

**MINUTES OF 1091ST MEETING OF
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 15TH SEPTEMBER 2014
AT THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) ,and Councillors J. Baldwin and M.Watson.

2. THE CHAIRMAN (COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON):

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T.Greenwood) informed the Parish Council that the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) had been re-admitted to hospital.

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 28th July 2014 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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 MATTERS:

(A). PLANNING APPLICATION - LONGSTEPS STATION ROAD:

The Member of the Public present raised their concerns regarding the proposals for the demolition of the former garage workshop and erection of office building

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and erection of a single storey rear extension to Longsteps (Formerly the Filling Station) on Station Road. (Application no 14/00665/FUL) Applicant Mr. Buckland.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council.

The Member of the Public present indicated that residents of properties in the vicinity had contacted Chorley Council to express their objections to the proposed business use at the property.

They were concerned about the parking for the business and its affect on road safety.

Councillor Ms Urry referred to the previous planning permission which had removed the business use.

Councillor Peter referred to the possibility that the former garage workshop was constructed with asbestos and its demolition would require specialist workers.

The Parish Council expressed its reservations on re-establishment of a business use in what was a residential area. This could set a precedent for further expansion of the use.

It was also concerned that the the proposed layout for the business use would lead to car parking on the highway to the detriment of road safety.

The Clerk would notify Chorley Council regarding these concerns and request that the proposal be considered by the Planning Committee and not delegated to officers.

He would also raise the question of the removal of asbestos with them.

(B). SIGN - SIRLOIN:

The Member of the Public present also reported that the landlord of the Sirloin had erected a very large sign at the junction of Station Road and wished to know if planning permission was required.

Councillor Sharratt indicated that he was concerned about the size of the sign which appeared to replace a small A Board sign which had been there for many years.

Councillor Peter reported on the design of the sign.

The Clerk would contact Chorley for their views on the sign and to determine whether planning permission had been granted.

Councillor Ms Urry asked about the decking at the front of the Sirloin and the Clerk reported on the current situation.

He would ask Chorley whether any progress had been made on the issue.

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6. POLICE REPORT:

(A). NEWSLETTERS:

The Clerk circulated the current Air Support and local police newsletters together with the latest Police and Crime Commissioner newsletter.

The police newsletters indicated that there had been four reported incidents of crime in Hoghton during the period from July to September 2014.

The PACT meeting would be held on 7th October 2014 at Clayton Brook.

The Clerk also submitted an invitation from the Police for Parish Councillors to attend their Open Day at Police Headquarters on 28th September 2014.

Councillors Sharratt and Ms Urry expressed their concerns that tickets to the event could only be obtained on the Internet and regarding the parking arrangements.

(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.

8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :

Councillor Peter reported that despite several attempts he had been unable to speak to the relevant officer at the County Council regarding the structure of the drain near Barracks Farm on Chapel Lane.

The Clerk would inform County Councillor Devaney about this situation and ask that the officer concerned should contact Councillor Peter.

(B). FINGER POST SIGN to SAMLESBURY:

Chorley Council had agreed to replace the sign but it had still not been erected.

The Clerk would ask Chorley Council to carry out this work as soon as possible.

(C). FOOTPATH 44:

Councillor Ms Urry reported that there were problems with the current state of the footpath despite the Footpaths Officer suggesting that it was acceptable. She considered that a further inspection should be carried out.

The Clerk would ask County Councillor Devaney to discuss the issues with Councillor Ms Urry.

(D). CRIPPLEGATE LANE- POND:

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported on the progress at the pond.

(E). HEDGE - STATION ROAD:

The overgrown hedge had been reported to BT but still needed cutting back.

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The Clerk would contact BT again.

(F). BLOCKED GULLIES:

At the last meeting Councillor Sharratt reported that the gullies on the A675 Blackburn Old Road from the railway bridge to the Straits were blocked.

The Clerk had informed the County Council but nothing had been done.

(G). RESURFACING BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

Councillor Ms Urry reported that a section of the carriageway from the War memorial to Lane Side Farm had not been completed during the recent resurfacing work.

The Clerk would contact the County Council about this

9. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

In the absence of the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) no report was presented on the Council proceedings.

10. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS.

The Clerk reported that he had not been informed of any decisions on applications since the last meeting.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

1. Rear Extensions to 19 Bell Villas Gib Lane (App No 14/00876/PDE) Applicant Mr. Thompson.

Details had previously been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations had been made.

