

HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL - 18TH JULY 2016.

**MINUTES OF 1112TH MEETING OF  
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 18TH JULY 2016  
AT THE HOLY TRINITY  
PARISH CHURCH HALL.**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MRS S.LONG.

**45. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:**

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor J. Baldwin.

**46. 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.

**47. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th June 2016 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood).

**48. 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.**

**49. POLICE REPORT:**

**(A). NEWSLETTERS:**

The Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood) reported he had attended a public meeting with the police to discuss rural policing at Brinscall Cricket Club.

Following the meeting he had spoken to the police about their attendance at Parish Council meetings and why newsletters were no longer circulated.He was informed that because of cut backs the police would only attend Parish Council meetings in future where there was a specific issue to deal with,there would not be any further PACT Meetings and the newsletter would only appear online .

The police said that Parish Council's could access it if contact details were sent to the police.The Clerk had sent them this information but they had not responded.

It was also reported that PC Harrison was no longer the Community Beat Manager.

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The Clerk would contact the Police and Crime Commissioner to ascertain the situation.

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

The Clerk circulated a copy of the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer. He also circulated a copy of a leaflet and pamphlet about Scams which has been issued to publicise Scam Awareness Month.

### **50. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter including the Community Engagement Workshop on 27th September 2016.

It was also reported that AGM would be held on 19th November 2016 at County Hall Preston.

Notification of delegates was required by 4th November 2016 and details of any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by 24th August 2016. No resolutions were made. Councillors Y. Hargreaves and Ms M. Urry were appointed the Council's delegates to the LALC AGM.

The next meeting of the Chorley Area Committee will be held on 20th October 2016 at Chorley Town Hall. The Clerk would circulate further information when appropriate.

### **51. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

#### **(A) HOGHTON LANE TRAFFIC SPEEDS:**

County Councillor Yates had informed the Parish Council that the County Council would undertake a traffic survey in the next six weeks and report to him on the outcome.

He had asked that the local residents petition be submitted to him for onward transmission to the County Council.

There then followed a discussion on how to achieve the best possible case for a reduction in the speed limit to 30 mph.

It was agreed that further developments be awaited.

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

The Clerk reported that Chapel Lane had been inspected on 7th July when it was found that the trash screen was in working order .

However, it was considered that the flooding extended to the gulleys in Chapel Lane.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) agreed to discuss this matter on site with representatives of the County Council.

#### **(C). SPEEDING TRAFFIC - CHAPEL LANE:**

The Clerk reported that he had asked again that the police to circulate information leaflets local residents regarding the issue but nothing further had happened.

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Councillor Ms Hargreaves suggested that the police be invited to a future meeting to discuss this issue. The Clerk would contact them about this.

He reminded the Parish Council of the County Council investigation and of the proposal to install SLOW markings on the approaches.

He had received conflicting information that a further inspection had been carried out and it was felt that the signage and road markings were adequate and no further action was proposed.

The Clerk had contacted the County Council for clarification but no response had been received. He would contact them again.

### **COUNCILLOR Ms HARGREAVES LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.**

#### **(D). SPEEDING TRAFFIC - GIB LANE:**

The County Council was to undertake a site visit to assess the need for a vehicle/traffic speed count on Gib Lane near Bell Villas. The Clerk would contact the County Council again about the survey.

#### **(E). PUBLIC FOOTPATH SIGN:**

In the past Councillor Sharratt reported that the public footpath sign by the stile on the west side of Sandy Lane (B5256) and Blackburn Old Road (A657) had fallen down. The Countryside Service had indicated it would be re-erected but had not given a specific time when they would do so.

#### **(F). HEDGE - STATION ROAD/HOGHTON LANE:**

At the last meeting Councillor Baldwin reported that the hedge was untidy and required attention. The Clerk had contacted the appropriate authorities.

#### **(G). ACCIDENT - THE PINFOLD:**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) had informed the Clerk of damage to part of the wall at the Pinfold following an accident in late June.

The Clerk had contacted the police to ask for more details so that a claim for the repair of the wall could be made from the car driver's insurers. He had also notified the Council's insurers.

The local police informed him that they could only give me the log number of the incident under Data Protection legislation. To get more information he would have write to Police Headquarters.

