

MINUTES OF 1085TH MEETING OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17TH MARCH 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

Ms C. ROSCOE:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported that Ms Roscoe had taken early retirement from Chorley Council a new Neighbourhood Officer was to be appointed shortly. He also reported that PCSO Appleton had given birth to a baby girl in February.

1. 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.

2. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th February 2014 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. 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.

4. POLICE REPORT:

(A) NEWSLETTERS:

As the police were not in attendance no report was presented.

The Clerk referred to the police operation in Brindle and Hoghton following a spate of burglaries in the Parishes. He also reported that traffic speeds patrols had taken place during the week commencing 3rd March 2014.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

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Councillor Ms Urry reported a scam relating to an offer of free phone calls.

5. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter. He also submitted details of the Annual Conference to be held in April 2014.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) also reported on the appointment of a new Chief Executive of NALC.

6. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :

The County Council had been asked for their comments regarding the structure of the drain near Barracks Farm on Chapel Lane. The Clerk would contact the County Council to ask them to speak directly to Councillor Peter about the problems.

(B). GIB LANE :

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) had reported at the last meeting that the pavement had been swept and was now passable but the debris had been heaped by the hedge.

The Clerk had notified Chorley Council about the condition of the road and pavement and asked for action to be taken.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) indicated that the debris had not been removed.

Chorley Council would be asked to take urgent action.

The Clerk also reported that Chorley Council had been asked to repair the broken Gib Lane street nameplate.

(C). RESURFACING A675 BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

The Clerk reported that the A675 Blackburn Old Road would be patched from 21st to 25th March 2014 ready for it being surface dressed. This was between Finnington Lane and the South Ribble Boundary. It would be surface dressed later this Summer.

The condition of the road by the Village Hall had been reported to the County Council.

(D). GRITTING:

Councillor Ms Urry referred to recent gritting. Councillor Watson informed the Parish Council of the reasons for this.

7. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) indicated there was nothing to report on this matter.

8. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION.

The Clerk reported the following application had been approved since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

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1. Construction of an overbridge over railway on land at Pleasington Golf Club Viaduct Road (App no 13/001176/FUL) Applicant Network Rail.

2. Application to discharge conditions 5 (impact on protected species) 6 (landscaping) 10 (tree survey) and 12 (Reptile Method Statement) attached to planning approval 13/01176/FUL Overbridge on Railway land at Pleasington Golf Club. Decision - Conditions Discharged.

(B). APPLICATION:

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

1. Erection of first floor side/rear extension Trinity Cottage Valley Road (App no 14/00244/FUL) Applicant Mr. Price.

Details were circulated to all Members present and no observations were made.

The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

9. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

There were no accounts for payment.

10. WAR MEMORIAL:

Councillor Ms Urry reported the current situation regarding the pre application to the War Memorials Trust. It was expected that further information would be available in the next two weeks.

11. CRIPPLEGATE LANE:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had agreed to the Parish Council laying chippings on the bridle way.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that the work had been carried out and paid for by local residents.

12. RAIL HALT - HOGHTON :

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

13. BRINDLE GREGSON LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL - OFSTED REPORT:

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

14. BOROUGH/PARISH LIAISON:

This item was withdrawn.

15. EQUALITY FORUM:

The Clerk reported that the next meeting would be held on held on 3rd April 2014. Councillor Ms Urry would attend.

16. COMMEMORATION OF START OF WORLD WAR ONE:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) reported on the current situation

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regarding the Government`s scheme to commemorate the start of World War One by planting poppy seeds.

Councillor Peter had agreed to plant seeds at the War Memorial and Councillor Watson would plant them at Holy Trinity Church.

He had also suggested that a service of commemoration should be held at the War Memorial in August.

17. CHORLEY CIVIC SOCIETY - BI - ANNUAL AWARDS:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been invited to submit nominations for an award.

It was agreed that no further action should be taken.

18 . GRANT APPLICATION - AUTUMN CLUB:

The Clerk submitted a request from Secretary of the Autumn Club for a donation to the Club funds.

A grant of £75.00 was made and a cheque signed.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) declared a prejudicial interest in this matter in view of his connection with the Autumn Club.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) took the place of the Chairman whilst this matter was being discussed.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 14th April 2014 the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45.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 8.35. p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

14TH APRIL 2014