

**MINUTES OF 1113TH MEETING OF
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 19TH SEPTEMBER 2016
AT THE HOLY TRINITY
PARISH CHURCH HALL.**

PRESENT: - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR N. PETER (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J. BALDWIN, Ms Y. HARGREAVES, T.SHARRATT, AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MRS S.LONG AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

60. COUNTY COUNCILLOR A. CULLENS:

The Chairman reported that Mr A. Cullens had been elected the County Councillor for the Chorley Rural East Division, which included Hoghton, in place of former County Councillor Devaney.

61. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor B. Mattock.

62. 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.

63. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th July 2016 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood).

64. ADJOURNMENT:

THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH.

THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING MATTER.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC - CHAPEL LANE:

The Members of the Public expressed their concerns regarding the problem of traffic speeds on Chapel Lane particularly in view of the fact that the police had been unable to undertake speed monitoring because of health and safety issues.

The Parish Council discussed the matter and a course of action to be taken by local residents was agreed.

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The Parish Council fully supported any action taken by the residents to resolve the situation.

65. POLICE REPORT:

(A). NEWSLETTERS:

Councillor Mrs Long indicated that Chorley Council had been informed that the police were currently undertaking a review of police engagement with the Council and local residents.

The Clerk also reported a public consultation exercise by the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the future of policing in Lancashire.

Councillor Ms Urry reported that the Chief Constable had been invited to attend the next meeting of the Chorley Liaison Group to discuss the future of PACT Meetings.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

66. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter. The Clerk had sent details of the inspection by the Quality Care Commission into the Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on 27th September 2016

He also reported that the LALC AGM venue on 19th November 2016 had changed to the Penwortham Town Council Community Centre at Kingsfold Drive and that the planned LCC Parish Councils Conference scheduled for November had been postponed until next year because of building work at County Hall. Further information would be circulated nearer the time of the AGM.

The next meeting of the Chorley Area Committee will be held on 20th October 2016 at Chorley Town Hall. The Clerk would circulate further information when appropriate.

67. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A) HOGHTON LANE TRAFFIC SPEEDS:

The Clerk reported that following an investigation and discussion with Lancashire Constabulary, officers at the County Council were unable to recommend a speed limit reduction to 30mph on Hoghton Lane due to its rural nature and a low number of injury accidents in the last 5 years.

District Councillor Mrs Long reminded the Parish Council that she had been contacted by several local residents about the excessive speed of traffic from Blackburn at Riley Green and it was agreed that the problems of speeding traffic throughout the length of the A675 Blackburn Old Road (A675) be linked together.

Councillor Ms Hargreaves had discussed the issue with the author of the petition to reduce traffic speeds and they were to meet representatives at the County Council

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about the matter. She considered traffic monitoring and adequate signage would help the situation.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) felt that the residents would be more successful if they sought a reduction in speed to 40 mph rather than 30 mph and this should apply for the whole length of Blackburn Old Road A675 through Hoghton.

The Parish Council requested Councillor Hargreaves to put this to the meeting with representatives of the County Council and the Police and that they await the outcome of this meeting.

(B). FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE :

County Councillor Cullens was investigating this issue.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) agreed to discuss this matter again on site with representatives from the County Council.

(C) CHAPEL LANE - ROAD MARKINGS

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the County Council was to paint SLOW markings on the approaches to the hill on Chapel Lane. The work would be done in the near future.

(D). SPEEDING TRAFFIC - GIB LANE:

The County Council was to undertake a site visit to assess the need for a vehicle/traffic speed count on Gib Lane near Bell Villas. County Councillor Cullens was investigating the matter.

The Clerk reported that the concerns had been passed to the Speed Tasking Group. This was a partnership of Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Constabulary and had been set up to consider and prioritise requests for speed enforcement.

As part of this process a speed survey would be carried out on Gib Lane and this would be used to record the speed of every vehicle on this road over several days.

The Speed Tasking Group would then assess the speed information recovered together with the casualty record along this road to determine appropriate action. This could result in regular enforcement using a mobile speed camera depending on the results of the survey, reported casualty levels, legal checks and risk assessments.

Carrying out the speed survey, assessing the data and meeting with the police to discuss the location would take several weeks.

(E). PUBLIC FOOTPATH SIGN:

In the past Councillor Sharratt reported that the public footpath sign by the stile on the west side of Sandy Lane (B5256) and Blackburn Old Road (A657) had fallen down. The Countryside Service had indicated it would be re-erected but had not given a specific time when they would do so.

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(F). HEDGE - STATION ROAD/HOGHTON LANE:

At the last meeting Councillor Baldwin reported that the hedge was untidy and required attention. The Clerk had contacted the appropriate authorities again.

(G). MUD ON PRIVATE ROAD:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that he had notified Chorley about the the extent of mud on the road. They had not taken action and further deposits had occurred since.

The Clerk would notify Chorley again and ask for urgent action to be taken.

(H). VILLAGE HALL - SIGN:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that the sign had fallen down and the Neighbourhood Officer at Chorley had been asked to reinstate it.

He had reported it to the County Council but no action had been taken.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) would contact him again about this.

(I) HALT SIGN JUNCTION OF BOLTON ROAD AND RILEY GREEN:

Councillor Ms Urry requested that further consideration be given to the provision of a Halt Sign in this location following the recent accident.

The Parish Council was reminded that Councillor Sharratt had raised the matter recently and the County Council had indicated that the did not feel it necessary to provide a Halt Sign.

68. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

District Councillor Mrs Long reported that there were no current issues affecting the Parish Council.

69. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS.

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

1. Replace all single glazed windows throughout property with purpose made galvanised pvc windows School House Blackburn Old Road (App no 16/00536/FUL)Applicant Mr. Duckworth - Granted Listed Building Consent.

2. Notice of intention to install broadband cabinet opposite 103 Chapel Lane (App no 16/ 00714/NOT) Applicant BT Openreach - Approved.

3. Notice of intention to install broadband cabinet outside West View Valley Road (App no 16/ 00719/NOT) Applicant BT Openreach - Approved.

4. Notice of intention to install broadband cabinet junction of Dover Lane and Hoghton Lane (App no 16/ 00750/NOT) Applicant BT Openreach - Approved.

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5. Notice of intention to install broadband cabinet south of Royal Oak Riley Green (App no 16/ 00751/NOT) Applicant BT Openreach - Approved.

6. Request for screening opinion on proposed installation of solar panels Water Pumping Station Hoghton Lane Applicant United Utilities (App no 16/00524/SCE) Approved.

.(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

1. Replacement garage Trinity Cottage Valley Road (App no 16/00664/FUL) Applicant P. Price.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

2. Erection of single storey rear extension 5 Green Lane (App no 16/00758/FUL) Applicant S. Jones

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

3. Erection of rear balcony 23 Chapel Lane (App no 16/00658/FULHH) Applicants Mr and Mrs Miller.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

(C). SIRLOIN:

Councillor Ms Urry reported that the Sirloin was closed for refurbishment and external and internal work was being undertaken.

The Parish Council had not been notified of this and would contact Chorley to see if planning permission was required.

70. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. CPRE	Annual Subscription 2016/17	£36.00
2. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration Fees Quarter ended June 2016	£30.00
3. Brindle Parish Council	Apportioned Stationery Costs	£26.94

The Parish Council agreed to pay these accounts and cheques were signed.

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71. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2015/16:

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of the Accounts for 2015/16 had been completed and no issues had been raised.

The completion of the audit had been publicised and the documents had been placed on the Parish Council's website, no fee was payable.

The audit opinion was noted and the Annual Return approved and adopted.

72. VAT REPAYMENT:-

The Clerk reported that VAT for 2015/16 had been reclaimed amounting to £130.27.

73. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood) reported that he had contacted the project officer at Chorley regarding the ponding issue. Following an inspection he had commented that the affected area was not part of the contract and he was therefore looking at ways to resolve the issue. He had arranged for the Street Scene Team to create a small channel between the setts and the kerbs to drain the water away. To date this work had not been done.

He had also asked the County Council to reinstate the gutter alongside the War Memorial.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N.Peter) did not accept the ponding was not the responsibility of the Contractor.

District Councillor Mrs Long agreed to discuss this with the Project Officer and ask him to contact the Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) to seek a solution to the problem.

The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Eastern Parishes had been held on 11th July 2016 and there was insufficient money available to undertake the joint project with Abbey Village.

Chorley Council had suggested that the money be allocated to Abbey Village this year with the second phase of the project at Hoghton being submitted for consideration next year.

The Parish Council agreed this course of action.

A progress report was presented into investigations regarding the location of a flag post at the War Memorial. The Vice Chairman (Councillor Peter) would discuss the acquisition of a suitable flag pole with the suppliers.

74. ACCIDENT - THE PINFOLD:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) informed the Parish Council of the current situation regarding the insurance position relating to the re-instatement of the wall following the following an accident in late June.

The Car driver's insurance Company had accepted liability and would meet the cost of the re-instatement work.

Three estimates had been sought for the work and the lowest amounted to £1350.00. This had been accepted and the contractor asked to proceed as soon as possible.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) referred to the frequent requests for photographic evidence in such cases and when other issues arose such as potholes.

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He recommended that a camera be purchased jointly with Brindle Parish Council for recording and notifying the appropriate authorities about such incidents.

The Clerk would request Brindle Parish Council to consider this suggestion.

75. WREATH LAYING CEREMONY SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2016:

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 would also arrange for the War Memorial to be tidied up before the Remembrance Day Service and ask 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.

76. APPLICATION FOR GRANT:

The Clerk submitted an application from the Village Hall Management Committee for funds towards the cost of providing a defibrillator at the Village Hall.

The Clerk reported he had contacted the organiser of the provision of a defibrillator at Top oth Lane Brindle regarding the grants applications and the training required to operate the defibrillator and had referred him to the representatives of the Management Committee.

Councillor Baldwin suggested that Members of the Parish Council should receive a presentation on the use of a defibrillator. He also asked if more information could be given on the persons nominated as first responders in Hoghton.

The Clerk would make arrangements for a presentation at the next meeting.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

77. LCC CLOSURE OF LIBRARIES:

Councillors Ms Hargreaves and Ms Urry commented on the operation of the library service following the County Council's decision to close libraries locally.

78. WORK PLACE PENSIONS:

The Clerk reported that following receipt of information relating to work place pensions it was not a requirement for the Parish Council to offer a pension to the Clerk.

79. CHANGES TO CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES:

Councillor Ms Urry referred to the changes to the Chorley and South Ribble Parliamentary Constituency boundaries being proposed by the the Boundary Commission.

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80. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 17th October 2016 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 9.20. p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

17TH OCTOBER 2016.