

**HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF 1009TH MEETING
HELD ON 19TH MARCH 2007
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
PRESENT: -**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER A.CROW.

217. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from The Vice Chairman (Councillors T. Greenwood) and Councillor E. Miller-Crook.

218. COUNCILLOR E. MILLER-CROOK:

The Chairman reported that Councillor Miller-Crook had undergone surgery and was recovering in hospital.

219. 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.

220. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th February 2007 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

THERE WERE NO MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

221. VILLAGE HALL:

The Clerk reported that the Management Committee had met recently and was to proceed with a public consultation exercise before meeting the Parish Council.

222. POLICING REPORT:

The Police Community Support Officer submitted a report on crimes in the policing in the Parish since the January 2007. He also commented on the poor attendance at the recent PACT meeting and requested that details of future meeting be publicized.

223. LAPTC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted the current Newsletter of the Association which included details of a conference to be held at Park Hall from Friday 11 to Sunday 13th May 2007.

Further details of the conference would be submitted to the next meeting and Members would then decide if any one would attend on behalf of the Parish Council. The Chairman would be attending in his capacity as Chairman of the Association.

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The Clerk also submitted an invoice for the Association's Subscription Fees for 2007/08 amounting to £144.74 compared with the figure for 2006/07 of £151.68, which was a slight reduction.

The Annual General Meeting of the Chorley branch of the Association would take place on 25th June 2007 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, to the payment of the annual subscription fees in the sum of £144.74 and the cheque was signed.

224. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). TRAFFIC SCHEME – HOGHTON LANE:

The consultation plans for the local safety scheme for the A675 had been displayed on the Village Hall Notice Board and residents were asked to comment to the County Council no later than 30th March 2007.

Detailed discussion took place regarding some aspects of the scheme and it was felt that in view of the gravity of concern expressed the Environment Directorate's Traffic Manager should meet with the Parish Council as soon as possible.

The Clerk would make the arrangements as soon as possible and notify all Members of the Parish Council.

(B) GIB LANE:

The Chairman reported that the Area County Surveyor had recently inspected Gib Lane and was to make arrangements for the outstanding work to be done.

(C). REVIEW OF BUS SHELTERS:

The Parish Council considered the current provision of bus shelters in the Parish and felt that with the exception of a new bus shelter being provided on The Straits there was adequate provision subject to them being maintained properly.

(D). FOOTWAY – COTTAGES ON HOGHTON LANE:

The Chairman reported that the Area County Surveyor had undertaken repairs to the wall further repair work would take place when road repairs were carried out.

(E) LAND ADJACENT TO THE RAILWAY BRIDGE HOGHTON LANE:

The County Council had investigated the ownership question of the land and considered that it belonged to The Crossings Bungalow.

(F). ROCK GARDENS:

The Chairman reported that he had been discussed the making up of Rock Gardens with the Area County Surveyor who had confirmed that as this was a private road the cost of doing this would fall on the residents.

(G) REMOVAL OF SIGN:

The Area County Surveyor had removed the House for Sale Sign from the grass verge adjacent to the Boars Head car park.

(H). RUBBISH AT WISE MARY'S FARM:

Councillor Proctor reported that rubbish had been left by the Farm.

The Clerk would arrange for it to be removed.

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(I). LAND ADJACENT TO THE BOARS HEAD:

The Chairman reported that the de Hoghton Estate had informed him that the new owners of the Boars Head had not agreed to cut back the brambles. The Chairman would approach Chorley Council to see if they could take any action regarding the cutting back of the brambles.

225. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

226. PLANNING REPORT:

A. DECISIONS

The Clerk reported that the following applications had been granted.

1. Single storey side extension and pitched roof over existing attached garage 16 Fowler Close. Applicant Mr and Mrs Leigh (App No 06/01363/FUL).
2. Single storey side extension. 105 Chapel Lane Applicant: Mr D Potter. (App no 06/1395/FUL) - Resubmission.
3. Erection of agricultural storage buildings and adjacent hard standing Ricroft Nurseries Quaker Brook Lane. Applicant: Mr. Peter (Application no 07/00001/FUL).

B. APPLICATIONS:

An application for an extension to the existing canopy on front elevation Royal Oak Riley Green Applicant Daniel Thwaites Brewery Mr S. Callum (App no 07/0188/FUL) had been submitted to Chorley Council since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council made no observations on this application.

C. APPEAL DECISION:

The appeal against refusal of planning permission for the erection of a conservatory and single storey extension to the garage block and replacement of doors on the existing house at School House Blackburn Old Road. (App no 06/0047/FUL) and the accompanying Listed Building Consent had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

227. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

There were no accounts for payment.

228. CHORLEY COMMUNITY FORUM EAST:

Councillor Ms Urry reported on the inaugural meeting held on Wednesday 14th March 2007 at St. John's Primary School School Lane Brinscall.

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229. CHORLEY CIVIC TRUST AWARDS 2007:

The Parish Council had been invited by the Chorley Civic Society to submit nominations for an award. There did not appear to be any specific project which could be submitted for an award at present.

230. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Clerk reported on the current situation relating to the scheme for the refurbishment of the War Memorial.

231. APPLICATION FOR HGV OPERATORS LICENCE:

The Clerk reported that an application to increase the number of vehicles at Anderton Fold Farm under the existing heavy goods vehicle operator's licence had been made to the Licensing Authority North West by Mr Coar. No observations were made on the application.

232. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY:

The Clerk submitted a report considered at the recent Lancashire Local Chorley regarding the formulation of a speed management strategy by Lancashire County Council and in particular the introduction of criteria to reduce speeds on rural roads.

233. CHIDLINER NORTH WEST:

The Clerk submitted an application for financial assistance towards the running costs of this organisation. Regrettably the Parish Council was not in a position to make a contribution to this organisation.

234. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BILL:

The Clerk submitted details of a Public Meeting to be held on Friday 30th March 2007 at the Reebok Stadium Bolton.

235. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:

Chorley Council had asked the parish Council for its views on proposals for Neighbourhood Working. The Parish Council welcomed the proposals.

236. CHORLEY PLAY STRATEGY:

The Clerk submitted the Annual Report of the Chorley Play Working Group.

237. CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP:

The Parish Council was informed that the Stronger and More Involved Communities Sub Group met on 15th March 2007.

238. SOUTH RIBBLE DRAFT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANNING POLICY:

The Clerk reported that South Ribble Borough Council had consulted the Parish Council on their proposed affordable housing policy. The Policy was noted.

239. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16th April 2007 the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm 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 9.20 p.m.