He did this and was told that they had no record of the incident and had asked for more details such as exact location and time of the accident.

They also wanted a search fee £32.60 to process the inquiry. He then received the log number and the date and had written again to the police with the details and location of the accident plus the cheque for the search fee.

It was agreed that the Clerk be reimbursed this fee which would be reclaimed from the Car Driver's Insurance.

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In the meantime a local contractor had been asked to make sure the wall was safe and give an estimate of the cost for repair. The Council's Insurers had asked the Clerk to get another estimate and the Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) was looking into this.

District Councillor Mrs Long had been contacted by several local residents about the excessive speed of traffic from Blackburn at Riley Green.

Councillor Sharratt reminded the Parish Council of his lengthy campaign to have vehicles from Bolton Road stop rather than pausing as at present. He had advocated Stop signs rather than Give Way signs and a reduction in the speed limit.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) referred to problems with HGVs exiting Bolton Road.

A reduction in the speed limit should be introduced along the length of Riley Green.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) referred to the speed of traffic by the Boars Head.

It was agreed that the problems of speeding traffic throughout the length of the A675 Blackburn Old Road (A675) be linked together.

The Clerk would notify County Councillor Yates regarding this suggestion.

### **52. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

District Councillor Mrs Long reported that there were no current issues affecting the Parish Council.

### **53. PLANNING REPORT:**

#### **(A). DECISION.**

The Clerk reported 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. Replace all single glazed windows throughout property with purpose made galvanised pvc windows School House Blackburn Old Road Applicant Mr. Duckworth (App no 16/00536/FUL)

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

(2). Request for screening opinion on proposed installation of solar panels Water Pumping Station Hoghton Lane Applicant United Utilities (App no 16/00524/SCE)

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Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

### (C). SIRLOIN:

District Councillor Mrs Long reported enforcement proceedings were ongoing.

### 54. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Holy Trinity Church	Use of Hall April May and June 2016.	£60.00
2. A. Harkness	Salary and Expenses Quarter ended June 2016	£662.30

The Parish Council agreed to pay these accounts and cheques were signed.

### 55. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT:

#### (A) VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

It was reported that the Village Hall Management Committee was considering providing a defibrillator at the Village Hall and had requested the Parish Council to consider the possibility of grant aid

It was agreed to the possible making of a grant subject to further information regarding the location and availability of the device.

Councillor Ms Urry reported that the question of Parishes providing defibrillators would be considered at the Chorley/Parish Liaison Meeting on 20th July 2016.

#### (B) NEWSLETTERS

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council of its policy of making grants to Holy Trinity Parish Church and Brindle St. Joseph's RC Church towards the cost of printing the Parish Council newsletter.

Brindle St. Joseph's indicated that their Parish Magazine was no longer printed but that copies of the Parish Council Newsletter was made available to church members.

The Parish Council agreed to make grants of £100.00 to Holy Trinity Parish Church and £25.00 to Brindle St. Joseph's RC Church and cheques were signed.

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

### 56. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) expressed his continuing concern that the workmanship had caused the ponding issue, it had not been resolved and felt that the contractor should be requested to return to do the work as soon as possible.

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The Project Officer had agreed to urgently investigate the ponding issue and the suggestions put forward for phase two of the Restoration Work.

The Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Eastern Parishes had been held on 11th July and a decision was awaited regarding the joint project with Abbey Village.

The Clerk would inform the Project Officer of the concerns of local residents regarding the need to resolve the ponding issue as soon as possible and the drainage situation on the footway adjoining the War Memorial.

A progress report was presented into investigations regarding the location of a flag post at the War Memorial.

### **57. LIAISON MEETING -20TH JULY 2016.**

Councillor Ms Urry reported on the issues to be discussed at this meeting and in particular referred to the question of the property strategy consultations undertaken by the County Council and its affect on libraries.

### **58. CAR - HOGHTON LANE:**

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) referred the abandoned car which was parked on the footway near Rock Gardens on Houghton Lane. This had been in this location for some time. Chorley Council had been notified and were in process of removing it.

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

Monday 19th September 2016 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**

**19TH SEPTEMBER 2016.**