

**MINUTES OF 1096TH MEETING OF  
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2015  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**PRESENT:** - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (VICE CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR) COUNCILLORS J. BALDWIN, AND T.SHARRATT AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) Councillor N. Peter and Ms M. Urry.

**2. THE CHAIRMAN (COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON).**

The Chairman of the meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) informed the meeting that the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) was currently recuperating at a Rest Home.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

**3. COUNCILLOR MS URRY:**

The Chairman of the meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) informed the meeting of the current situation regarding Councillor Ms Urry.

The Parish Council wished her a speedy recovery.

**4. 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.

**5. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th February 2015 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood).

**6. 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.**

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### **7. POLICE REPORT:**

#### **(A). NEWSLETTERS:**

The Clerk circulated the current police newsletter which indicated there had been one reported incident in Hoghton during February 2015.

There was a PACT meeting on 3rd March 2015 and the next meeting would be held on 7th April 2015 at Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

At the last meeting Councillors Peter and Sharratt had reported problems relating to a car parked on Hoghton Lane which was causing sight problems for traffic entering and leaving Bells Lane.

The Police had agreed to look into this but the vehicle was in the South Ribble Policing area.

Councillor Sharratt reported details of a recent incident involving the parked car. He had now obtained the full registration of the vehicle involved.

The Clerk would inform the police of the registration number.

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor Greenwood) referred to the number of parked cars on Hoghton Lane near Bells Lane which were obscuring the vision of vehicles leaving Bells Lane.

The Clerk would ask the police to further investigate the parking situation.

#### **(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:**

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

### **8. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

### **9. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

#### **(A). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :**

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) informed the Parish Council on the current situation following the meeting of representatives of the County Council and the de Hoghton Estate.

#### **(B). RESURFACING BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:**

At the meeting in October Councillor Ms Urry had reported that no work had been done to the section of the carriageway from the War Memorial to Lane Side Farm and the problem was getting worse. The edge of the resurfacing work was breaking up and was becoming more extensive. It now extended to the Parish Church and was also occurring on both sides of the road. It was a hazard for cyclists and motorcyclists.

The Clerk had contacted the County Council about this they had replied that following an inspection no further work was planned.

Councillor Ms Urry did not accept that no further work was required the road surface from the Railway Bridge to the Parish Church was cracking

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and needed attention. She also stated that loose gravel was blocking the gulleys.

Councillor Sharratt reported that the length of road from Causeway Farm to Finnington Lane was deteriorating.

The Clerk had notified the County Council but it appeared nothing further had been done.

The Clerk would contact County Councillor Devaney regarding the matter.

### (D). BOLTON ROAD JUNCTION RILEY GREEN:

Councillor Sharratt reported details of an accident at the junction of Bolton Road and the A675 Riley Green on 14th February 2015. He referred to the speed limit on both these roads which at this point was 40mph. Bolton Road junction was designated a Give Way and had the appropriate signing and road markings however, he felt that there should be more warning and suggested that Stop signs should be erected at the junction.

Councillor Peter felt that there should be more of a deterrent here and that red markings should be put on the road to warn motorists.

Following the last meeting the Clerk had asked the County Council to investigate possible changes to the junction of Bolton Road and the A675 Riley Green to a Stop junction with appropriate markings.

The matter was currently under investigation.

### (E). FLOODING HOGHTON LANE:

At the last meeting Councillor Ms Urry reported flooding problems on Hoghton Lane near to her property. There had been an incident recently where raw sewage was seen to be coming from the drains.

The Clerk had asked the County Council to review the drainage situation on Hoghton Lane.

### (F). FLOODING RILEY GREEN:

At the last meeting Councillor Peter had reported flooding of the road at 6A Riley Green .

The Clerk had asked the County Council to investigate.

## 10. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

As the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) was not present no report on issues affecting the Parish Council was made.

## 11. PLANNING REPORT:

### (A). DECISIONS.

The Clerk reported that the following decisions had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1 Erection of single storey side extension Heatherdale Quaker Brook Lane (App no 15/00082/CLPUD) Applicant Mr Allen.- Granted.

2. Erection of two storey front extension, single storey rear extension and remodelling of property to include alterations to rooflight. Braemar Cripplegate Lane. (App no 15/00114/FUL) Applicant Mr. Appleton.- Granted.

### (B). APPLICATIONS:

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

1. Tree works 26 Fowler Close (App no 15/00154/TPO) Applicant Mr Burridge

Details had been circulated to all Members and no observations were made.

The Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

2. Erection of two storey detached garage following demolition of existing garage White Croft Quaker Brook Lane (App no 15/00157/FUL) Applicant Mr. Mullineaux.

Details had been circulated to all Members and no observations were made.

The Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

3. Retrospective Application for installation of a timber decking area with balustrade to front of premises The Sirloin Inn Station Road (App no 15/00159/FUL) Applicant Mr.Gokhan.

Details had been circulated to all Members and the following observations were made. The appearance of the decking is not in keeping with the area and there is no disabled access provided.

The Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

### **(C). SIGN - SIRLOIN:**

The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer had asked the Management of the Sirloin the latest position relating to the retrospective application for the advertisement sign.The application was awaited.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) would be asked to discuss this with the Enforcement Officer.

### **12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment

Richardson Trading Ltd	Supply of Notices for Notice Board	£76.80.
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### **13. PARISH PRECEPT:**

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council had approved the Parish Precept for 2015/16 which amounted to £179.22 for a Band D property.

### **14. WAR MEMORIAL:**

The Clerk reported that following the decision at the Chorley Council Eastern Parishes meeting to treat the refurbishment of the War Memorial as a priority in 2015/16. The matter would now be put the Chorley Council Cabinet for approval.

The Clerk reported the progress made relating to the survey of the War Memorial.

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The Parish Council had now received a response from the De Hoghton Estate authorising the Council to register the War Memorial with the Land Registry.

The Clerk would discuss the arrangements for the registration of the War Memorial with Chorley Council.

### **15. DOG WASTE BIN HOGHTON BOTTOMS:**

Chorley Council had agreed to replace the existing dog bin at Hoghton Bottoms with a combined bin and emptying it free of charge. The Parish Council had previously agreed to a one off charge of £250.00 for the new bin.

### **16. MAINTENANCE CONTRACT- PINFOLD/WAR MEMORIAL 2015:**

The Clerk submitted details of annual grass cutting contract at the Pinfold and maintenance of the War Memorial Contract by Gardencare Ltd.

The Parish Council agreed to the renewal of these contracts.

### **17. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:**

The Clerk reported the arrangements for the establishment of a suitable logo for the Parish Council Website.

### **18. NATIONAL PLANT MONITORING SCHEME:**

The Clerk reported details of a government backed scheme which was being delivered by a partnership comprising Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland; Centre for Ecology regarding a National Plant Monitoring Survey. The scheme was the first of its kind and asked for volunteers across the United Kingdom to visit a kilometre square local to them and record the plants they found there in several different plots. The scheme would enable the exploration of how plants in different habitats were responding to changes in the environment.

The Clerk would send details to the Scouts and Women`s Institute.

### **19. ADOPT A KIOSK:**

The Clerk submitted details of the Bt Adopt a Phone Kiosk Scheme.

The Parish Council decided not to participate in this scheme.

### **20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 20th April 2015 at 7.45.pm at the Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the normal meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**20TH APRIL 2015**