to do this work.

15. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported on the current situation relating to the War Memorial refurbishment.

Councillor Ms Urry would contact the War Memorials Trust regarding the application she had submitted and if no progress was made on this the Clerk would contact the local MP.

The Clerk had agreed with Mr. M. Savage regarding regular maintenance of the War Memorial.

The Clerk had contacted had contacted the War Graves Commission regarding the correction to the name of Sir Vere de Hoghton on the War Memorial in Loos Belgium.

16. LANCASHIRE`S RESERVOIRS:

The Clerk submitted for the information of the Parish Council a copy of the County Councils proposals for the maintenance and improvement of the reservoirs in the County.

17. REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES:

The Clerk submitted a consultation document relating to the Review of Polling Places in Chorley. No comments were made.

18. THREE TIER LIAISON MEETING:

Councillor Ms Urry reported on the meeting held on Wednesday 16th July 2014 in particular the question of Parish Council representation and the fact that Parishes were allowed to send proxies to meetings. She also commented on the proposal of Lancashire Constabulary to no longer provide traffic management at parades and events in Lancashire except those of national significance such as Remembrance Sunday.

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19. EQUALITY FORUM:

No report was presented.

20. HOEDOWN - SIRLOIN:

The Clerk reported details of this event on Saturday 2nd August .

He had contacted Chorley Council to ask them to notify the police and local residents.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported that he had received complaints from residents regarding the noise from the Sirloin and the Environmental Health Officer had been notified.

21. FLIGHTS FROM BEESTON MANOR:

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the increase in helicopter flights from Beeston Manor.

South Ribble Borough Council were investigating this and the Civil Aviation Authority had informed him that the complaints should be addressed to South Ribble Council.

Councillors Peter and Ms Urry reported further incidents.

The appropriate officer from South Ribble Council would be asked to contact the Councillors concerned.

22. NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA MEETING - EASTERN PARISHES:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported on the meeting held on 17th July 2014.

23. LETTER OF THANKS:

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from Brindle St. Joseph`s Community Hall for the donation made by the Parish Council.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 15th September 2014 at 7.45.pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

15TH SEPTEMBER 2014