

**HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL – 15TH JULY 2013**  
**MINUTES OF 1079TH MEETING OF**  
**HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 15TH JULY 2013**  
**AT THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** MR. J. PEET NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER CHORLEY POLICE COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER P. HARRISON, PCSO M. APPLETON, POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER M. JONES, COUNTY COUNCILLOR M. DEVANEY AND ----- MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillor J. Baldwin and Ms M. Urry.

**2. COUNCILLOR Ms. M. URRY:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) informed the Parish Council of the health of Councillor Ms Urry.

The Parish Council wished her 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 17th June 2013 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

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**THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:**

**6. POLICE REPORT:**

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### **(A) NEWSLETTERS:**

The Clerk circulated the latest police newsletter which indicated there had been no reported incidents of crime during June 2013.

He also circulated a copy of the latest Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter,

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

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

### **7. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

He reminded the Parish Council that it had deferred the appointment of delegates to the Lancashire Parish Councils Conference and the LALC AGM on 9th November 2013 at County Hall Preston.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) and Councillor M. Watson were appointed the Council's delegates to the Lancashire County Council/Parish Council Conference and Annual General Meeting of LALC to be held on 9th November 2013.

The Clerk submitted details of the Woodland Trust Free Trees Scheme.

### **8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

#### **(A). FOOTPATH - BRINDLE LODGE:**

County Councillor Devaney reported the current situation regarding the footpath scheme.

Councillor Watson informed the hand rail to the foot bridge still required attention.

The Clerk would discuss the improvement of the hand rail with Community Payback.

#### **(B).**

#### **(C). POTHoles:**

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) reported that the potholes in Quaker Brook Lane had been repaired.

#### **(D). STATION ROAD:**

Councillor Baldwin confirmed that Station Road had been swept. However the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported that there was still grass growing out of the kerb edgings.

The Clerk would ask Chorley again to make arrangements for the kerbs to be treated.

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### **(E). SLOW SIGNS GIB LANE:**

The Clerk reported that the County Council had agreed to repaint the signs

### **(F). DOG BIN RILEY GREEN:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported that latest position regarding the provision of the dog/litter bin at Riley Green. He would raise this issue at the next Neighbourhood Forum Meeting.

### **(G). TRAFFIC SPEEDS - HOGHTON LANE:**

At the last meeting Councillor Ms Urry reminded the Parish Council of the problems with traffic speeds after leaving the 30mph zone on Hoghton Lane. Although the speed limit increased to 50 mph traffic was speeding up considerably and taking the bend at excessive speed.

The Police would undertake a survey of traffic speeds before giving their views on this situation.

### **(H). ARTHUR`S WIFE`S BROW:**

At the last meeting Councillor Sharratt reported that water was leaking onto the road at this location near the Railway Bridge. In the past the Parish Council had been unable to ascertain the cause but he was concerned that there would be erosion and this would affect the road foundations.

Councillor Baldwin had also reported flooding at Yew tree Farm.

The Clerk had asked United Utilities to investigate the cause of the leaks. They had responded that they had been unable to identify any leaks.

Councillor Sharratt reported that this was a long standing problem in Gib Lane and asked that the matter be further investigated.

County Councillor Devaney would discuss this with United Utilities.

### **(I). PAVEMENTS - BOLTON ROAD TO SANDY LANE :**

County Councillor Devaney reported that Community Payback was currently carrying out work to the pavements on both sides from the Bolton Road up to Sandy Lane. Local residents had welcomed the improvement to the footways.

He also reported that a traffic/speed count had been undertaken in the area The results were currently being considered by the police. He would send the results to the Parish Council.

### **11. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) reported that the next meeting of Chorley Council would be held on 16th July 2013.

### **12. PLANNING REPORT:**

#### **(A) DECISIONS.**

The Clerk reported that the following planning application had been approved.:-

1. Erection of part two storey part single storey side extension incorporating Juliette balcony 1-2 Spring Bank Cottages Viaduct Road (App no 13/00241/FUL) Applicant Mr. Quail.

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The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) also reported that Chorley Council had confirmed the making of a Tree Preservation Order (Hoghton TPO) No 3 at the property known as Woodhaven (formerly Shandra) The Straits despite objections from the owner.

### **(B). APPLICATION:**

The Clerk reported that no planning applications had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

### **(C) HELICOPTER FLIGHTS/FIREWORK DISPLAYS:**

At the last meeting the Clerk reported that he had asked the Enforcement Officer at South Ribble Council to contact Councillor Ms Urry about this matter but no one had done so.

