

DRAFT
MINUTES OF 999TH MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 20TH MARCH 2006
AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: -

COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J. PROCTOR, T.SHARRATT, AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T HARKNESS (CLERK).

229. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin and E. Miller Crook and Pc C. Evans (Community Beat Manager).

230. 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 declared an interest.

231. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th February 2006 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

232. POLICING REPORT:

In the absence of the Community Beat Manager the Clerk circulated his report on policing in the parish during February 2006.

Councillor Ms Urry expressed her concern regarding the safety of the shoot which had taken place recently on the farm at the rear of her property.

The Clerk would ask the Community Beat Manager to discuss this matter with Ms Urry.

233. LAPTC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted the current Newsletter of the Association which included a copy of the Chairman of NALC's speech to the Conference held at the Woodlands in January 2006, details of the claiming of public footpaths after 20 years use. He also submitted an invoice for the Association's Subscription Fees for 2006/07. These

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amounted to £151.68, compared with the figure for 2005/06 of £195.93 a reduction of £44.25.

The Annual General Meeting of the Chorley branch of the Association would take place on 30th March to be followed by the quarterly meeting.

The report was accepted, the Parish Council agreed to continue its membership of the Lancashire Association of Town and Parish Councils and that the payment of the annual subscription fees in the sum of £151.68 and the cheque was signed.

234. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A) TRAFFIC SPEEDS – HOGHTON LANE:

The comments on the traffic management scheme for the A675 through Hoghton had been sent to the Environment Directorate at Lancashire County Council

The Chairman reported that County Councillor Mrs Livesey had informed him that the Cabinet Member for Highways would consider schemes in the Safety Improvement Programme in early April and a decision of the scheme for Hoghton would be notified to the Parish Council by the next meeting.

(B) OVERGROWN FOOTWAYS GIB LANE:

No progress had been made on this matter and the Chairman would ask Chorley Borough Council to carry out this work as soon as possible.

The Chairman also referred to the tree at number 3 Gib Lane.

(C). GRASS VERGE BY BUS SHELTER – BOARS HEAD:

Councillor Miller Crook had reported further damage to the verges and had approached the Chairman about the situation. The Lancashire Highways Partnership had been informed and had contacted the brewery who had agreed to reinstate the verge. It was hoped that if the delivery drivers were instructed to take more care it would not be necessary to install marker posts.

(D). 40 MPH SIGN - RILEY GREEN:

The sign would be reset as soon as possible.

(E). SIGNS - BRINDLE BAR:

The County Council and Chorley Borough Council had been notified about the information sign and the missing street nameplate respectively however, the information signs were the responsibility of the owner of the venue and it was suggested that the Parish Council contact the de Hoghton Estate and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. The Borough Council would replace the missing street nameplate.

(F). 40 MPH SIGN – BRINDLE BAR:

The sign had not been repaired and the Clerk would contact the Lancashire Highways Partnership (Area County Surveyor) again about this.

(G). BUS SHELTER A675 RILEY GREEN:

The condition of the bus shelter had been reported to Chorley Borough Council and their comments were awaited.

(H). FOOTWAY BETWEEN RAILWAY BRIDGE AND BOARS HEAD CAR PARK:

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The Lancashire Highways Partnership (Area County Surveyor) had confirmed at the last meeting that he would take appropriate action regarding any overhanging branches. No work had been done.

(I). LAND ADJACENT TO THE BOARS HEAD:

The de Hoghton estate had written once again to Whitbreads about tidying this site. Councillor Sharratt referred to legislation under which a local authority could require the landowner to tidy up such sites. The Clerk would write to the County Council and the landowners about tidying up the land.

235 CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman presented a report on issues affecting the Parish Council.

236. PLANNING REPORT:

The Chairman reported that the following applications had been submitted to Chorley Borough Council since the last meeting.

1. Erection of a rear conservatory 7 Willowfield Chase (app no 06/0155/FUL).

(Councillor Sharratt declared a non prejudicial interest in this application)

2. Proposed garage to side of property Woodside Station Road (app no 06/0250/FUL).
3. Emergency repairs to two separate three flue chimney stacks on ridge line of south wing Hoghton Tower (app no 06/0319/LBC).

The Parish Council made no observations on the proposals.

237. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

1 T. Harkness	Clerk Salary and Expenses June – September 2005.	£375.54
2. Viking Direct	Print Cartridges	£51.07

238. CHORLEY CIVIC TRUST AWARDS:

The Parish Council had been invited by the Chorley Civic Society to submit nominations for an award. The proposals for the River Darwen Litter Clean Scheme at Hoghton Bottoms and the Pinfold site would be submitted for consideration for an award under the scheme.

239. PINFOLD:

The Clerk reported that the Scouts would plant trees in Pinfold on 24th March 2006, informed the Parish Council of the invitation for them to attend and of the arrangements made.

240. NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk submitted an estimate from Mr Fowler of Gregson Lane for the replacement of the three notice boards at a cost of £165.00 each.

It was agreed that the estimate should be accepted and the work put in hand.

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(The Vice Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

241. WAR MEMORIAL:

The war memorial had been inspected by the Conservation Officer at Chorley. And it was understood that there were grants available for the cleaning of the Memorial. This would be discussed with the Conservation Officer.

242. BOROUGH /PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON:

The Clerk reported there was to be a special meeting of the Committee on Tuesday 4th April 2006 to discuss the Borough Council's Refuse and Recycling Service and the effect of the Council's stock transfer on Parishes.

The Chairman would attend.

243. 1000TH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that Councillor Miller Crook had indicated at the last meeting that the April 2006 meeting would be the 1000th meeting.

The Parish Council agreed that to mark the occasion by providing a bench to be sited outside the Village Hall and that the Clerk make the arrangements.

244. CHORLEY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:

Copies of the Sustainable Resources Draft Document, Chorley Town Centre Action Area and Retail and Leisure preferred options and the draft Chorley Town Centre Strategy were submitted. The Parish Council noted them.

245. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 10th April 2006 the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30.pm at the Village Hall to be followed by the normal meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50. p.m.