

**MINUTES OF 1171ST MEETING  
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 3RD OCTOBER 2022  
AT THE SCOUT HUT BRINDLE  
ST. JOSEPH`S PRIVATE ROAD.**

**PRESENT:** - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR B. MATTOCK (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS Ms J.CATON,M. GRAHAM,Ms Y. HARGREAVES,AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

**1059. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:**

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor A. Cullens.

**QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND:**

The Parish Council observed a minute`s silence to mark the passing of the Queen and then proclaimed God Save the King.

The Parish Council thanked Mr. Peter for arranging to fly the flag at the War Memorial during the period of national mourning. He was also asked to arrange for the flying of the flag on Remembrance Day.

**VERA PROCTOR AND LYNN BARTON:**

The Chairman referred to the recent deaths of Vera Proctor and Lynn Barton who for many years were active members of the Parish.

**1060. 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.

**1061. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 22nd August 2022 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood).

**1062. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

**A Member of the Public present raised the following matter:-**

**FLOODING - BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:**

There was flooding near Holy Trinity Parish Church on Blackburn Old Road. Workmen had been seen at the site.United Utilities had been contacted regarding the matter.

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As there were no further matters raised the Parish Council continued with the items on the Agenda,

### **1063. POLICE REPORT:**

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

The police were not present.

There had been a range of consultations circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics.

The Parish Council repeated its concerns that the police had not attended its meetings since July 2021 it was reported that the police had been asked for an explanation.

It was suggested that this be raised with the police at the meeting regarding traffic issues at Hoghton Bottoms on 5th October 2022.

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

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

### **1064. LALC REPORT:**

Various consultation documents had been circulated to the Parish Council together with updates from LALC. The e - newsletter had also been circulated.

At the last meeting the Training Officer at LALC asked if any new Councillors were interested in an `e` `Whistlestop Tour for New Councillors & Clerks training on the 8th September. A member had indicated she would attend. However the course was full and her name had been included on the list for the next course.

The next annual Lancashire Parish and Town Council Conference would take place on Saturday 12 November 2022 in The Exchange at County Hall, Preston beginning at 9.30am.

Details had been circulated and anyone interested in attending was asked to submit their names to the Clerk by 1st November 2022,

### **1065. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

#### **(A). HOGHTON BOTTOMS - CLEAN UP:**

A Member of the Parish Council agreed to organise the Annual Clean Up of Hoghton Bottoms in April 2023. Further details would be published by the Parish Council nearer the time.

#### **(B). HIMALAYAN BALSAM:**

Himalayan Balsam was reported on the Brindle/Hoghton boundary near the bridge at Brook House Farm.

The County Council, Chorley Council and the Rivers Trust would be asked to remove it.

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### **(C).SQUIRRELS:**

A Member reported that several squirrels had been poisoned recently.

The police animal protection officer would be informed.

### **(D). FRACKING:**

The Parish Council considered the recent Government decision to allow fracking. In the past this had been objected to.

The CPRE view was that Fracking would not do anything to bring down energy bills. But it would have a devastating impact on the climate and toxic effects on rural communities. Despite this, the government had decided to disregard the evidence and lift the ban on fracking - an act that threatens to industrialise the countryside. They were currently working on a campaign action to end fracking once and for all,

The Parish Council reiterated its objection to Fracking and agreed to support the CPRE Campaign.

### **1066.HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

#### **(A). QUAKER BROOK LANE/THE STRAITS:**

The views of the de Hoghton Estate on the cutting of the overgrown hedges in this location were reported and further work had been carried out following the end of the bird nesting season.

If the hedgerow referred to was part of the land that has been sold off then this should be raised with the County Council.

#### **(B). FOOTWAYS A675/STATION ROAD:**

The footways paths along the A675 from the Boars Head to Hoghton Tower Cottages and along Jack Pits were overgrown and in places impassable. They needed weeding and clearing. This required extensive work to remove them.

The hedges and footpaths along Station Road also required similar work

Chorley Council would be asked to undertake the digging out of the roots of the weeds.

At the last meeting it was reported that the hedge at Chapel Lane entrance by Crooks Limited was overgrown and needed cutting back. This had now been done.

#### **(C). FOOTPATHS :**

Some work had been done to the footpath in Brindle Lodge.

A former Councillor had discussed issues with the farmer at Brindle Lodge and arising from his discussions had asked on his behalf that further action be taken to identify the line and condition of the path and that the Dog Warden be informed of the problems with dog fouling.

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The Footpaths Officer at the County Council and the Dog Warden at Chorley had been notified.

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## **(D). STREET SIGNS:**

Chorley were still to replace the sign by the Boars Head. The sign at the The Straits had been replaced but a sign needed replacing at Station Road.

## **(E). SLOW DOWN SAVE LIVES RESOURCES:**

An additional banner had been placed near the Post Office however the small signage required pegs to be made so that they could be put on the grass verges similar to those at Riley Green.

The contractor would be asked to contact the Vice Chairman (Councillor B. Mattock) about this.

## **(F). STREET SCENE STRATEGY:**

Officers from Chorley Council would attend the next meeting of the Parish Council on 28th November 2022 to discuss Chorley Council's Streetscene Strategy 2022-2025 as well as other related matters.

## **(G). MEETING - HOGHTON BOTTOMS:**

The Parish Council was reminded of the arrangements for the public meeting to discuss the traffic situation and related matters at Houghton Bottoms.

Representatives from Highways and the Police would attend the meeting on Wednesday 5th October in St. Joseph's Church Hall at 7.00 p.m.

