

**MINUTES OF 1101ST MEETING OF
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 20TH JULY 2015
AT THE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (VICE CHAIRMAN) IN THE CHAIR, COUNCILLORS J. BALDWIN, N.PETER, T.SHARRATT AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) and Councillor M. Watson.

2. COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON:

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) informed the Parish Council that the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) had recently spent time in hospital with a respiratory complaint.

The Parish Council wished him 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 15th June 2015 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood).

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. POLICE REPORT:

(A). NEWSLETTERS:

The Clerk circulated the current police newsletter which indicated there had been one reported incident in Hoghton during June 2015.

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He also submitted a copy of the Police and Crime Commissioner's quarterly newsletter and referred in particular to the recently announced crime reduction figures for Lancashire. Details would be circulated to all Members of the Parish Council.

The next PACT meeting meeting would be held on 4th August 2015 at Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

Councillor Ms Urry referred to the increase in parking on Hoghton Lane. She was concerned that parking was taking place on double yellow lines, on grass verges and on footways.

Councillor Sharratt reminded the Parish Council that the police powers relating to such offences were now the responsibility of local authorities.

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) also reported that vehicles were still parking on the footway in Bells Lane.

The Clerk would seek to clarify the situation regarding the enforcement of parking regulations.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

7. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

It was also reported that AGM would be held on 7th November 2015 at County Hall Preston.

Notification of delegates was required by 16th October 2015 and details of any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by 21st August 2015. 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 LALC AGM.

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the Chorley Area Committee held on 25th June 2015 and referred to the recent survey regarding the operation of the Area Committee. Following the survey there would be changes to the way it would conduct its business. The meetings would be themed dealing with particular topics affecting parish councils in Chorley.

The first meeting in the new format would deal with how to make parishes greener and cleaner. Up to three members from each Parish Council would be entitled to attend.

The Clerk would circulate a copy of the agenda for the next meeting when available and Members would then indicate whether they wished to attend.

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8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :

County Councillor Devaney reported that the problem still persisted. The County Council had surveyed the culvert on Friday 22nd May and was discussing what work was required with the landowners.

The Clerk would ascertain the current position.

(B). RESURFACING BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

Councillor Ms Urry indicated that some work had been done but this was not satisfactory.

It was agreed to defer a proposed site inspection until September 2015.

(C). BOLTON ROAD JUNCTION RILEY GREEN:

The views of the police were awaited, the matter was being considered by the Area Committee.

(D) FOOTPATH NO 5 BRINDLE LODGE:

Councillor Watson had reported that repairs to the hand rail to the footbridge on this footpath had been completed however, further damage had occurred to the footbridge itself. The Clerk would report this to the County Council.

(E). POTHoles - CHAPEL LANE:

At the last meeting the Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that there were several large potholes on Chapel Lane.

The Clerk had notified the County Council but no work had been carried out.

The Clerk would request the County Council for an update.

(F). GRASS CUTTINGS:

At the last meeting it was reported that there was a large mound of grass cuttings on the roadside by the Parish Church.

The Clerk had contacted the Neighbourhood Officer who had arranged for the removal of the grass cuttings.

(G). SIGN POSTING PROJECT:

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the County Council for the Parish Council to join a countywide Sign Posting Project. The scheme involved surveying all points where public rights of way met or crossed a tarmac road and where necessary arranging for the repair and replacement of signposts ensuring that public rights of way were easily identifiable.

The County Council had been asked how this impacted on the National Survey of Footpaths being undertaken by the Ramblers Association.

They had replied that this project was separate from the Ramblers Association survey and was specific to signposts leaving the road. It was an attempt to ensure that public rights of way were identifiable as they left the roadside.

The County Council was consulting the Ramblers Association about their initiative.

Councillor Sharratt referred to the survey of bridleways undertaken by the British Horse

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Society some years ago and suggested that the County Council should include bridleways in any survey being undertaken both locally and nationally.

The Clerk would put this suggestion to the County Council.

(H). GIANT HOGWEED - BOARS HEAD:

It was reported that the giant hogweed present on the land at the car park of the Boars Head had been removed.

(I). FOOTWAY - GIB LANE:

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that the footway was overgrown and required attention.

The Clerk would notify the Neighbourhood Officer at Chorley.

(J). FLOODING - QUAKER BROOK LANE:

Councillor Peter referred to the recent work undertaken by the County Council to the trash screen and questioned the scale and cost of the work involved. He considered that it had been an expensive exercise, had not proved cost effective and had not solved the problem.

The Clerk would report these comments to County Councillor Devaney.

(K). ENVIRONMENT BULLETIN:

The Clerk circulated the current environment bulletin for Chorley.

