

**MINUTES OF 1144TH MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 17TH JUNE 2019
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL.**

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

593. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Ms Y. Hargreaves and B. Mattock.

594. 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.

595. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th May 2019 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood).

596. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

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

597. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The police were not present.

With regard to the provision of a dog bin on the canal side at Riley Green the Parish Council was awaiting Special Sergeant Bullock who was arranging a meeting with the Canal Trust to which the Parish Council would be invited.

It was reported the construction vehicles were obstructing the carriageway at a site in Riley Green.

The police would be asked to investigate this.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

598. LALC REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

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599. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). TREES - BUS SHELTER BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

The County Council was looking into the concerns raised regarding the trees near the bus shelter opposite the Boars Head.

(B). GIB LANE:

Concern was expressed regarding the state of the footway at Gib Lane.

The Clerk would contact the County Council.

(C). QUAKER BROOK LANE:

The present position regarding the proposed resurfacing of Quaker Brook Lane was reported.

(D). RILEY GREEN:

A Member requested an update on the proposal to resurface Blackburn Old Road at Jack Pits Riley Green. The scheme had been included in a list of projects under the Highways Maintenance Programme but had not been allocated a place in the current year.

(E). BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

The Clerk reported that the sign on the grass verge opposite the junction with Sandy Lane needed replacing. He would contact Chorley Council about this.

(F). ROAD SIGNS:

It was reported that several of the road signs in the Parish required cleaning.

The Clerk would ask Chorley Council to do this.

(G).BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

A small stone cairn had been erected on the grass verge at the site of a recent motorcycle accident near the railway bridge.

(H). CHAPEL LANE:

A report was presented on the latest developments relating to traffic speeds on Chapel Lane.

600. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

A report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council.

601. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS.

The application for a development off The Straits had been refused since the last meeting of the Parish Council. An application in a neighbouring parish at the Marina at Riley Green had been granted conditional approval.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

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The Clerk requested further information with regard to the tree which was allegedly covered by a TPO and had been cut down.

602. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

A. Harkness	Plaque	£49.99.
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The Account was agreed and a cheque signed.

603. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT SYSTEM:

The Clerk circulated a report dealing with a review of the Parish Council`s Internal Audit System.

The review was accepted

604. 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 10th June 2019. It was suggested that further maintenance work should be carried out to the benches during the current year. It was reported that the bench near the War Memorial needed to be repaired or replaced.

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 benches together with an estimate of cost for the repair of the bench near the War Memorial.

605. WAR MEMORIAL:

The flag had not been flown on the 75th Anniversary of D - Day and the Parish Council would consider a calendar of dates when the flag should be flown in future.

It was also reported that Chorley Council had suggested a site meeting to discuss the flooding problem. The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) agreed to meet with representatives from Chorley Council to consider possible ways forward.

606. CRIPPLEGATE LANE :

The Chorley Council had been asked to undertake some maintenance work and the Wildlife Trust should be invited to participate in the upkeep of the area.

607. CONSULTATIONS:

Consultation documents were submitted from Lancashire Trading Standards regarding Scams,Chorley Council regarding the establishment of woodlands and the Police and Crime Commissioner on local policing and Neighbourhood Watch.

608. NOTICE BOARDS:

A report was presented on the repair and renovation of the notice boards following an inspection by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) and the Clerk with a local joiner.

Discussion took place regarding the repair and refurbishment of the notice boards at Boars Head and by the Post Office.It was agreed that a section of the board at the Boars Head should have a lockable door and the one at the Post Office should

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be refurbished and a door similarly fitted to one side of it with the other side accessible for other notices. The other notice boards were not in need of work.

609. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:

The next meeting would be held at Chorley Town Hall on Wednesday 17th July 2019. Councillor Ms M. Urry would attend.

610. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 15th July 2019 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 8.15. p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

15TH JULY 2019.