

DRAFT
MINUTES OF 996TH MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 17TH OCTOBER 2005
AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: -

COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS E. MILLER-CROOK J.PROCTOR T.SHARRATT, Ms. M.URREY AND MR. T HARKNESS (CLERK).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

112. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor J. Baldwin.

113. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th September 2005 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

114. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct the Clerk asked if any Member wished to declare an interest in any matter to be considered by the Parish Council at the meeting. No one declared an interest.

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: -

115. TRAFFIC SPEEDS – HOGHTON LANE:

The Member of the Public present offered his support in assisting the Parish Council with its campaign to reduce the speed of traffic on Hoghton Lane.

It was reported that the Environment Department at Lancashire County Council had acknowledged the poor safety record of the A675 from the junction with the M65 to the South Ribble Borough boundary and was included in the Environment Directorate's Accident Investigation and Prevention Programme of Studies for 2005/6. it was at present in progress.

Measures being considered included highlighting the entrance to the Boatyard Inn on Bolton Road, improving signing and lining at the junction of Hoghton Lane and Sandy Lane and centre hatching with provision for right turns at Hoghton Tower and at the junction with the Boars Head.

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In addition the existing signs could be upgraded as well as road markings.

Consideration was also being given to reducing the speed limit to 50 mph and discussions were taking place with the police who were likely to support it.

Plans of the proposals were being drawn up and would be sent to the Parish Council for comment. The Directorate would also consult the police, Chorley Borough Council and the local County Councillor.

It was intended that these proposals which could be amended would be submitted for inclusion in the 2006/07 Local Safety Schemes Programme. There would also be a public consultation exercise. If the scheme was placed in the programme wider consultation would be carried out which would include local residents.

The Member of the Public referred to police involvement and following the recent accident to a relative agreed to write to the police at Wheelton

Councillor Proctor referred to the list of speed camera locations in the local press and suggested that the police should be asked to include Hoghton Lane on the list.

The Clerk would write to the Environment Directorate to ask when the scheme would be available for comment and to the police to ask them to include Hoghton Lane on the list of speed camera locations.

116. LAPTIC REPORT:

The Clerk referred to the recommendations concerning a revised method of raising the subscription income required to fund the Association's activities each year. The Parish Council had considered the matter in June 2005 and had agreed the suggested formula.

The Chairman submitted details of the likely revised subscription fees from 2006. These would be less than in previous years.

The information was accepted.

The Chairman also reminded the Members that the LAPTIC AGM would be held on 5th November 2005. He also mentioned the resolutions which could affect this council which would be considered at the AGM.

117. OVERGROWN FOOTWAYS:

The Clerk reported that following an approach by the Chairman the Lancashire Highways Partnership (Area County Surveyor) had informed him that an order had been placed for the tidying up of the footpaths on Hoghton Lane from Hoghton Towers to Station Road on both sides and at Gib Lane.

The County Council hoped that the work would start by the end of October/beginning of November 2005.

The Parish Council agreed to await further developments.

118. EXIT ROAD M65 HOGHTON ARMS ROUNDABOUT:

Following the reference was made to the lack of road markings at this roundabout and that there was no warning of the end of the slip road from the Motorway. It was

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also reported that the road markings on the M65/M6 were worn and required repainting.

This matter had been referred to the appropriate department of the Highways Agency and further details would be reported.

119 CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman presented a report on issues affecting the Parish Council.

120. PLANNING REPORT:

The application to provide road level parking spaces with under storage access from lower garden Land diagonally opposite 22 Viaduct Road (App no 05/00780/ FUL) had been granted.

No observations had been made on the application.

The application for the formation of access road and car park and erection of grave diggers store and toilet Methodist Chapel in Chapel Lane (App no 05/00813/FUL) had been refused.

A second application for the creation of an access track across a field and creation of a car park within the churchyard of the Chapel together with construction of gravediggers store and toilet.(App no 05/00967LBC) had been received.

The Parish Council objected to this development as it would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the Green Belt.

121. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

Village Hall	Rent for Hire of Room July and September 2005	£18.00
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The Parish Council agreed to pay the account and the cheque was signed.

122. HALF YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The Clerk submitted a half-yearly financial statement (circulated) to 30th September 2005 indicating deposits of £7443.97 and expenditure of £2275.25 leaving a balance of £5168.72. A forward projection of expenditure to the year-end would amount to £4017.45 and give an estimated balance of £3426.52.