(L). SPID DEVICE:

Councillor Ms Urry reported that Wheelton Parish Council had offered the use of the device to the Parish Council. The Parish Council considered the issues arising from the operation of the device.

Councillor Baldwin reported that the police had been operating patrols on Hoghton Lane recently.

9. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

No report on issues affecting the Parish Council was made.

10. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS.

The Clerk reported that no decisions had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

1. Application for certificate of lawfulness for erection of proposed single storey side extension Braemar Cripple Gate Lane (App no 15/00589/CLUPD)
Applicants Mr. and Mrs. Clark.

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

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The Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

2. Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved except for access for mixed use development comprising up to 500 dwellings, employment uses, Commercial use, community building including structural planning, landscaping, informal open space and associated ancillary works (the majority of the development located with the boundary of Blackburn) Star Paper Mill Moulden Brow.(Apps nod 15/00475/OUTMAJ and 15/00629/NLA) Applicant Blackburn Waterside Regeneration Ltd.

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

The Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

(C). SIRLOIN:

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding this.

11. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment

1.Village Hall	Hire of Room Parish Council Meetings April - June 2015	£30.00
2. Chorley Council	Installation of combined litter/dog waste bin Hoghton Bottoms.	£250.00.

12. VAT REPAYMENT:-

The Clerk reported that VAT for 2014/15 had been reclaimed amounting to £163.35.

13. RURAL COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the presentation made by Chorley Council's Champion for Rural Communities on the proposed action plan for rural communities including Brindle and Hoghton.

14. WAR GRAVES COMMISSION:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that in June 2014 Councillor Sharratt reported that on a recent visit to the World War One Battlefields and Monuments he had noted that the name of Sir Vere de Hoghton was not correctly spelled.

The Clerk had contacted the War Graves Commission regarding this error. He now reported that arrangements were in hand to amend the engraving.

15. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Clerk reported that the Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Committee on 22nd June 2015 had approved expenditure on the first phase of the refurbishment of the War Memorial. This involved the resetting of the stone setts and repairs to the base of the War Memorial by specialist contractors. Estimates for the work were being invited.

The Chairman of the meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that further funding had been sought from Chorley Community Action and a grant of £250.00 had been made. An application had also been made to the County Council's Parish Champion and a grant of £500.00 had been made.

The Clerk reported on the situation relating to the County Council Local Member Grants.

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The Clerk had met a representative from Chorley Legal Department about the arrangements for the registration of the War Memorial and was currently processing the application form.

The De Hoghton Estate would be informed of the developments.

16. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE:

The Clerk submitted details of the proposed electoral review. The Boundary Commission was carrying out a consultation exercise on future electoral boundaries in Lancashire.

He circulated a copy of the report to Chorley Council setting out their views on the matter and suggesting the establishment of an additional electoral ward for Chorley.

17. DEFIBRILLATOR:

The Clerk reported on the costs of providing a defibrillator.

Councillor Sharratt again expressed his concerns regarding the operating procedure.

It was agreed to review the matter in October when the Council's following the half yearly report on the Parish Council's financial position.

18. THREE TIER LIAISON MEETING:

Councillor Ms Urry reported on the meeting held on 15th July 2015.

19. EQUALITY FORUM MEETING:

The meeting scheduled for 28th July had been cancelled. The next meeting would be on 13th October 2015 at Legacy Rainbow House Salt Pit Lane Mawdesley.

Councillor Ms Urry expressed her concerns that the meeting was taking place in Mawdesley which meant she would be unable to attend due to transport problems.

20. LETTER OF THANKS:

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from Father Raphael in respect of the Parish Council's donation towards the cost of printing Brindle St. Joseph's Parish Newsletter.

21. WEBSITE:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council on the current situation regarding the website.

Councillor Ms Urry informed the Parish Council of the dates when the Mobile Library would be in Hoghton. She requested that these details should be put on the Council's website and that Brindle Parish Council be notified of the dates.

The Clerk would make the arrangements.

22. NATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT :

The Clerk reported that National Savings and Investments had requested again that the authorised signatories to the account should be updated.

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He submitted a declaration form and the Parish Council authorised the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) the Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) and the Clerk (Mr. T. Harkness) be the signatories to the Parish Council's National Savings Account. Councillors N. Peter T. Sharratt and Ms M. Urry were the three Members who signed the Declaration Form.

23. VENUE FOR MEETINGS:

The Clerk reported on the options open to the Parish Council regarding a new venue for Parish Council meetings.

The Parish Council agreed to relocating its meetings with effect from 1st September 2015 and the Clerk would make the arrangements.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 21st September 2015 at 7.30.p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman of the meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

21ST SEPTEMBER 2015