

**MINUTES OF 1104TH MEETING OF
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER 2015
AT THE HOLY TRINITY PARISH
CHURCH HALL.**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: COUNTY COUNCILLOR M. DEVANEY.

1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was submitted from The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson).

2. COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON:

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) informed the Parish Council that the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) had been unable to attend the Remembrance Day Service due to a chest infection and was not present due to the ongoing infection.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

3. 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.

4. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th October 2015 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood).

5. 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.

6. POLICE REPORT:

(A). NEWSLETTERS:

As the police were not present no report was presented.

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The next PACT meeting meeting would be held on 1st December 2015 at Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

At the last meeting Councillor Sharratt had reported that the problems with parking at the junction of Bells Lane and Hoghton Lane persisted and it was suggested that the South Ribble Councillor for the area should be informed and asked to investigate the situation.

The Clerk had contacted him and he was currently discussing the matter with the County Council. He had requested a letter of support for his suggestion that parking restrictions be introduced at this location.

The Parish Council agreed to send a letter of support.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

7. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

Councillor Sharratt reported on the LALC AGM held on 7th November 2015.

The Chorley Area Committee had met on 8th October 2015.

8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :

The problem still persisted the County Council was discussing what work was required with the landowners. County Councillor Devaney reported that he had tried to contact the responsible officer at the County Council on several occasions without success and was to refer the matter to the Chief Executive.

(B). RESURFACING BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

At the last meeting Councillor Ms Urry reported that the whole of Blackburn Old Road A675 within Hoghton was in poor condition.

The Clerk had asked the County Council to carry out a survey and take appropriate action.

The County Council had replied to the effect that the carriageway repair had been put forward for consideration for funding from future budgets to patch and surface dress but currently there were no actionable defects found following an inspection.

Councillor Sharratt expressed his concern that the kerbstones west of the Finnington junction were not considered to be a problem.

The Parish Council was of the opinion that there was a problem along the whole length of Blackburn Old Road A675 in the Parish.

The Clerk would report these views to the County Council and refer in particular to the kerbstones west of Finnington Lane.

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(C). BOLTON ROAD JUNCTION RILEY GREEN:

County Councillor Devaney reported the reasons why the County Council considered that a Stop sign was not necessary at this junction.

(D). FOOTWAY - GIB LANE:

County Councillor Devaney reported that the County Council was seeking confirmation that the necessary insurances were in place before deciding whether to allow Community Payback to do the work at Gib Lane, Hoghton Lane and Station Road.

The Clerk would notify Community Payback.

(E). SPEEDING TRAFFIC - GIB LANE:

The County Council was still to arrange for a vehicle/traffic speed count on Gib Lane near Bell Villas.

County Councillor Devaney would contact the County Council about this.

(F). BROKEN STILE FOOTPATH LANE SIDE FARM:

The Clerk reported that the footpaths officer had inspected the stile on Hoghton Lane at Lane Side Farm and had indicated that it had been repaired.

(G). FLOODING - QUAKER BROOK LANE:

The Clerk reported that in response to a request for information about the trash screen he had been informed that the County Council had inspected culvert, and the trash screen was still in place, the culvert was not blocked. The trash screens would be cleaned out in the next couple of months.

Councillor Peter disputed this and reported additional flooding in the vicinity.

County Councillor Devaney would meet Councillor Peter on site to discuss the problems of flooding on Quaker Brook Lane.

(H). FLOODING - RILEY GREEN:

A local resident had informed the Clerk of flooding at Riley Green near Sandell Cottage. The Clerk had notified the County Council.

(I). WINTER BRIEFING NOTE:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the County Council's Winter Briefing Note.

Details would be posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards and in the newsletters.

9. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

No report on issues affecting the Parish Council was made.

10. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION.

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

Retrospective application for the installation of a timber decking area to

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the front of the premises (to include amendments to design from that previously refused to remove wood below decking level to allow cobbles to be visible underneath, planters in conservation colour between uprights and removal of wood decking and replacement with tension wires.) The Sirloin Station Road. (App no 15/00832/FUL) Applicant Black Napkins North West Ltd. - Granted.

The Parish Council expressed disappointment regarding this decision.

(B). APPLICATION:

The Clerk reported that the following application had been received 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.

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

The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

(C). DEVELOPMENT AT FINNINGTON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE:

County Councillor Devaney referred to a planning application for the development of this estate and reported objections to revised access arrangements.

The Parish Council had considered this situation in the past and commented on it.

It was understood that a new planning application for the development was in the pipeline. At this stage the Parish Council had not been informed.

11. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment

1.	Holmes Florist	Wreath Remembrance Sunday	£35.00
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12. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Clerk reported that the site meeting with the Contractor was held on 21st October 2015 when a schedule of work was agreed. The Parish Council's contribution was included in the cost. He circulated a revised schedule of work together with options for additional work which the Parish Council might wish to undertake.

