

**HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF 1012TH MEETING
HELD ON 14TH MAY 2007
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
PRESENT: -**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

8. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence were submitted from Councillor E. Miller-Crook.

9. COUNCILLOR E. MILLER-CROOK:

The Chairman reported on Councillor Miller-Crook's progress since coming out of Hospital.

10. 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.

11. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th April 2007 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AS THERE WERE NO MATTERS RAISED BY THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

12. POLICING REPORT:

The Clerk reported on policing in the Parish since the last meeting and in particular referred to the priorities set at PACT Meetings and the action taken as a result. The two priorities related to Parking on Footways and Speed Enforcement.

13. LAPTC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted the Association Newsletter giving details of training courses on Roles, Responsibilities and Procedure on 14th July and one on Budgets, Precepts and Planning on 8th September. Both would be held at Samlesbury Memorial Hall from 9.15 a.m. to 12.15.a.m. at a cost of £50. The newsletter also gave a report on the Planning System and enclosed correspondence regarding post office closures.

14. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). TRAFFIC SCHEME – HOGHTON LANE:

Following the last meeting the Police had indicated that they did not support a 40 mph speed limit and did not feel a meeting was appropriate.

The scheme would now be considered by the Lancashire Local – Chorley at its next meeting on 13th June 2007 and County Councillor Mrs Livesey would present the views of the community to that meeting.

Councillor Sharratt felt it was disgraceful that the views of officers of the Council had taken precedence over the views of local people and that the plan of the proposals did not show what currently existed as well as what was proposed.

The Clerk would request an updated plan of the scheme showing existing as well as proposed details and publicise the meeting of the Lancashire Local – Chorley so that as many people as possible should be encouraged to attend including Members of the Parish Council.

(B). LAND ADJACENT TO THE BOARS HEAD:

The Chairman reported on the current situation regarding the tidying up of the land. It was agreed that the Clerk ask the Land Registry for a copy of a plan of the land in question to verify its ownership.

(C). REFUSE COLLECTION:

Councillors Ms Urry reported that Chorley Council had contacted them regarding problems with refuse collection. Councillor Proctor reported that the rubbish had been removed.

(D). STILE – PUBLIC FOOTPATH:

The Clerk reported that the Footpaths Officer had confirmed he would investigate the repair of the stile.

15. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

16. PLANNING REPORT:

A. DECISIONS

The Clerk reported that the following application has been granted permission.

Extension to the existing canopy on front elevation Royal Oak Riley Green Applicant Daniel Thwaites Brewery (App no 07/0188/FUL).

B. APPLICATIONS:

The following applications had been submitted to Chorley Council since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Proposed two storey side extension 5 Willowfield Chase
Applicants Mr. and Mrs Addison (App no 07/0288/FUL).
2. Single storey front extension, single storey rear extension, enlargement of detached garage and pitched roof to garage Heathcote The Straits
Applicants Mr. and Mrs. Murray (App no 07/00443/FUL)

The Parish Council made no observations on the applications.

17. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

There were no accounts for payment.

18. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Audit for 2006/07 would take place on 27th July 2007.

He also reported under the procedure it was necessary for the Parish Council to approve a statement of assurance that the accounts had been undertaken in accordance with prescribed regulations. A copy of the Annual Return and Statement of Assurance was circulated to each Member.

The Parish Council acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation of the accounts and confirmed, to the best of its knowledge and belief that the Council's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2007 were true and correct and that they had considered the statement of assurance in connection with those accounts.

20. PRECEPT.

The precept for 2007/08 amounting to £4,000.00 had been received from Chorley Borough Council and banked.

21. PINFOLD.

Arrangements would be made for Mr. Whiteside to commence the first phase of the repairs to the wall at the Pinfold amounting to £510.00 and for Mr. Ormerod to tidy up the site.

22. TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY PLAN FOR CHORLEY:

The Clerk resubmitted this consultation document.

Councillor Sharratt referred to the provision of a Rail Halt and Park and Ride Scheme at Private Road, Councillor Ms Urry suggested it could be shared with Gregson Lane and Brindle. She also felt that in view of the proposals to promote the town centre of Chorley it should be made more accessible to residents of Hoghton by the provision of a bus service direct to Chorley.

The Clerk would convey these comments to Chorley Council..

23. CODE OF CONDUCT:

The Clerk submitted the information regarding the adoption of the revised Code of Conduct for Members issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government. The Parish Council had until October 2007 to adopt the revised Code . It was agreed that the scheme be considered at the meeting on 16th July 2007.

24. CIVIC SUNDAY:

The mayor elect had invited Members of the Parish Council to the Annual Mayoral Procession to St. Laurence`s Church on Sunday 20th May 2007.

25. GREEN PARTNERSHIP AWARDS:

Chorley had informed the Clerk that a new round of funding towards environmental projects had been initiated.

26. DOG FOULING:

Chorley Council had confirmed the making of an order to enforce dog fouling offences. This was effective from 1st May.

27. CHORLEY EAST COMMUNITY FORUM:

The Clerk reported that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 12th July at the Astley Village Community Centre Hallgate Astley Village at 7.00 p.m.

A new initiative to be introduced was a 30 minute surgery from 6.30 to 7.00 when there would be an opportunity for members of the public to discuss personal issues with their local councillors and representatives of Partner Organisations.

In addition to the minutes of the last meeting there would be a schedule setting out action taken on issues raised at meetings and this would be included on agendas for all future meetings. There would also be an item on the agenda to ascertain the three big issues to be addressed by the Community Forum and members of the public would be invited to submit three issues for consideration at the next meeting.

Chorley Council had asked if there was anything the Parish Council wanted to raise.

It was agreed that Chorley Council be informed that the Parish Council wishes to raise the following at the Community Forum East Meeting:-

1. Speed of Traffic through Rural Villages and the lack of enforcement.
2. The amount of litter on roadside verges in rural areas.
3. The lack of support from Chorley Council for Community Halls and Community Groups.

28. CHORLEY PLAY PARTNERSHIP:

The Clerk reported that the next meeting would be held on 23rd May starting at 9.30 a.m. at Tatton Community Centre Silverdale Road Chorley.

29. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Clerk in response to a question by the Vice Chairman reported on the current position regarding the refurbishment of the war memorial.

30. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 18th June 2007 at 7.30.pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40. p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

18TH JUNE 2007

