

**MINUTES OF 1125TH MEETING  
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 16TH OCTOBER 2017  
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL.**

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

**DAVID DICKINSON:**

The Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood) paid tribute to David Dickinson a former Parish Councillor and Chairman who had died recently.

All present stood silent for a few moments as a mark of respect.

**MR. CARSON:**

The Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood) referred to the recent retirement of Mr. Carson from Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr Carson for the services rendered by him to the Parish Council and he be wished a long and happy retirement.

**POLICE:**

The Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood) on behalf of the Parish Council welcomed representatives of the police.

**276. 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.

**277. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th September 2017 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood).

**278. 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.**

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### **279. POLICE REPORT:**

#### **(A). LIAISON:**

Special Sergeant Bullock attended the meeting and answered questions regarding the future policing in the Parish. He indicated that a special constable would attend future meetings.

Contact details would be circulated to all Members of the Parish Council.

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

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

### **280. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk submitted the current newsletter including the Annual Accounts for 2016/17.

He also submitted a consultation from NALC regarding proposed changes to planning with regard to house building.

The meeting of the Chorley Area Committee was held on 5th October 2017 at Chorley Town Hall.

### **281. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

#### **(A) HOGHTON LANE TRAFFIC SPEEDS:**

The Clerk reported that there was still no indication as to when the County Council would undertake the public consultation on an alternative 40mph limit extending from the existing 30mph section. This was an issue for discussion at a proposed meeting with County Councillor Snowden.

Councillor Ms Hargreaves indicated she had discussed this with the local MP who was currently investigating the reasons for the delay

#### **(B) FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE:**

The Clerk reported that the County Council was proposing to excavate the drain and carry out investigations with the view to undertaking remedial repairs. This issue would be raised at the meeting with County Councillor Snowden.

#### **(C). FLOODING - PARKGATE COTTAGES:**

A local resident had contacted the Parish Council regarding flooding at Parkgate Cottages. This occurred twice in 2015 and again in July this year. She had contacted Lindsay Hoyle MP and the County Council. The problem was the run off from the fields and road draining into a 300 year old culvert which was unable to take the amount of water, this backed up into the cellars of the cottages. She mentioned the flooding on Chapel Lane and wondered if this was part of the same problem. She asked if something could be done.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) would contact the de Houghton Estate about this. The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) agreed to contact the local farmer about run off from his fields.

The Clerk would inform the local resident of the action taken.

#### **(D). VILLAGE HALL SIGN:**

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that the Village Hall sign had still not been reinstated. This issue would be raised at the meeting with County Councillor Snowden.

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### **(E). FOOTPATH - GIB LANE:**

At the last meeting The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) indicated that the footway was overgrown. The Clerk had notified Chorley Council who had swept the area. However, the problem persisted.

Chorley Council would be informed.

### **(F). PINFOLD:**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) had reported that what looked like a private plastic compost bin had been located on the Pinfold. The Clerk had posted notices requesting it be removed but no action had been taken.

Arrangements would be made to remove the bin.

### **(G) LITTER BIN:**

A Member of the Public had requested the provision of a combined litter/dog waste bin on the canal side near the Boatyard Inn.

The Clerk had approached Chorley Council regarding the suggestion. They had responded that this was the responsibility of the Canal and Rivers Trust. He had contacted them but they had declined on the grounds of cost.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) had suggested that the bin should be sited on the roadside and a further approach had been made to Chorley.

### **(H). PRIVATE ROAD:**

The Clerk reported the response of the County Council regarding issues in Private Road

Officers met with Mr Grice of Holly Bank last year and they requested he clear the ditch at his property before they carried out any works, this work had now been done. Officers were arranging for investigations to be carried out.

All actionable defects, such as potholes and the road surface on Private Road had been marked up and these would be repaired within 20 working days of the 9th October 2017. One of the potholes had been repaired but another one had not. The Clerk had asked the County Council to complete the repair.

Councillor Ms Urry reported that she understood that litigation was taking place regarding damage to a vehicle caused by a pothole on Private Road.

