

**MINUTES OF 1100TH MEETING OF  
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 15TH JUNE 2015  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** COUNTY COUNCILLOR M.DEVANEY.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors N. Peter and Ms M. Urry.

**2. THE CHAIRMAN (COUNCILLOR D.DICKINSON):**

The Parish Council was informed that the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) had been appointed the Deputy Mayor of Chorley for 2015/16.

The Parish Council congratulated him on his appointment.

**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 18th May 2015 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor D.Dickinson).

**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 May 2015.

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The next PACT meeting meeting would be held on 8th July 2015 at Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

The problems relating to car parking on Hoghton Lane continued. The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) had spoken to the police about this issue but the problem had not been resolved.

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

The Clerk would contact the police again.

### **(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.

Councillor Sharratt reported on the Annual Conference held on 6th June 2015 and in particular the presentation given by the Red Cross on defibrillators.

He referred to the operation of the device. Discussion followed on the merits of providing a device at the Village Hall.

The Clerk would investigate this and report back to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

The next meeting of the Chorley Area Committee would be held on 25th June 2015.

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

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

County Councillor Devaney reported that the problem still persisted. The tenant farmer had cleared the ditch. Unfortunately this had not resolved the flooding. The County Council had surveyed the culvert on Friday 22nd May and was discussing what work was required with the landowners.

#### **(B). RESURFACING BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:**

This matter was deferred

#### **(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:**

The repairs to the footbridge on this footpath had been reported to the County Council and the Footpaths Officer was looking into the matter.

#### **(E). FLOODING QUAKER BROOK LANE:**

County Councillor Devaney reported that the County Council was now aware of this problem. The trash screen where Quaker Brook flowed under the carriageway was not on the regular maintenance list, however it had now

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been included and would be cleared as per the maintenance schedule.

### **(F). POTHOLES - CHAPEL LANE:**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that there were several large potholes on Chapel Lane.

The Clerk had notified the County Council.

### **(G). GRASS CUTTINGS:**

It was reported that there was a large mound of grass cuttings on the roadside by the Parish Church.

The Clerk would contact the Neighbourhood Officer to arrange for the removal of the grass cuttings.

### **9. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

No report on issues affecting the Parish Council was made.

### **10. PLANNING REPORT:**

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

The Clerk reported that he had been notified of the following decisions since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Treeworks Newlands Quaker Brook Lane (App no 15/00221/TPO) Applicant Mr. Heeney - Granted.

2. Tree works 20 Fowler Close (App no 15/00287/TPO) Applicant Mrs Seel. - Granted

3. Tree works 22 Fowler Close (App no 15/00286/TPO) Applicant Mrs Shah. - Granted.

4. Retrospective Application for the erection of a single storey rear raised veranda 19 Chapel Lane (App no 15/00288/FUL) Applicant Miss Kowalski. - Granted

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

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

1. New decked area, felling of four trees, resurfacing of patio, new lych gate and existing hedge to be lowered Royal Oak Riley Green (App no 15/00476/FUL) Applicant Daniel Thwaites PLC.

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

The Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

#### **(C). SIRLOIN:**

The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer's recommendation to the Planning Committee to undertake enforcement proceedings against the Sirloin had been approved and he would now institute the proceedings. The Sirloin had

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a right of appeal but it was not known whether they would do so.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) would contact the Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the current position

### **11. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment

1.Brindle Parish Council	Apportionment of Stationery Costs 2014/15	£113.08
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### **12. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT SYSTEM:**

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

The review was accepted

### **13. RISK ASSESSMENT:**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood) and the Clerk had made a health and safety risk assessment inspection of the notice boards, benches, and the Pinfold on 4th June 2015.

The notice boards and the benches were generally in good condition.

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

### **14. 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.

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

### **15. WAR MEMORIAL:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported on the out come of the meeting with the lead officer for the project assigned by Chorley Council.

The funding of the War Memorial and other arrangements would be discussed at the next meeting of the The Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Committee on 22nd June 2015.

A copy of the condition survey was circulated and it was agreed to pay the cost of the survey of £150.00 plus VAT to the author.

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The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported on the situation relating to the County Council Local Member Grants and donations from the County Council Parish Council's Champion.

The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.

The Clerk was discussing the arrangements for the registration of the War Memorial with Chorley Council.

The De Hoghton Estate would be informed of the developments.

### **16. DOG WASTE BIN HOGHTON BOTTOMS:**

The Clerk reported that the dog refuse bin at Hoghton Bottoms had been replaced with a combined bin.

### **17. RURAL TRANSPORT:**

The Clerk reported that the Chorley Overview and Scrutiny Task Group was undertaking a review of Rural Transport provision in Chorley and was seeking the views of the Parish Council.

Members referred to the pilot scheme in 2012 when a bus service had been tried from Brindle via Hoghton to Chorley and which was not successful.

It was decided to make no comment regarding the review.

### **18. RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION - FOOTPATH SURVEY:**

The Clerk reported details of a proposed survey nationwide of the the state of existing public footpaths to be undertaken by the Ramblers Association.

### **19. CHORLEY RURAL COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) informed the Parish Council that he had received an invitation from the Chorley Parish Council's Champion to attend a meeting regarding the Plan on Tuesday 30th June.

### **20. CPRE:**

The Clerk reported an offer from the CPRE to advise on planning applications were appropriate.

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

Monday 20th July 2015 at 7.45.pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**20TH JULY 2015**