

**MINUTES OF 1107TH MEETING OF
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 21ST MARCH 2016
AT THE HOLY TRINITY
PARISH CHURCH HALL.**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: 3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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

2. COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON:

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) informed the Parish Council of the current position relating to the health of the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson).

The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

3. COUNCILLOR Ms URRY:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Councillor Ms Urry had recently had surgery.

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 15th February 2016 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. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC RAISED THE FOLLOWING MATTER:-

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PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

A Member of the Public offered facilities to enhance the Website.

The Parish Council accepted the offer.

THE PARISH COUNCIL THEN CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

7. POLICE REPORT:

(A). NEWSLETTERS:

As the police were not present no report was presented.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 5th April 2016 at the Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

(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 and reported that the Annual Conference would be held at the Leyland Hotel on 14th May 2016 and the AGM at County Hall on 19th November 2016.

9. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :

The Chairman of the meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported there had been no progress on this matter. County Councillor Devaney had informed the Parish Council that he had been told that the officer dealing with this had left the County Council. The Clerk would make further enquiries whether any progress had been made.

(B). FOOTWAY - GIB LANE:

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that the footway had been cleared.

(C). SPEEDING TRAFFIC - CHAPEL LANE:

The Clerk submitted a letter from residents in Chapel Lane who were concerned about the speed of traffic and requesting the imposition of a 20 mph speed limit in place of the derestriction signs and the installation of speed ramps. The police had been contacted and asked to do a traffic speed count. They had not been able to do so for health and safety reasons. The Clerk had sent a copy of the letter to County Councillor Devaney seeking his assistance in the matter. He had met the residents to discuss their concerns. Further developments were awaited.

A member of the public referred to the hazardous conditions for motorists on Chapel Lane from the top of the hill to Hoghton Bottoms.

The Clerk would ask the County Council to investigate this.

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(D). SPEEDING TRAFFIC - GIB LANE:

It was reported that the County Council was still to arrange for a vehicle/traffic speed count on Gib Lane Lane near Bell Villas. The Clerk had contacted the County Council and the police about this.

(E). FLOODING - QUAKER BROOK LANE:

Councillor Baldwin confirmed the works on gully at the entrance to Quakerbrook Lane had been completed.

Councillor Peter reported that the traffic management scheme further down Quaker Brook had also been completed.

(F). HOGHTON LANE TRAFFIC SPEEDS:

The Parish Council was awaiting the outcome of the traffic monitoring exercises on Hoghton Lane.

Further traffic speed monitoring had taken place recently.

The Clerk would ascertain the current position.

A member of the public referred to the number of large potholes on Hoghton Lane.

The Clerk would notify the County Council.

(G). PUBLIC FOOTPATH SIGN:

Councillor Sharratt had reported to the Clerk that the public footpath sign by the stile on the west side of Sandy Lane (B5256) and Blackburn Old Road (A657) had fallen down. The Clerk had notified the County Council.

10. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

No report on issues affecting the Parish Council was made.

11. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS.

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

1. Amendment to application to demolish existing cottage and erection of two two bedroom semi detached houses Sandell Cottage Riley Green.(App no 15/00570/FUL) Applicant - de Hoghton Estate. - Granted.

2. Retrospective application for erection of a bridge over the railway,land at Pleasington Golf Club Viaduct Road. (App no 16/00100/FUL) Applicant Network Rail. - Granted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

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1. Erection of a two storey side extension including alterations to the south west side elevation and rear elevation. Installation of roof lights at Woodland Grange Private Road (App no 16/00174/FULHH) Applicant Mr. Shacklady.

2. Discharge of condition 3 (method statement including pollution control with respect to disposal of foul water) re 15/00772/FUL Engineering operation for installation of a new sewage treatment plant to replace the existing. Hoghton Arms Chorley Road Withnell. (App no 16/00194/FUL) Applicant Serious Waste Management.

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

The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

There were no accounts for payment.

13. NATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

The Clerk reported that the previous Clerk continued to receive the annual statement for this account. He had contacted National Savings several times and they had finally noted the change. They had also given the Parish Council a cheque for £25.00 for the inconvenience. This had been paid into the Parish Council bank account.

14. WAR MEMORIAL:

At the last meeting the Clerk reported that work had been completed.

Following a site visit by a local historian it was noted that part of the base of the Memorial and parts adjoining the name plaques required attention.

It was also noted that when it rained ponding occurred at the right hand side of the stone cobbles where they joined the path. This was confirmed by Councillor Baldwin. The Clerk had asked Chorley Council to investigate the situation.

Also the Parish Council had been registered as owners of the War Memorial and had discussed where the registration documents should be deposited. It was suggested that it should be lodged with the Parish Council Bankers. Chorley Council had advised that as the document could be found on the Land Registry Website it was not necessary to place them elsewhere. The de Hoghton Estate had been informed of developments.

It was also suggested that details be placed on the Parish Council website.

15. ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT :

The Parish Council agreed to the proposed costs for the maintenance of the Pinfold, War Memorial and the grassed areas round the benches by Gardencare during 2016/17.

16. CHORLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA MEETING - EASTERN PARSHES:

The Clerk reported the decisions of Chorley Council regarding the projects submitted by the Parish Council.

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The pond at Cripplegate Lane would be dealt with as part of Chorley Council's normal maintenance programme.

The enhancements at the Pinfold would be dealt with by officers at Chorley and was not therefore allocated funding. The Clerk would contact Chorley Council about this.

Phase 2 of the War Memorial renovation had been agreed as a joint project with the renovation of Abbey Village War Memorial. The Clerk discuss this with officers at Chorley.

17. RURAL COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN:

The Clerk submitted the Rural Community Action Plan that was focusing on four themes - Health and Social Inclusion; Digital Access; Traffic and Transport Provision and Employment opportunity. Some of the actions had already commenced as funding/staff resources to deliver them were already in place. Others where new funding had been identified and agreed by Chorley Council would commence shortly in line with the milestones set out in the document.

One of the most popular projects requested from Parish Councils under the Traffic and Transport theme (project 3.2) was 'to blitz hot spot illegal parking on footpaths and verges in village areas at evenings and weekends'. Some funding had been allocated to this project by Chorley Council to pay Parkwise to undertake the traffic enforcement. Chorley had asked if any Parish Council wanted Parkwise to be deployed.

No areas were identified in Hoghton.

18. De HOGHTON ESTATE - FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The Clerk submitted a draft forest management plan for the de Hoghton Estate which affected parts of the Parish. The Plan proposed a schedule of felling and restocking of trees across the estate over a ten year period.

At the meeting of Brindle Parish Council Councillor Sharratt referred to the paragraph in the plan concerning the eradication of Himalayan Balsam.

The Clerk had contacted the authors of the report for further information on this.

19. HM QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND 90TH BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL:

The Clerk submitted details of the issue by the Royal Mint of this medal for schools and Councils.

20. CHORLEY CIVIC SOCIETY - BI - ANNUAL AWARDS:

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

The Parish Council agreed to nominate the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) for an award

21. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Audit for 2015/16 would take place on 27th June 2016.

He would submit full details for consideration by the Parish Council at the next meeting.

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Prior to this the Independent Internal Auditor would examine the Parish Council Accounts and procedures. Confirm they were in order and agree the Audit.

22. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 18th April 2016 the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7.30. p.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman of the meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

18TH APRIL 2016.