The financial statement was accepted referred to the Independent Financial Auditor and the Accounts Book was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

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123. LIAISON MEETING BOROUGH/PARISH COUNCIL:

The Chairman informed the Parish Council on the discussions at the Liaison Committee special meeting on 21st September 2005 regarding planning issues and referred to the note on planning considerations which was discussed at the meeting.

A copy of this note would be sent to all Members

He also stated he would attend the next meeting of the Liaison Committee on 19th October 2005 One of the issues to be discussed at this meeting was the problems encountered in the use of footpaths and footways by horse riders.

124. WREATH LAYING CEREMONY SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2005:

The Parish Council had received an invitation from the Churchwardens of Holy Trinity Church for the Parish Council to attend the Remembrance Day Service. The arrangements for the wreath laying ceremony were as in previous years. The party would assemble on the car park of Holy Trinity Church leaving at 9.50 a.m. to walk in procession down to the cenotaph for a short service. After the Act of Remembrance the party would return to the church for the service at 10 30 a.m. The Chairman of the Parish Council would read a lesson during the service. Councillor E Miller Crook would arrange for the wreath. The Clerk had contacted Care Village to ask them to tidy up the war memorial before the Remembrance Day Service.

125. LANCASHIRE WASTE AND MINERALS DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:

The Clerk submitted the submission draft statement of Community Involvement and pre consultation statement which had been sent to the Secretary of State

The document was noted.

126. CHORLEY BOROUGH COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2005 20026.

The Clerk circulated copies of the Community Strategy for information.

127. NOTICE BOARDS:

As requested by the Parish Council, Care had submitted an estimate of the cost of providing larger notice boards near the Post Office Hoghton Lane, at Hoghton Bottoms and at Pinfold. This amounted to £573.00. The Parish Council discussed this estimate and it was suggested that canopies should be attached to any new notice boards to afford some protection from the weather.

Councillor Miller Crook asked that when the notice board was erected near to the Post Office the sight lines at Quaker Brook Lane and Hoghton Lane should not be obscured.

The Parish Council accepted the estimate for the replacement of the notice boards and agreed that the work should be put in hand subject to further discussions with Care regarding the provision of canopies and the question of the sight lines at Quaker Brook Lane and Hoghton Lane.

The Clerk would also discuss with Care the repair of other notice board at a later date and the treating of wooden parts of the benches.

128. COMMUNITY CINEMAS;

Details of the Community Cinema Organisation were submitted these had also been sent to the Village Hall Management Committee.

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129. PINFOLD:

The Clerk reported that Wigan and Chorley Groundwork had been approached about the proposed project at Pinfold but they did not have any record of such a project.

The Chairman reported that following discussions with the former Clerk, the Lancashire Countryside Service was undertaking the planting.

The Clerk would discuss this matter with the Countryside Service and if any additional work was required such as tidying up the site then the contractor who had previously undertaken this work in the past would be asked to do the job.

130. WOMEN'S INSTITUTE GRANT:

The Secretary of the Women's Institute had sent a letter of thanks to the Parish Council in respect of the grant made to them by the Parish Council.

(Councillor Proctor declared a non prejudicial interest in this matter in respect of his wife being a member of the Women's Institute)

131. YOUR HEALTH YOUR CARE YOUR SAY:

A questionnaire survey from Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust was circulated. This was a major consultation taking place nationwide. The consultation period was from 13 September to 4 November and the results of the survey would help to shape the future of community and health care services

132. CAMPAIGN FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:

The local MP had agreed to sign an early day motion supporting this bill.

133. CPRE CAMPAIGN AGAINST GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROPOSALS:

The local MP agreed with the concerns of the CPRE regarding the Government's proposals to make changes to the planning system to allow for the building of more houses. He was to take this matter up with the Minister for Housing and would keep the Parish Council informed.

134. POLICE PRESENTATION:

At the last meeting the Clerk had circulated a letter from the Police about a presentation to make people aware of the way bogus officials gained access to people's properties. He now reported that the event on 17th November would be held at Heapey and Withnell Community Centre. He would contact interested parties to inform them of the venue.

135. DONATION TO AUTUMN CLUB:

The Parish Council agreed to consider the making of a donation to the Autumn Club at the next meeting

136. REVISED REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE:

Councillor Ms Urrey indicated that there were still problems with this service particularly with regard to an increase in vermin.

The Chairman agreed to speak to the Head of Environmental Services at Chorley to see what could be done to alleviate the situation.

137. POLICE COMMUNITY LIAISON FORUM:

It was reported that the Chairman had been appointed Chairman of the Chorley Police Community Liaison Forum.

The Chairman was congratulated on his appointment.

138. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 21st November 2005 at 7.30.pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8 .40 p.m.