In respect to the blocked gully near to the entrance of St. Joseph's Church this would be added to the gully cleansing programme and would be cleansed as soon as resources allowed.

With regard to the blocked gully the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) did not think the unblocking of the gully would be the solution.

He suggested that this be discussed at the meeting with County Councillor Snowden.

Councillor Mrs Long referred to the proposed closure of Private Road to allow Network Rail to carry out engineering work to replace the railway bridge.

## **282. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

A report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council.

## **283. PLANNING REPORT:**

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

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

1. Application to discharge condition 4 (materials) of permission ref 17/00571/FUL (For the demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new one) Woodview 63 Chapel Lane (App no17/00894/DIS) Applicants Mr.and Mrs Hill. - Granted.

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

The Clerk reported that the following applications had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Erection of a two storey rear extension Brookhouse Farm Hoghton Lane.(App no 17/009228/FULHH) Applicant Mr and Mrs Walmsley.

2. 20% crown reduction to oak tree in front garden due to shading to garden and property The Sheiling Quaker Brook Lane (App no 17/00865TPO) Applicant Mr Baldwin.

*(Councillor Baldwin declared a pecuniary interest in this application and left the room during consideration of it.*

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

The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

**Councillor Baldwin then returned to the meeting.**

### **(C). LICENSING APPLICATION:**

The Clerk submitted details of an application for a temporary event licence on 4th November 2017 at the Village Hall.

No comments were made.

### **(D) CENTRAL LANCASHIRE EMPLOYMENT PLANNING DOCUMENT:**

The Parish Council had considered this document in May 2017 and made no comment. The document had now been adopted by Chorley Council.

### **(E). PLANNING IN PRACTICE:**

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that Chorley Council was organising planning workshop for members on 13th November 2017 at Chorley.

### **284. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. T. Harkness	Salary and Expenses quarter ended September 2017	£551.44.
2. HMRC	Tax on Clerk`s salary and expenses quarter ended	£105.00

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	September 2017.	
3. D. Savage	Maintenance of benches	£336.00

The payments were authorised and cheques signed

### **285. ROYAL AIR FORCE CENTENARY:**

The Clerk submitted a letter regarding events to mark the centenary in April 2018.

Details would be sent to the WI and the Scouts.

### **286. WAR MEMORIAL:**

The Parish Council discussed its options regarding of the further restoration of the War Memorial and decided that the tarmac area should be resurfaced together with pointing to specific areas where required.

Steps should also be taken to make the names on the Memorial were restored.

Chorley Council would be informed of the changes to the project.

With regard to the boundary wall the Chairman(Councillor T. Greenwood) had sought clarification about ownership from the de Hoghton Estate and they had confirmed it belonged to them.

In the meantime Chorley Council would be asked to resolve the ponding issue as a matter of urgency

### **287. CRIPPLEGATE LANE - POND:**

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that it was expected that work on tidying up and refurbishing the site would begin shortly. The infestation problem continued.

The Clerk would ask Chorley to undertake the work as soon as possible.

### **288. SOCIAL ISOLATION PILOT PROJECT:**

Councillor Ms Urry reported the current situation following the approach by Chorley Council regarding participation by the Parish Council in a pilot project looking into social isolation within Hoghton.

### **289. DIGITAL ACCESS/INCLUSION:**

The Clerk submitted a consultation from Chorley regarding the digital access for residents.

Members commented on the proposals and the Clerk would forward these comments to Chorley.

### **290 DEMENTIA FRIENDS**

The Clerk submitted a letter from an organisation named Dementia Friends inviting people to befriend a dementia sufferer.

Details would be included in the newsletter.

### **291. ELECTORAL REVIEW:**

The Clerk reported that the Boundary Commission intended to undertake an

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electoral review of the size of Chorley Council (number of elected members).

This was to take place in June 2018. The Briefing Meeting scheduled for 21st

November 2017 had been postponed.

### **292. LIAISON COMMITTEE:**

The Clerk reported that the next meeting would be held on 18th October at Chorley. Councillor Ms Urry would attend if possible.

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

Monday 20th November 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 9.05. p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**20TH NOVEMBER 2017.**