He now reported that the Enforcement Officer was arranging a meeting with the owner of Beeston Manor and Councillor Ms Urry to discuss her concerns.

Councillor Ms Urry had also expressed her concern regarding fire work displays at Beeston Manor which seemed to occur regularly on Saturday evenings.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) informed the Parish Council that he had discussed this issue with Chorley Council and local residents and no major problems had been identified. He also reported that he had met the owner of Beeston Manor about this.

### **(D). BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN GREEN BELT STUDY:**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been invited to a workshop about the draft conclusions of the Study on 5th July 2013 at King Georges Hall Blackburn.

### **(E). VALIDATION CRITERIA FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

The Clerk reported that in the light of changes to legislation relating to information from applicants regarding planning applications Chorley Council had revised its procedures when validating planning applications. He submitted details of the revisions which the Parish Council noted.

## **13. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment

Brindle Parish Council	Apportionment of Annual Stationery Costs	£212.29.
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The Account was agreed and a cheque signed.

## **14. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT SYSTEM:**

The Clerk circulated a report dealing with a review of the Parish Councils Internal Audit System.

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The review was accepted

### **15. RISK ASSESSMENT:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) and the Clerk had made a health and safety risk assessment inspection of the notice boards, benches, and the Pinfold on 10th June 2013.

The notice boards were generally in good condition.

In addition the following needed attention:-

1. All the benches need repainting and some wooden slats needed to be renewed.
2. The grass verges on Chapel Lane including the railway bridge needed cutting.
3. Several street nameplates were obscured by vegetation
4. The Straits and parts of Blackburn Old Road needed sweeping.
5. The footpath at the Parish Church was overgrown
6. The War Memorial required tidying up urgently.
7. There had been a complaint about the volume of the siren at the Station Road Level Crossing.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) also reported overgrown vegetation from Yew Tree Farm to the bridge on Gib Lane which needed cutting back.

The Clerk would arrange for Community Payback to repaint and repair the benches cut back the vegetation at Chapel Lane and Gib Lane, the footpath at the Parish Church, and the War Memorial, .

Network Rail would be asked to reduce the noise level of the siren at the Railway Crossing at Station Road.

The Clerk would ask Chorley Council to sweep the Straits and Blackburn Old Road.

The Clerk also submitted a risk assessment report in respect of the Council's Financial Systems which was accepted.

### **16. WAR MEMORIAL:**

The Clerk reported submitted a detailed breakdown of the estimate for that the current situation regarding the cleaning of the column of the War Memorial. County Councillor Devaney suggested that the Clerk discuss applying for possible grants with the Clerk of Clayton le Woods Parish Council.

The Clerk also reported the latest position regarding registering the ownership of the War Memorial

### **17. POND CRIPPLEGATE LANE:**

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The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported on the current situation.

The Footpaths Officer had processed an order for 20 tonnes of limestone to be delivered to the Parish Council by JJ Ashcrofts from Leyland. The Clerk had asked was arranging for Community Payback to lay the stones. They had informed him they were unable to undertake the work.

The Clerk would contact the Footpaths Officer about the work being carried out. County Councillor Devaney would also speak to him about getting the work done.

The Clerk would approach Mr. Forrester about the work to be done by the de Hoghton Estate and the County Council about the HGV Sign.

County Councillor Devaney reported that there was a backlog in the erection of signs so that could account for the delay.

(Councillor D. Dickinson) would contact Chorley Council about the fencing.

### **18. CPRE - PICNIC:**

The Clerk reported that the CPRE was celebrating the 80th anniversary of its founding with a picnic at Downham on Sunday 7th July 2013 at 1 p.m. The Parish Council had been invited.

### **19. BEER FESTIVAL - SIRLOIN:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported on the problems arising for local residents from the holding of a Beer Festival at the Sirloin Inn on Station Road from 24th to 27th May.

As there was no requirement to consult the Parish Council the licence had been granted without the Borough Council seeking their views.

The Clerk had written to the Licensing Authority to request that if any further applications were submitted the views of the residents should be taken into account.

### **20. BOROUGH/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:**

The next meeting would take place on Wednesday 17th July at 6.30 p.m. at the Town Hall Chorley. The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) would represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

In view of the events at the Sirloin Beer Festival it was suggested that an item be placed on the agenda for the Borough/Parish Liaison Meeting acknowledging that whilst there was no statutory requirement for Chorley Council to consult parish councils on licensing applications that they locally agree to consult parish councils in the same way as they consulted the Police and Environmental Health Department as part of the process.

This was agreed and the Clerk would request Chorley Council to consider this.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) would also raise this at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Forum.

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**21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 15th July 2013 at 7.45.pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05.  
p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

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