## **(H). ROAD MARKINGS BOLTON ROAD/RILEY GREEN SWITCH ROAD:**

The County Council had agreed to re paint the road markings.

It was suggested that they be asked to consider the provision of road traffic signs in this location.

The white lines on Blackburn Old Road by the Parish Church were faded and needed repainting. The County Council had been asked to do this.

## **(I). PUBLIC FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO 243 HOGHTON LANE:**

A Member had reported that roof extension work had begun on 243 Houghton Lane and the contractors' scaffolding overhangs the public foot path quite high above the path. The contractors were throwing slates down and a big metal scaffolding angle connector had already fallen from a height down onto the footpath. If that had hit a member of the public on the path, there could have been a serious injury. There was no boarding or safety edging to stop the slates going on to the path. It was an offence to overhang or obstruct a public footpath. Perhaps there should have been a temporary closure of the footpath for safety, just until the work is completed. The County Council was responsible for safety on their public footpaths.

The concerns had been reported to the Footpaths Officer and County Councillor Cullens.

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### **(J). STATION ROAD - MANHOLE:**

The manhole at the corner of Willowfield Chase required attention The County Council had been informed and the Clerk would ascertain the current situation.

### **1066. CHORLEY/COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:**

No report was presented.

### **1067.PLANNING REPORT:**

#### **(A) DECISIONS:**

The following decisions had been made since the last meeting.

1. Straits Farm The Straits (App no 22/00822/TPO) Application for works to protected trees (Chorley Borough Council) TPO 8 (Hoghton) to lift crown over new entrance road by removal of secondary growth by 5 metres above ground level - Granted.

2.3 Rock Gardens (App no 22/00831/FULHH) Single storey side/rear extension incorporating rear dormers to roof space . - Granted.

3.Sandall Cottage Riley Green (App no 22/00770/CLPUD). Application for certificate of lawfulness for a proposed two storey rear extension and single storey side extension - Granted.

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

The following applications had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council:-

1.The bungalow Ricroft Nurseries Quaker Brook Lane (App no 22/00866/CEUD). Application for certificate of lawfulness for an existing use in respect of breach of condition 2 attached to planning application 20/09/68 and condition attached to reserved matters consent 4/3/3456 (site of detached dwelling) restricted use occupancy condition (agricultural worker)

2.103 Chapel Lane (App no 22/00836/FULHH).

Part two storey/single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing two storey extension and conservatory) and elevational alterations (resubmission of planning application 22/00834/FULHH).

3.Barracks Farm 1 Chapel Lane (App no 22/01002/DIS)).

Application to discharge condition 6 (bat roost method statement and Natural England licence) attached to planning application 19/00903/FUL Conversion of existing farmhouse to 2 three bedroom dwellings 22/01002/DIS).

4.Barracks Farm Chapel Lane (App no 22/00451/FUL) Erection of 3 dwellings following demolition of existing derelict buildings and conversion of existing shippon to 1 dwelling including widening of existing access Resubmission of App no 18/00894/FUL) This application was a resubmission of an application opposed by the Parish Council in the past.

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The Parish Council re-iterated its previous objections

5. 42 Fowler Close. (App no 22/00911/FULHH).Single storey side/front extension.

6. Strathnoll Station Road (App no 22/00770/TPO).Application for tree works Chorley District Council TPO 1 (Hoghton) 1969

Details of the other applications had been circulated and to date no comments had been received.

Chorley Council would be informed.

### **1068 .ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The following accounts were submitted for payment.

1.Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Fees	£57.60.
2.T.Harkness	Salary and Expenses Quarter ended 30th September 2022.	£932.76.
3. HMRC	Tax	£218.90

The accounts were approved and cheques signed.

### **1069. LAND ADJACENT TO HOGHTON POST OFFICE:**

The Clerk submitted details of the costs involved in the dedication of the area of land adjacent to the site of the development of the land adjacent to the Post Office.

The Parish Council consider that the costs involved were prohibitive and feel that the land should be dedicated freely to them without any costs.

In the event of the Estate not wishing to do so it is felt that the land should be maintained by them in a satisfactory condition.

### **1070. CHRISTMAS 2022:**

Following a meeting with a tree contractor the Parish Council discussed the costs involved and how they could meet this.

Discussions would be held with various organisations as soon as possible to determine whether the siting of the Christmas Tree on the Pinfold could be achieved.

### **1071.REPLACEMENT BENCH - CHAPEL LANE:**

The purchase of the bench was deferred until May 2023.

### **1072. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:**

Remembrance Sunday would be held on 13th November 2022. The Church had indicated that in view of the problems encountered in previous years there should not be a formal procession from the Church to the War Memorial but simply meeting at the War Memorial for the service then walk ourselves to the church ready for the service to start.

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The Parish Council accepted this suggestion and it was agreed they would assemble at the Parish Church car park at 10.15 a.m. to walk on the footway down to the War Memorial for the wreath laying ceremony.

### **1073 . FACEBOOK:**

At the last Parish Council meeting there was a discussion on whether there should be a Parish Council Facebook page. It was proposed that the Facebook Page be adopted.

Councillors Graham and Ms Caton would launch and administer the page.

### **1074.WARM AND WELCOMING BUIDINGS:**

The Clerk reported on the County Council`s proposal to establish a register of places where the public could go to keep warm this winter.

### **1075.DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 28th November 2022.at 7.30. p.m. at the Scout Hut St. Joseph`s Church Hall Private Road.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**28TH NOVEMBER 2022**