

**MINUTES OF 1133RD MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 18TH JUNE 2018
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL.**

PRESENT: - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR N. PETER (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, Ms Y. HARGREAVES, MRS S. LONG, B. MATTOCK, AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

411. 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.

412. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st May 2018 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

413. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

AS THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

414. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The police were not present.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

415. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted a consultation from the National Association regarding its future role.

416. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A) HOGHTON LANE TRAFFIC SPEEDS:

The Clerk reported that the implementation of the speed limit order would take place in the next 6 to 8 weeks depending on road maintenance priorities.

(B). POTHoles:

It was reported that the potholes at the railway bridge on Blackburn Old Road and the Village Hall had been repaired, however, the one at the Village Hall required further attention.

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With regard to the potholes at Riley Green some work had been carried out near Causeway Farm but following an inspection further repairs were required to the road surface about 100 metres from Causeway Farm towards Moulden Brow.

The Clerk would request the County Council to undertake the work required at the Village Hall and Riley Green.

(C). HOGHTON LANE - REPAIRS:

It was reported that United Utilities had completed the work.

(D). QUAKER BROOK LANE - GULLIES:

The Clerk reported the County Council had cleaned the gullies near the entrance to Quaker Brook Lane and would continue to monitor the situation. Several potholes had also been repaired.

United Utilities had repaired the burst water main.

(E). BUS SHELTER - BOARDS HEAD:

There were problems for bus passengers waiting for buses from Blackburn. They were unable to see buses arriving because the shelter was obscured by vegetation at the Village Hall, as well as advertising boards.

The Clerk would contact the de Hoghton Estate regarding the cutting back of the vegetation and the Village Hall Management Committee about the advertising boards.

417. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

There were no matters affecting the Parish Council.

418. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS.

The Clerk reported that planning permission had been granted for a development in Valley Road, an application for tree works in Station Road had been refused and no objections had been raised to a neighbouring local planning authority application in Blackburn with Darwen since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk reported that two applications had been received one on Hoghton Lane the other on Blackburn Old Road. Details were circulated to all Members and no observations were made. The Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

Reference was made to an adjoining local planning authority application reported at the last meeting.

(C). CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW:

The Clerk circulated a copy of a letter from the Leader of Chorley Council updating Members of the current progress.

419. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

Brindle Parish Council	Apportioned Annual Stationery Fees to March 2018	£73.08.
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The Account was agreed and a cheque signed.

420. VAT REPAYMENT:-

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The Clerk reported that VAT for 2016/17 had been reclaimed amounting to £326.00.

421. GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS:

(A) NEWSLETTERS

In accordance with its existing policy 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 towards the cost of printing the Parish Council newsletter and cheques were signed.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared an interest in the application from Brindle St. Joseph's R.C. Church and did not vote thereon.

(B). ASTLEY HALL:

It was reported that Chorley Council was to submit a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the cost of conservation and refurbishment of Astley Hall. There was a shortfall of £80,000 in the matched funding costs and they had asked the Parish Council for a contribution.

The Parish Council adhered to its existing policy of not making grants to organisations which did not have a link to the Parish.

422. 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

423. RISK ASSESSMENT:

The 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 18th June 2018. The notice boards were generally in good condition but the one at the Boars Head required repairing and a new board was needed at The Pinfold. It was suggested that no further maintenance work should be carried out to the benches during the current year.

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

The Clerk would arrange for maintenance work to the notice boards.

424. WAR MEMORIAL:

Chorley Council had still to reply on the progress on the pending issue.

Some further minor work to complete the refurbishment work was still to be carried out, the Vice Chairman was arranging for this to be done.

Following the purchase of the Silent Soldier Silhouette from the Royal British Legion it was proposed to put it on the grass verge at the War Memorial. Arrangements were being made to erect the flagpole.

Discussions had taken place with the Holy Trinity Parish Church and the Scouts regarding the flying of the flag.

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Representations had been made regarding the siting of the flagpole at the War Memorial a copy was circulated to all Members of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council had in the past considered various locations for the flagpole and concluded the War Memorial was the most appropriate location.

It was stressed that its location would not detract from the War Memorial itself.

The Clerk would respond in these terms regarding the representations made.

The Parish Council was reminded that in the past Hoghton W.I. had offered to put a feature at the War Memorial to commemorate their 90th Anniversary but had agreed to await completion of the refurbishment work. It was suggested that now would be an appropriate time. The Parish Council agreed to discuss this with the W.I.

425. CRIPPLEGATE LANE - POND:

Following a site inspection Chorley Council would be asked to tidy up the site.

426. CONSULTATIONS:

The Clerk submitted consultation papers from the County Council regarding proposed changes to children and family well being service and the Shared Lives Scheme. Comments were made regarding the consultation documents.

427. EASTERN PARISHES MEETING:

Councillor Ms Urry reported on the meeting held on 13th June 2018.

428. FORMER COUNCILLOR DICKINSON:

It was agreed to provide a bench at the Pinfold as a memorial to former Councillor David Dickinson for his services to the Parish.

429. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16th July 2018 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 8.25. p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

16TH JULY 2018.