This would require additional funding

It was agreed to carry out the suggested phase one of the work and await further developments. A sum of £1000.00 would be put into next year's estimates for the War Memorial.

Chorley Council would be asked to proceed with the work and the contribution of £2000.00 would be made towards the cost.

The de Hoghton Estate would be informed.

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13. PARISH COUNCIL ESTIMATES 2016/17:

The Clerk submitted a report (circulated) dealing with the Parish Council's Estimates for 2016/17 the report gave details of actual spending in 2014/15 together with an update of spending in the current financial year and set out the proposed estimated spending for 2016/17.

The report revised the allocations for the Pinfold, the cost of a story board, the refurbishment of the War Memorial, grant allocations maintenance costs and the cost of local elections. He also recommended that the grant element for the community charge should be absorbed by the Parish Council.

He indicated the amount of increased expenditure required if the Parish Council was to meet these targets and in view of the anticipated balance at the end of the year suggested that the Parish Council precept should be increased particularly in the light of the cost of the local elections..

The Estimates for 2016/17 as set out below were approved and the Parish Council's precept on Chorley Borough Council for 2016/17 would amount to £6,000.00.

ESTIMATES 2016/17

LAST YEAR 2014/15	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YEAR 2015/16		ESTIMATES 2016/17
ACTUAL £		CURRENT £	PROJECTED to 31 MARCH 2016 £	£
RECEIPTS				
4173.71	B/FWD	3378.95	3378.95	1441.00
4833.00	PRECEPT	4833.00	4833.00	5833.00
167.00	GRANT	167.00	167.00	167.00
90.96	VAT	163.35	163.35	100.00
5.48	INTEREST	5.85	5.85	5.00
8048.45.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	8548.15.	8548.15.	8041.00.
PAYMENTS				
2486.19	PAYROLL	1282.35	2750.00	2750.00
550.00	PINFOLD	NIL	500.00	500.00

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350.00	GRANTS AND DONATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 137 PAYMENTS	125.00	400.00	250.00
568.49	INSURANCE AND EXCESS	584.00	584.00	600.00
1194.00.	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	30.00	500.00	250.00
191.13	FEES	247.00	247.00	275.00
NIL	AUDIT FEES	NIL	NIL	NIL
100.00	HIRE OF ROOMS	120.00	200.00	200.00
220.39	STATIONERY AND EQUIPMENT	300.00	400.00	300.00
40.00	WREATH	40.00	40.00	40.00
400.00	ELECTIONS	NIL	800.00	1500.00
NIL	NOTICE BOARDS	NIL	NIL	NIL
87.00	DOG BIN RENTAL	250.00	NIL	NIL
100.00	PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION	NIL	150.00	150.00
550.00	WAR MEMORIAL	NIL	2500.00	1000.00
120.00	WEBSITE	150.00	150.00	100.00
NIL	LAND REGISTRY	40.00	40.00	NIL
6957.20	TOTAL	2751.89	9511.00	7915.00

14. WREATH LAYING CEREMONY SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2015:

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The Parish Council reviewed the arrangements for Remembrance Day. The general arrangements, police presence and provision of the wreath all merited favourable comment.

The Clerk had sent letters of thanks to the Police and Mr Savage.

Councillor Peter had also agreed to fix the wreaths following the ceremony.

15. THREE TIER LIAISON MEETING:

The Clerk reported on the meeting held on 21st October 2015 at the Town Hall Chorley.

16. LANCASHIRE PARISH BASED TRANSPORT SCHEME:

The Clerk submitted an introductory guide produced by the County Council on the promotion of a parish based transport scheme.

17. GRANT APPLICATION - AUTUMN CLUB:

The Clerk submitted a request from Chairman of the Autumn Club for a donation to the Club funds.

A grant of £75.00 was made and a cheque signed.

18. PARISH COUNCIL CHAMPION - NEWSLETTER:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the current newsletter.

19. EASTERN PARISHES NEIGHBOURHOOD PREFERRED PROJECTS 2016/17

The Clerk submitted a request from Chorley Council for projects to be included in Neighbourhood Projects Programme 2016/17.

It was agreed that the following three projects be submitted:-

1. Cripplegate Lane - improvement work to the pond.
2. Pinfold - provision of benches and story board.
3. War Memorial - further refurbishment work.

20. WASTE BIN - THE STRAITS HOGHTON LANE:

The Clerk reported that the new waste bin had been put near bus stop on The Straits.

21. DEFIBRILLATOR:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the response from Hoghton W.I. regarding the provision of a defibrillator.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 19th January 2016 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 8.55 p.m.

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**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

19TH JANUARY 2016.