

**MINUTES OF 1121ST MEETING OF
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 15TH MAY 2017
AT THE HOLY TRINITY
PARISH CHURCH HALL.**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: MRS A. PUGH CHAIR HOGHTON WOMEN`S INSTITUTE .

210. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Ms Y Hargreaves and Mrs S. Long.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR SNOWDEN:

The Clerk reported that Andrew Snowden had been elected the County Councillor for Houghton with Wheelton at the recent elections for the County Council.

211. 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.

212. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th April 2017 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood).

213. ADJOURNMENT:

THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING MATTER.

HOGHTON WI MEMORIAL:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) referred to the letter from the WI regarding a proposal to plant poppies at the War Memorial to commemorate their 90th anniversary and the ending of the First World War. The Parish Council had decided to invite them to discuss their ideas further.

A representatives from the WI was present and discussed their options with the Parish Council.
The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) indicated the problems in cultivating

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poppies and the lack of a suitable location at the War Memorial. In view of the restoration work which was due to take place he suggested that poppies could be grown in containers for display at the appropriate time.

Councillor Ms Urry suggested that as this was a dual event a flag or plaque could be erected at the War Memorial to commemorate them

This would be put to the WI. along with the idea of poppies being grown in containers.

The Representative of the WI. then left the meeting and the Parish Council carried on with the business on the agenda.

214. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The Police did not attend. The Clerk submitted the current newsletter.

The Clerk referred to the Police circulars which he received and suggested that they be sent to all members for information. He would make the necessary arrangements.

At the last meeting Councillor Ms Urry reported a number of static caravans were located at Finnington Lane. The Clerk had contacted Chorley Council about this.

The matter was now being investigated by the Planning Enforcement Officer.

Also at the last meeting Councillor Baldwin reported that a vehicle had been parked on the grass verge near the War Memorial for over three weeks. This had been reported to Chorley Council and the police. The vehicle had now been removed..

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

215. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk circulated the current newsletter.

216. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A) HOGHTON LANE TRAFFIC SPEEDS:

The County Council had been asked about the consultation on the reduction in the speed limit on Houghton Lane. District Councillor Mrs France had now been informed that following Police concerns regarding the initial 30mph proposal an alternative 40mph limit extending from the existing 30mph section was recommended. Initially this was proposed to be forwarded to consultation during early 2017 however the continuing progression of a number of major town centre schemes and priority regulation orders within the county has resulted in delays in the current Traffic Regulation Order programme and it was now envisaged that the consultation will take place in May/June 2017 and be completed as part of the 2017/18 financial year.

The County Council would be asked to proceed with the consultation exercise as soon as possible and confirm the precise nature of this consultation.

(B). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :

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The County Council had been requested to make the scheme to alleviate flooding in Chapel Lane a priority in their Highways Maintenance Programme 2017/18 and was now under review.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) would contact the appropriate officer of the County Council about this.

(C). GIB LANE:

Councillor Mrs Long had reported that a local resident had complained about the number of motor cyclists using Gib Lane particularly on 7th May 2017.

The Parish Council were reminded that this was the day when there was motor cycle event at Hoghton Tower.

The concerns of the local resident would be notified to representatives of Hoghton Tower and they would be requested to ask visitors to have consideration for neighbouring residents when leaving such events.

(D). HIGHWAY SAFETY:

Councillor Ms Urry referred to the recent event at the Village Hall where large posters had been displayed on lamp posts causing a traffic hazard.

The Parish Council would contact the Village Management Committee to ask that event organisers should ensure the safe display of posters advertising an event.

217. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

A report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council.

218. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION.

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

1. Certificate of lawfulness for the erection of a single storey rear extension and a single storey side extension Oak Lea Quaker Brook Lane.(App no 17/00215/CLPUD) Applicant Mr. Kilner. - Granted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

(C). LICENSING APPLICATION:

The Clerk submitted details of an application for a temporary event licence at School House Blackburn Old Road on 30th June and 1st July 2017.

No observations were made

(C). ADJOINING LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY APPLICATION:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the application for the erection of 78 dwellings(including 39 affordable homes) with associated access and landscaping

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land at Olive Farm and land north of Methuen Drive had been deferred to the middle of June.]

He had made further objections regarding the affect of the proposals on local schools, Health Services and the infrastructure of the area and enquired why the Parish Council had not been consulted as a neighbouring authority.

He had been promised details of the application when they have them

With regard to consultation South Ribble`s procedure operated in the same way as Chorley and he would have to look at their weekly planning lists.

219. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Fees to March 2017	£30.00.
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220. 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 2017 and reported that the cost of renewing this would amount to £635,78 compared with a figure of £609.40 for 2016/17 a 2% increase amounting to £26.38, He reminded the Parish Council that in 2015 it had entered into a three year agreement with the Insurers.

A sum of £650.00 had been included in the Parish Council's Estimates for this premium in 2017/18.

The quotation was accepted and the premium of £638.78 paid and a cheque was signed.

221. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the Audit for 2016/17 would take place on 26th June 2017.

The Independent Internal Auditor had examined the Parish Council's Accounts and procedures, confirmed that they were in order, agreed the Audit Report and submitted it to the Parish Council for approval.

The Clerk also reported that under the procedure it was necessary for the Parish Council to approve a statement of governance that the accounts had been undertaken in accordance with prescribed regulations. A copy of the Annual Return Statement of Accounts, Annual Governance Statement and the Independent Auditors Report was circulated to each Member.

Under the new regulations copies of the Annual Return would be posted on the Parish Council's website for 30 working days from 9th June 2017.

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 2017 were true and correct and that they had considered the statement of governance in connection with those accounts.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) then signed the Annual Return where

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appropriate.

222. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting he had requested a meeting with the project officer to discuss the proposals. There had not been any response from Chorley.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) would make further enquiries.

223. PRECEPT:

The Clerk reported the payment of the precept amounting to £6000.00 and the Council's balances at 30th April stood at £9,769.65.

224. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 19th June 2017 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 8.20. p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

19TH JUNE 2017.