

**MINUTES OF 1110TH MEETING OF  
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 16TH MAY 2016  
AT THE HOLY TRINITY  
PARISH CHURCH HALL.**

**PRESENT:** - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J. BALDWIN, B. MATTOCK, N.PETER, T.SHARRATT, AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MRS S. LONG.

**11. 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.

**12. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th April 2016 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood).

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

**THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. AS NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE PRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

**14. POLICE REPORT:**

**(A). NEWSLETTERS:**

As the police were not present no report was presented.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 7th June 2016 at the Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

Members were concerned that there had not been any newsletters issued by the police since November 2015. The Clerk would contact them about this.

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

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

**15. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

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### **16. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

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

County Councillor Devaney had informed the Clerk that this matter was currently being re-investigated following the retirement of the officer formerly in charge. matter.

The Clerk would be kept informed of developments.

#### **(B). SPEEDING TRAFFIC - CHAPEL LANE:**

The Clerk reported that there had been no further developments regarding this matter or in connection with the potential hazardous conditions for motorists on Chapel Lane from the top of the hill to Hoghton Bottoms.

County Councillor Devaney had contacted the County Council regarding the matter and had been informed that the issue had been passed to the traffic section at the Highways Department and they would conduct a site visit.

At the last meeting Councillor Sharratt suggested that the Parish Council write to the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the problems on Chapel Lane.

Clerk had now received a response from him to the effect that the speed count requested referred to the carrying out of a Community Road Watch where volunteers and the police operating speed detection devices together. A safety assessment was carried out and it was considered that the road was not suitable.

The police had suggested that other measures might be available and the issue had been referred to the Police Speed Management Team.

These could include enforcement by the ‘mobile’ unit or by police officers if a suitable site could be found and other options include the placing of an interactive speed sign ‘SPiD’ or other warning signs used by the police.

Police resources were first directed towards areas with a higher incidence of collisions involving injuries therefore Chapel Lane would not be a priority for this but the other options would still be available.

As Chapel Lane was not a through road the regular users were more likely to be residents and visitors and therefore extra warning signs and education might also help alleviate the speed issues that some of the residents were suffering.

It was felt that information leaflets should be sent to local residents regarding the issue.

The Clerk would ask the police to do this.

The Clerk would also contact the County Council again regarding the request for a site visit in connection with the hazardous conditions for motorists on Chapel Lane from the top of the hill to Hoghton Bottoms.

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### **(C). SPEEDING TRAFFIC - GIB LANE:**

It was reported that the County Council was to undertake a site visit to assess the need for a vehicle/traffic speed count on Gib Lane Lane near Bell Villas.

### **(D). HOGHTON LANE TRAFFIC SPEEDS:**

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

The Clerk submitted a copy of a letter which District Councillor Mrs Long had received from the occupier of 251 Hoghton Lane expressing concerns regarding the speed of traffic and suggesting that the speed limit should be 30mph on Blackburn Old Road through Hoghton.

The Parish Council agreed to wait for further information regarding the traffic monitoring and in the meantime the local resident concerned would be notified of the situation.

### **(E). PUBLIC FOOTPATH SIGN:**

The Clerk reported that the County Council was investigating the re-erection of the sign by the stile on the west side of Sandy Lane (B5256) and Blackburn Old Road (A657). Councillor Sharratt reported that the sign had still not been re-erected.

The Clerk would notify County Councillor Devaney.

### **(F). ROAD WORKS HOGHTON LANE:**

Councillor Ms Urry reported that she had now had a letter from Electricity North West regarding the proposed road works on Hoghton Lane. These were due to commence later in the month.

The Parish Council had not been told of the roadworks and the County Council when approached were not aware of them.

There did not seem to be any co-ordination.

The Clerk would contact Electricity North West and the County Council regarding the lack of any notification.

The Clerk would seek further information from the County Council.

## **17. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that there were no current issues affecting the Parish Council.

## **18. PLANNING REPORT:**

### **(A). DECISION.**

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

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.

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### **(B). APPLICATIONS:**

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

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

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the non compliance with the planning permission relating to the decking at the Sirloin.

Councillor Ms Urry reported advertisement signs had been placed near Station Road advertising the use of the Sirloin for events.

She was concerned that the events would not comply with the recent decision by Chorley Council regarding noise levels at the Sirloin.

District Councillor Mrs Long had discussed the non compliance with the terms of the Planning Permission with the Enforcement Officer and he had written to the Management at the Sirloin.

She would also raise the question of the notice boards with the Enforcement Officer.

### **19. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Fees to March 2016	£48.00.
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### **20. INSURANCE PREMIUM - RENEWAL.**

The Clerk submitted details of the Parish Council's insurance quotation from The Council's Brokers for the period from 1st June 2016 and reported that the cost of renewing this would amount to £609.40, compared with a figure of £584.08 for 2015/16 an increase of £25.32.

He reminded the Parish Council that in 2015 it had entered into a three year agreement with the Insurers.

The Parish Council was requested to consider the offer and decide whether the cover offered was adequate.

A sum of £650.00 had been included in the Parish Council's Estimates for this premium in 2016/17.

The quotation was accepted and the premium of £609.40 paid and a cheque was signed.

### **21. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:**

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

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### **22. WAR MEMORIAL:**

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council had spoken to the contractor and he was going out to have a look at the ponding issue and report back. Once he identified the issue he would resolve the problem.

The lead officers had now been assigned and would progress phase two of the works.

Chorley Council Officers were considering revisiting the funding application to War Memorials Fund.

### **23. PRECEPT :**

The Clerk reported the receipt of the Precept of £6000.00 which included a council tax grant of £235.00. The current balance was £7766.65.

### **24. COUNTY COUNCIL PROPERTY STRATEGY:**

Councillor Ms Urry asked about the County Council's proposals for the closure of buildings and its affect on the Library Service.

The Clerk reported that a consultation exercise was to take place from 18th May 2016 to 14th August 2016 he would send details to all Members of the Council for comment.

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

Monday 20th June 2016 at 7.30. p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.40. p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**20TH JUNE 2016.**