The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

2. Notice of intention to install advertisement and lighting signs Hoghton Arms (App no 14/00864/ADV) Applicant Marstons Brewery.

The Parish Council noted this application.

3. Erection of single storey rear extension, porch to front and roof alterations including two dormer windows to front and rear and roof lights to front and rear, 43 Chapel Lane (App no 14/00865/FUL) Applicants Mr and Mrs Caton.

Details had previously been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations had been made.

The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

4. Remodelling of Property to include alterations to roof front extension and single

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storey side extension Braemar Cripple Gate Lane (App no 14/00926/FUL)
Applicants Mr and Mrs Clark.

No observations were made on this application and the Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

5. Installation of roof light Gatesgarth Quaker Brook Lane. (App no 14/00947/FUL)
Applicant Dr. McDonnell.

No observations were made on this application and the Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

11. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment

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| 1. CPRE | Annual Subscription | £36.00 |
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12. GRANTS:

The Clerk resubmitted the request from Holy Trinity Parish Church for a donation towards the cost of printing the Parish Council newsletter in their parish magazine.

The Parish Council had previously agreed to make grants of £100.00 and a cheque was signed.

13. REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK:

The Clerk reported that the Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) had indicated that the two benches in the bus shelters at the Boars Head needed repainting and he had asked him to arrange for this to be done

Mr.Savage the contractor had agreed to do this work.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Dickinson) had also reported that the roof in one of the bus shelters was subject to damp and he had contacted Mr. Whiteside a local builder and asked for an estimate for the repair work. This was currently awaited.

14. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Parish Council considered the current situation relating to the War Memorial refurbishment.

Councillor Ms Urry had tried to contact the War Memorials Trust regarding the application she had submitted and there had been no progress.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the local MP.

There was still no information from the De Houghton Estate regarding the question of ownership of the War Memorial. Mr. Forrester the Land Agent had requested that the Clerk should remind him about this.

The Clerk had contacted had contacted the War Graves Commission regarding the correction to the name of Sir Vere de Houghton on the War Memorial in Loos Belgium and they were currently investigating this matter.

15. NATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT LANCASHIRE'S RESERVOIRS:

The Clerk reported that National Savings and Investments had requested that the authorised signatories to the account should be updated.

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The Parish Council deferred this item.

16. VAT REPAYMENT :

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the VAT for 2013/14 had been reclaimed amounting to £90.96.

17. THREE TIER LIAISON MEETING:

The next meeting of the Forum would be held on Wednesday 17th September 2014 at the Town Hall Chorley. Councillor Ms Urry would attend.

18. LANCASHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY PERFORMANCE REPORT AND ACTION PLAN 2014:

The Clerk submitted this report for the information of the Parish Council which outlined the Fire Authority Performance over the past year, provided an updated risk profile and explained proposed changes to service delivery.

The Clerk would inform the Fire Authority that the Parish Council has no observations to make on the proposals.

19 HOEDOWN - SIRLOIN:

The Clerk reported details of this event on Saturday 2nd August .

20. FLIGHTS FROM BEESTON MANOR:

A report was submitted on the improved situation.

21. PARISH COUNCIL - WEBSITE.

The Clerk reported that arrangements were being made to establish the website. The start costs amounted to £40.75 and the licensing costs were £78.94.

The costs were accepted and cheques were signed.

The Clerk also requested the Parish Council if there was anyone who wished to have an input into the design and style of the Website.

It was felt that a similar arrangement as the Brindle Website would be appropriate.

The question of a suitable logo was discussed and it was considered that a silhouette of the War Memorial/Parish Church should be used.

The Clerk would proceed with the arrangements for the website.

22. WREATH LAYING CEREMONY SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2014:

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. The Clerk would arrange for the wreath. The Clerk had contacted Community Payback to ask them to tidy up the War Memorial before the Remembrance Day Service and asked Chorley Council to arrange for the road to be swept. The Police had also been asked to control the event.

Members would be reminded of the arrangements nearer the time.

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The Parish Council discussed the arrangements for the attaching of wreaths to the War Memorial.

23. LETTER OF THANKS:

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from Brindle St. Joseph`s Church for the donation made by the Parish Council towards the printing of the Parish Council Newsletter in the Parish Magazine.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 20th October 2014 at 7.45.pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

20TH OCTOBER 2014