

MINUTES OF 1161ST MEETING OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5TH JULY 2021 AT HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH HALL.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: COUNTY COUNCILLOR A. CULLENS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

874. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor Ms Y. Hargreaves.

875. Ms Y. HARGREAVES:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) indicated that Councillor Hargreaves had recently undergone surgery.

The Parish Council wished her a speedy recovery.

876. COUNTY COUNCILLOR A. CULLENS:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) on behalf of the Parish Council welcomed County Councillor Cullens who represented Hoghton on the County Council. He was also one of the representatives for Chorley East, Brindle and Hoghton on Chorley Council.

877. 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.

878. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th May 2021 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood).

879. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

The following statement was made on behalf of the Parish Council on issues raised by local residents.

1. Meeting 25th January 2021.

There was reference to this issue in the letter of complaint dated 30th January which was submitted to the Independent Adjudicator when the complaint was

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heard by her on 22nd February and was referred to in her summary. In summation she felt it was time to reflect and move on.

The Chief Legal Officer at Chorley was asked for his views and stated that this was completed now and the Parish Council could legitimately decline to take questions on the history moving forward.

Care would have to be taken where it was "new" business but still related to the Pinfold to not revisit old issues but where they were relevant to new decisions they should be considered.

Therefore the matter was closed.

2.Pinfold Costs.

Details of costs incurred had been sent to the person requesting the information should any further information be required there would be a cost involved.

3. Inspection of Audit Documents.(AGAR).

The documents had been made available to you this evening.

4.Notice Board.

The Parish Council did not wish to comment on this but if it was felt that the notice board was not usable by the public the Parish Council would do what many Parish Councils do and make its use restricted to the Parish Council only by locking both sides.

5.Grass Cutting.

The contractor had been informed of your views and this was a commercial cut and not a garden cut. He has also acquired a new mower which in the main collects the grass cuttings.

The contractor also stated that residents were dumping garden waste by the gate at the rear of Green Lane.

6. Co-option.

At the recent local elections the four members were returned. This left three vacancies one of which was previously held by Ms Hargreaves who had previously asked to be co-opted but was unable to take up the seat because of ill health she has subsequently returned to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council could fill the remaining vacancies by co-option and Ms Ball indicated she was willing to serve as a Parish Councillor and her appointment was confirmed at the Annual General Meeting on 24th May 2021.

Councillor Ms Ball indicated her eligibility to serve on the Parish Council.

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7. TIPIs Response.

The Parish Council when discussing the issues raised by a local local resident were discussing as fact matters which they thought to be correct. It was suggested that the complaint should be referred to the Legal Officer at Chorley.

Finally as had been pointed out the site was not within the Parish boundaries and the Parish Council would have no further involvement.

Following comments by residents it was agreed that the full statement would appear in the minutes and a copy sent to residents.

The revised Story Board Notice would be put in place as soon as possible.

DOG FOULING:

A resident asked if she was allowed on the Pinfold with her dogs. The Pinfold was public land and could be used by any resident of the Parish she reported problems with dog fouling in Riley Green.

This matter would be referred to the Dog Warden at Chorley.

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

880. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The police officer responsible for Houghton submitted his apologies as he was attending an incident.

There had been a range of consultations issued by the Police and Crime Commissioner since the last meeting regarding various topics and the adoption of the police budget in April 2021. Details had been circulated.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

881. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk circulated had circulated updates from LALC on current issues.

882. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

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

County Councillor Cullens would contact County Highways with the view to arranging a site meeting regarding the proposed traffic management scheme.

(B). PRIVATE ROAD - FLOODING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL:

The local MP indicated the County Council were arranging to extend the kerb by one length and reshape the carriageway at this point to catch majority of the water. There was no date for the works at present, but they would be carried out as soon as they could be programmed. As previously stated, the problem was that the road came downhill towards the hall, which was below the road surface

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level; the water then flowed into the grounds of the church hall. It was hoped the works would improve the situation.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) felt that what was proposed would not provide a solution.

County Councillor Cullens would visit the site and discuss the situation with the Cabinet Member for Highways at the County Council.

(C). HIGHWAYS WINTER BRIEFINGS:

The Clerk circulated the latest bulletin. This would be the last until October 2021.

(D). FOOTPATHS :

Footpath no 5 Brindle Lodge was overgrown and needed cutting back.

This would be drawn to the attention of the Footpaths Officer.

The stile on the footpath from High Barn had been closed due to Housing Development in South Ribble and there was no signage relating to access to Hoghton Lane.

The County Council would be asked to investigate this.

(E). HEDGE - BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

The hedge from the railway bridge to the entrance to Gib Lane was overgrown and required cutting back.

The County Council would be asked to arrange this.

(F). ROAD SIGN HOGHTON LANE:

In the past a warning sign regarding deer had been located on Hoghton Lane this had been removed by the County Council during street works and had not been replaced. There had been incidents recently when deer had been seen in the area.

The County Council had been asked to replace the sign.

883. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

County Councillor Cullens reported there were no matters currently affecting Hoghton.

884. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) DECISIONS:

The following decisions had been made since the last meeting

1. Erection of a detached garage/car port (following demolition of existing garage). Braemar Cripple Gate Lane. (App no 21/00342/FULHH). - Granted

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2. Single storey side extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) Strathknoll Station Road (App no 21/00467/FULHH). - Granted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

No applications had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

885. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment

1.T. Harkness	Clerk Salary and Expenses Quarter ended 30th June 2021.	£861.10
2. HMRC	Tax on Clerks Salary and Expenses	£194.04
3. Holy Trinity Parish Church.	Hire of Hall May and July 2021.	£40.00.

The accounts were approved and cheques signed.

886.WAR MEMORIAL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported that work was expected to start to rectify the ponding issue at the War Memorial at the end of July or the beginning of August.

887. COMMUNICATIONS:

No consultations had been submitted since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

888.CHORLEY LIAISON COMMITTEE:

The next meeting would take place via Zoom on 20th July and Councillor Ms Urry would represent the Parish Council.

889. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16th August 2021 at 7.30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall Blackburn Old Road.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

16TH AUGUST 2021