

HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL – 18TH MARCH 2013
MINUTES OF 1074TH MEETING OF
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 18TH MARCH 2013
AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: COUNTY COUNCILLOR M. DEVANEY.

1. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:

The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council welcomed Mr. M. Watson who was attending his first meeting following his appointment to the Parish Council.

Councillor Watson then signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed the Register of Interests form.

2. 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.

3. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th February 2013 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. 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.

5. POLICE REPORT:

(A) NEWSLETTERS:

As the police were not present no report was submitted.

(B) CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

The Clerk circulated copies of the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer

(C) POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the latest Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter. and referred to the recently issued Draft Police and Crime Plan 2013 to 2018 consultation document . The Parish Council considered the issues raised in the Plan and commented on the proposals.

(D) RURAL CRIME WATCH CONFERENCE:

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Councillors Sharratt and Urry reported on the Conference held at Police Head Quarters on 11th March 2013.

6. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported that he had not received the current newsletter.

County Councillor Devaney reported that resurfacing work would take place at Station Road and Riley Green. Quaker Brook Lane, was not regarded as of sufficient priority to warrant be included in the programme this year.

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) reported that there had been several near misses involving traffic at the junction of Riley Green and Bolton Road.

He recommended the repainting of the white lines at the junction. The Clerk would contact the County Council about this.

The Clerk reported that following consultation with the Chairman he had arranged for Councillor Watson to attend training courses for new Councillors organised by LALC . These would take place on 6th and 20th July and the course fees amounted to £60.00 . The attendance was agreed and a cheque for the fees was signed.

7. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). FOOTPATH - BRINDLE LODGE:

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson), The Vice Chairman (Councillor Greenwood) and Councillor Sharratt had attended a site meeting with County Councillor Devaney and the County Council's Footpaths Officer on 19th February 2013 to discuss the work required.

The farmer had also attended this meeting to give his advice on the drainage situation.

A report was presented on the outcome of the meeting and the next step to be taken was for the County Council to draw up a scheme and this was currently under consideration.

Councillor Watson reported that A tree was blocking the footpath near the wooden bridge.

The Clerk would contact the Footpaths Officer about this.

(B). TREES - PRIVATE ROAD.

At a previous meeting the Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) requested information regarding two trees on Private Road which were leaning . The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) had met County Councillor Devaney regarding this.

He had suggested an approach to the landowner, Councillor Peter suggested that this be discussed with a local farmer. The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) reported that he had met the farmer and some action was being taken.

(C). TREES - HOGHTON LANE;

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At the last meeting Councillor Ms Urry asked if there had been any progress regarding the cutting of overhanging branches of trees on Hoghton Lane.

The Chairman(Councillor Dickinson) had consulted Chorley Council about this and reported that permission had been granted for the trees to be crowned but as yet no work had been undertaken.

(D). ROAD SURFACES:

The Clerk reported on the current position regarding the filling of potholes at various locations within the Parish.

Councillor Peter reported that the contractors responsible for road repairs were not carrying out proper repairs. County Councillor Devaney asked that any instances of this should be reported to him.

Councillor Sharratt reported that he had asked the County Council to make more money available for the filling of potholes. County Councillor Devaney referred to the current situation regarding the funding of road repairs.

(E). STATION ROAD:

Councillor Baldwin asked for Station Road to be swept.

The Clerk would contact Chorley Council about this.

(F). GRASS VERGES:

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) requested that the cutting of grass verges from the Boars Head to the Village Hall, and Councillor Baldwin asked for the grass verges from Station Road to the Boars Head to be cut.

The Clerk would contact Chorley Council about these requests.

8. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman (Councillor Dickinson) reported on the recent meeting of Chorley Council.

9. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) DECISIONS.

The Clerk reported that no notifications of planning application decisions had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

1.Application for minor non material amendment to planning approval 11/00806/FUL for addition of two roof lights in place of sun pipes,addition of one roof light, clarification that the door shown on the original plan is a door and not a window as suggested on the elevations and addition of window adjacent to said door . Newlands Quaker Brook Lane (App no 13/00134/MNMA) Applicants Mr. and Mrs. Heeney.

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Details were circulated to all Members and no observations were made. The Clerk had notified Chorley Council.

2. Conversion of a redundant farm building to a single dwelling Home Farm Houghton Lane (App no 13/00118/FUL) Applicant Mr. Wilmer.

The application was actually in Brindle and the Parish Council considered it as a neighbouring authority.

Details were circulated to all Members the Clerk would inform Brindle Parish Council that this Council had no observations.

(C) PLANNING IN PRACTICE EVENT:

The Clerk circulated details of a presentation made to the event held on 4th March 2013 regarding permitted development.

(D) LANCASHIRE WASTE AND MINERALS LOCAL PLAN - CONSULTATION :

The Clerk submitted a consultation document regarding changes to the Plan.

The Parish Council made no observations on the document.

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

There were no accounts for payment.

11. BUS SHELTERS:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported that at the recent Borough/Parish Liaison Meeting he had raised the painting of the bus shelters and the response from Chorley Council was inconclusive.

Chorley Council had offered Parish Councils the option to take responsibility for bus stops in their parish including the colour, cleaning ,removing graffiti, and repairing damage.

The Clerk had ascertained the cost of replacing the bus shelters. The cost would be £3500 .00 for the one on the The Straits and £1500.00 for the one at Riley Green.

The Parish Council decided to take no further action regarding the matter.

12. POND CRIPPLEGATE LANE:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported on the current situation.

He also reported that the County Council would provide surface dressing to Cripplegate Lane and that arrangements would be made for Community Payback to undertake the work.

County Councillor Devaney confirmed that a No through Road sign would be erected at the entrance to Cripplegate Lane.

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The Clerk would contact the Estate Land Agents about the work required to their land.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported that a local resident had informed him that the footpath was impassable and needed attention. The Clerk had notified the County Footpaths Officer.

13. LAND AT BOARS HEAD:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported that the owner of the Boars Head had offered the land adjoining the detached car park to the Parish Council.

Chorley Council had suggested that the land be used as an informal recreation area

Members felt that this would place a burden on the Parish Council and would not be of benefit to the Community.

It was decided to take no further action on this matter.

14. TRAVELLERS REST - BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported that he had been informed that this was the responsibility of the Parish Council and that it required cleaning.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) would ascertain the ownership of the Travellers Rest and report this to the Clerk.

15. BOROUGH PARISH LIAISON:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) and Councillor Ms Urry reported on the meeting of the Borough/ Parish Liaison Committee held on Wednesday 20th February 2013.

16. EQUALITY FORUM:

Councillor Ms Urry reported on the meeting of the Forum held on 6th March 2013.

17. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2013:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that in January 2013 it was decided not to enter the Annual Best Kept Village Competition.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) suggested that this decision be reconsidered in light of the developments at the Boars Head and on Blackburn Old Road. The Clerk had consulted the various representatives regarding entry in the Certificate of Merit category and they had confirmed they were willing to enter.

It was agreed to enter the Best Kept Village Competition and a cheque for the entry fee of £12.00 was signed.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 15th April 2013 the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45pm at the Village Hall to be followed by the normal meeting of the Parish Council.

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There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25.
p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

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