

**MINUTES OF 1124TH MEETING OF
HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL.**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: THREE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

DAVID DICKINSON:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that former Chairman David Dickinson was seriously ill and had been admitted to hospital.

WELCOME:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) welcomed representatives from Cuerden Parish Council.

257. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) and Councillors Mrs S.Long and B.Mattock.

258. 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.

259. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th July 2017 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood).

260. ADJOURNMENT:

THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. A MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUE.

LITTER BIN:

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

The Clerk would approach Chorley Council regarding the suggestion.

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THERE WERE NO FURTHER ISSUES RAISED AND THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

261. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs Long had informed him that following discussions with the police it was their intention to attend future meetings of the Parish Council.

Councillor M Urry referred to the Lancashire Police incident reporting method and would pass details on to the Clerk.

She also mentioned sheep rustling had occurred in July. .

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

262. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted the current newsletter.

He reminded the Parish Council that the LALC AGM would be held on 18th November 2017 at County Hall Preston. Notification of delegates was required by 27th October 2017 and details of any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by 18th October 2017.

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

263. 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.

The Parish Council would seek a meeting with County Councillor Snowden about the lack of progress.

(B) FLOODING - CHAPEL LANE:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported the current situation.

This issue would be raised at the meeting with County Councillor Snowden.

(C). GIB LANE - NAMEPLATE:

Chorley Council had replaced the nameplate.

(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.

(E). MOULDEN BROW:

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It was reported that Moulden Brow had been resurfaced. Councillor Ms Urry expressed the wish that the resurfacing of Riley Green should be undertaken as soon as possible.

(F). FOOTPATH - GIB LANE:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) indicated that the footway was overgrown.

The Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

(G). PINFOLD:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) had reported that what looked like a private plastic compost bin had been located on the Pinfold.

Arrangements would be made to remove it.

264. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

A report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council.

265. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS.

The Clerk reported that no decisions had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

1. Conversion of agricultural building to 2 dwellings Brookhouse Farm Hoghton Lane.(App no 17/00808/FUL) Applicant Mr. Pooley.
2. Single storey front extension with balcony Strathknoll Station Road (App no 17/00817/FULHH) Applicants Mr and Mrs Haigh.

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

The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

(C). LICENSING APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk reported that applications had been made for temporary events licences at Hoghton Lodge and the Village Hall.

Details had been circulated to all Members. .

(D). ADJOINING LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk reported that an application had been made to South Ribble Council for substantial residential development at Brindle Road and that a further application was likely to be submitted for development in connection with Gregson Green.

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266. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1.Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration April to June 2017	£36.00
2. Holy Trinity Church	Use of Hall July and September 2017.	£40.00

The payments were authorised and cheques signed

267. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2016/17:

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of the Accounts for 2016/17 had been completed and no issues had been raised.

The completion of the audit would be publicised and the documents placed on the Parish Council`s website,no fee was payable.

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

268. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Clerk reported the latest response from Chorley about the War Memorial and circulated pictures of potential materials (stone/paving) that might be able to be recycled which could possibly help to reduce costs.

The project officer had suggested that the Parish Council should view the materials.

It was suggested that the contractor proposed by the Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) should be employed to do the work on breaking down the concrete/cobbled slopes as part of the whole job.

Chorley Council had agreed to cover the cost of providing a skip and the removal of the cobbles.

It was indicated that Chorley would contribute approximately £2000 towards the work and for the Parish Council to contract the work out.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) had submitted to the Clerk details of the costs for the supply of materials and labour.

He felt that work to the concrete base could damage the monument itself.

The Parish Council suggested that a survey be carried out to ascertain the extent of the concrete foundations before deciding on any further work.

The Clerk would contact Chorley Council about this.

The Vice Chairman(Councillor N. Peter) had proposed that as an alternative to the second phase work should be carried out to the boundary wall.

Discussion was held concerning the ownership of the wall. The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) would seek clarification from the de Hoghton Estate.

It was also stated that a resolution of the ponding issue was a priority.

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At the last meeting Councillor Mrs Long reported that further consideration was to be given to the amount of grant to be made to the Parish Council for the phase 2 restoration of the project. Councillor Ms Hargreaves would speak to the local MP about funding issues.

The Parish Council would seek early resolution of the ponding issue, further consider a visit to the Building Depot at Chorley to inspect the stone setts and seek further information regarding Chorley Council's contribution to the work.

269. CRIPPLEGATE LANE - POND:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reminded the Parish Council of the decisions taken at the site the meeting held with Chorley Council officers on 4th July 2017 when it was agreed to the following action:-

- Tidy up site - grass cutting, scrubbing, weeding, shrub maintenance, trim all boundaries.
- Woodland management i.e. tree thinning, particularly in/around pond area.
- Reinstate picket fence - move into better position or replace.
- Resurface muddy area where ducks feed. Streetscene team to advise on suitable surface.
- Clean/refurbish 2 benches.
- Consider installing a picnic bench.
- Check maintenance schedule for grass/shrubs.
- Letters to residents to advise on project, encourage volunteer action to support tidy up, and to warn against feeding ducks due to rat problem.
- get a cost estimate for drainage survey/site levels survey

He had also reported that the infestation problems persisted at the site.

The Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood) had held further discussions on site regarding the drainage problem. However, there had been no further action regarding the work

The Clerk would ask Chorley Council for progress report.

270. 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.

271. WREATH LAYING CEREMONY SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2017:

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. He 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 would also be asked to control the event. Any approval for road closures would be sought.

Members would be reminded of the arrangements nearer the time.

272. PARISH LIAISON COMMITTEE:

Councillor Ms Urry reported on the meeting of the Liaison Committee held on Wednesday 19th July at Chorley Town Hall.

273. EQUALITY FORUM:

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Councillor Ms Urry reported on the meeting of the Equality Forum held on Thursday 10th August 2017 at Chorley Town Hall including discussion on the future constitution of the Forum.

274. POLLUTION LEVELS:

Councillor Ms Hargreaves referred to a recent report on pollution levels and the possible impact on developments at Botany Brow .

275. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16th October 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 8.35. p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

16TH OCTOBER 2017.