

**HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF 1016TH MEETING
HELD ON 15TH OCTOBER 2007
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
PRESENT: -**

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

118. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence from Councillors E. Miller-Crook and J. Proctor and Police Community Beat Manager Pc C. Evans.

119. COUNCILLOR E. MILLER-CROOK:

The Chairman reported on the current health of Councillor Miller-Crook.

120. 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.

121. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th September 2007 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AS THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

122. POLICING REPORT:

Following a letter to the Divisional Commander regarding the non attendance and lack of information from the police at Parish Council meetings the police had contacted him about this and further discussions would be held.

The Police Authority was undertaking a review of their meeting formats and in particular the Police Authority Community Meetings. The Clerk reported details of the review and asked if the Parish Council wished to respond. The Chairman in his capacity as Chairman of the Police Authority Community Meetings explained the issues involved. The Clerk would respond to the Police Authority.

The Chairman also reported on the Police Authority Community Meeting held on 1st October 2007.

123. LAPTC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted the October Newsletter giving details of the winners of the best kept village competition.

124. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). TRAFFIC SCHEME – HOGHTON LANE:

Following the recent fatal accident by Hoghton Tower the Clerk had written to the Environment Directorate to remind them of the Parish Council's views on the 50 mph speed limit. The Chairman and Lindsay Hoyle MP had also written about the accident Brindle Parish Council had also sent a letter of objection regarding the proposed speed limit. The County Council had indicated that the objection made by the Parish Council would be considered by the Lancashire Local – Chorley at its next meeting.

(B). LAND ADJACENT TO THE BOARS HEAD:

The Clerk had received a further letter requesting details of the site of the brambles and had sent a letter commenting on the request.

(C) FOOTPATH NO 5:

The latest position regarding the scheme for the footpath was reported. The replacement of the gate was awaited and Councillor Baldwin asked about the future maintenance of the path. The Clerk would discuss these issues with the Footpaths Officer. Brindle Parish Council had agreed a contribution of £75.00 towards the costs of the scheme. The Parish Council agreed to make a similar contribution.

(D). GIB LANE:

The Parish Council had been asked to confirm that the addresses referred to at Gib Lane located at Bell Villas. Chorley Council had consulted the residents at 11 Gib Lane about the placing of the direction sign on their wall. The Vice Chairman had spoken to them and confirmed their agreement subject to the positioning of the sign and to them being informed before the work took place. The Parish Council confirmed that the properties were a continuation of Bell Villas and the Clerk would write to Chorley to ask them to erect the sign as soon as possible.

It was also reported that the street light was still out and he had contacted the Street Lighting Department about this again. However, the street light opposite 18 Gib Lane had been repaired.

125. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chairman reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

126. PLANNING REPORT:

The Clerk reported that the following decisions had been made on the undermentioned planning applications:-

1. Conversion of joiner's workshop to dwelling Fell View Chapel Lane (App no 07/00911/FUL). Applicants Mr. and Mrs Whittle. Granted
2. Extension of existing ménage and erection of 2 four metre high lighting columns Quaker Brook Farm Quaker Brook Lane (App No 07/611/FUL) Applicant Mr D.Pendlebury. Refused.
3. Single storey extensions to front and rear Newlands Quaker Brook Lane (App no 07/1002/FUL) Applicants Mr and Mrs. Heeney Granted.

127. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The following account was submitted for payment

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1 Village Hall	Hire of room July and September 2007	£18.00
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The Account was agreed and a cheque signed.

128. HALF YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The Clerk submitted a half-yearly financial statement (circulated) to 30th September 2007 indicating deposits of £6819.12 and expenditure of £2852.82 leaving a balance of £3966.30. A forward projection to the year-end amounted to £5651.00 and an estimated balance of £1208.55. The financial statement was accepted referred to the Independent Internal Auditor and the Accounts Book was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

129. REPAIR TO WALL AT PINFOLD:

Mr. Whiteside the contractor would now be asked to carry out the second part of the repairs to the wall.

130. WREATH LAYING CEREMONY SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2007:

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 Mr Ormerod to ask him to tidy up the War Memorial before the Remembrance Day Service and would contact the de Hoghton Estate regarding the use of their temporary car park .

The Mayor of Chorley had also invited representatives of the Parish Council to the Remembrance Day Service in Chorley. In view of their attendance at the Hoghton Ceremony the invitation was declined.

131. GRANT TO BRINDLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The Clerk resubmitted the application for grant from Bindle Historical Society the application was noted.

132. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Contractor had arranged for the work to be done before the Remembrance Day Service.

133. PARISH CHARTER FOR LANCASHIRE:

The Clerk circulated a report on the meeting of 15th September and indicated that further work was to be carried out on the work in progress document.

134. TREE WARDENS:

Councillor Ms Urry reported the problems with Chorley Council resulting in her not attending the Tree Wardens Course. The Chairman would speak to the appropriate officer at Chorley regarding this.

135. DOG FOULING:

The permission of the landowners was awaited and the Clerk would then contact the Dog Warden Service regarding the installation of the bins.

136. LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - CONSULTATION:

The questionnaire outlining the changes and seeking the Parish Councils views on the suggested changes some aspects of the service was considered and the comments would be passed on to the Fire Authority.

137. CHORLEY COUNCIL LICENSING POLICY:

Chorley Council submitted a Draft Statement of Licensing Policy the Parish Council noted this document.

138. CHORLEY EAST COMMUNITY FORUM:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the next meeting of the Forum would be on 14th November 2007. The venue had been changed the meeting would now take place at Clayton Green Sports Centre. Councillor Ms Urry would attend.

139. BENCH – POST OFFICE:

Following the last meeting the Chairman had approached Chorley Council about them donating a bench. He reported the latest position.

140. CODE OF CONDUCT:

The Clerk circulated details of the current advice on declaring prejudicial interests and a questionnaire regarding the recent seminar at the Town Hall.

141. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 19th November 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**

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