

MINUTES OF 1154TH MEETING OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020 AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL

PRESENT: - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR N. PETER (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J. BALDWIN AND B. MATTOCK AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

783. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Ms Y. Hargreaves, Mrs. S. Long and Ms M. Urry.

784. 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.

785. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd August 2020 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood).

786. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

AS THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

787. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The police were not present.

There had been a range of consultations circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics dealing with scams and fraud during lockdown, drug dealing arrests, activities connected with Neighbourhood Watch, the Know Where You Are scheme and surveys on local policing and public priorities.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

The Clerk submitted the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer.

788. LALC REPORT:

A newsletter had not been issued since the last meeting.

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Consultation documents had been circulated on the Labour Party survey on the Future of Local Government following the Pandemic, the Government's Devolution proposals, the Revised Code of Conduct and proposed changes to the Planning System.

789. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). HEDGE - QUAKER BROOK LANE/THE STRAITS:

The County Council had still to agree to a site visit.

It was suggested the height of the hedge should be lowered.

Local residents had expressed concerns regarding road safety at the junction of Quaker Brook Lane and The Straits. It was considered that various traffic management measures should be introduced subject to input from local residents.

County Councillors Iddon and Snowden would be asked to a site meeting with the view to the introduction of traffic management measures.

(B). BLACKBURN OLD ROAD (A675):

The County Council had been informed that the hedge at the boundary of land running from the railway bridge to the Boars Head Car Park was overgrown and a road safety hazard forcing pedestrians to walk in road.

It was understood they were arranging for it to be cut back. Currently the work had not been carried out. The County Council would be asked to expedite the matter,

It was also reported that there was a raised grid located on the right hand side of the footway near the railway bridge. This had now been attended to.

(C). QUAKER BROOK LANE:

At the last meeting a blocked drain and a fallen tree had been reported on the land adjoining the Post Office. This had been referred to the County Council.

A local resident had now expressed concern regarding the state of the drains in Quaker Brook Lane.

The Parish Council had asked the County Council to provide a more permanent solution to the problem and they were considering the matter.

(D) . PARKING - HOGHTON LANE:

At the last meeting it had been reported that cars were parked on the footway near Wise Mary's Farm which were causing problems for pedestrians meaning they had to walk in the road.

This had also been raised by a local resident.

It was understood that the police had spoken to residents about parking on the

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footway. However, parking was still taking place.

The police would be asked to take action regarding this matter.

(E). ROAD SIGNS:

The County Council had been informed of the problems with the road signs on the A675 at Hoghton Lane. Currently no work had been done.

(F). DOUBLE WHITE LINES:

The double white lines on the A675 Blackburn Old Road needed repainting. The County Council would be asked to do this.

(G). SPEED LIMITS:

A local resident reported that the speed limits on the A675 did not show on some Satellite Navigation Systems. The County Council would be notified.

(H). OVERGROWN GUTTERS/PAVEMENTS:

The pavements and gutters were overgrown with vegetation in particular at the entrance to Station Road where sight lines were obscured. There were also problems in Gib Lane.

The County Council would be asked to clear the vegetation.

The hedge in Station Road had not been cut back despite a request from the Parish Council in March.

The County Council would be contacted regarding this.

(H). FOOTPATH 5 BRINDLE LODGE:

It was reported that this footpath was overgrown and required attention.

The Footpaths Officer at the County Council would be informed.

790. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Parish Council was informed the change to the bin collection day from Friday to Tuesday from 18th September. Chorley Council had notified all affected residents.

791. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) DECISIONS:

No decisions had been made since the last meeting.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

Applications had been received for developments in Chapel Lane and Gib Lane since the last meeting.

Details had been circulated to all Members and no comments were made this would be reported to Chorley Council.

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(C) DEVEVELOPMENTS AT THE STRAITS:

Earlier this year three applications had been approved for development at the Post Office and at The Straits.

These sites had now been put up for auction on 7th October 2020.

(D).WHITE PAPER PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:

A copy of the consultation from LALC on the Government's proposals for the reform of the planning system was circulated.

The proposals would streamline the planning system by simplifying Local Plans with an emphasis on making planning permission easier and quicker to get.

Under the changes local discretion over the rate of house building would be removed and Central Government would `distribute` an annual target to local authorities who would then be required to designate enough land to meet the target.

The Clerk circulated details of a recent seminar held by Chorley Council on the White Paper.

Brindle Parish Council had prepared a draft submission which was circulated for comment.

It was agreed that the comments from Brindle be adopted and submitted to The Government, the local MP. Chorley Council, LALC and the CPRE

792. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment

1. D, Metcalfe	Website Renewal	£52.75.
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The account was approved and a cheque signed.

793. VAT CLAIM:

VAT for 2019/20 amounting to £146.64 had been paid.

794. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported on the work to rectify the ponding issue at the War Memorial.

795. CRIPPLEGATE LANE:

The Parish Council was still awaiting details the ecology consultants report.

The pond had been reopened the ducks had returned and were being fed again.

Chorley Council would be informed and asked to take further action to stop the ducks being fed and prevent a further rat infestation.

796. THE PINFOLD:

Following last meeting when it was agreed that public access to residents of

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the Parish would be made from the field gate by no 29 Riley Green.

A notice was drafted which would form the basis of the story board to be erected on the Pinfold.

Members commented on the notice and amendments were agreed.

The residents would now be informed on the Story Board content and arrangements made for this to be displayed at The Pinfold and for the field gate to be permanently open.

Action would be taken regarding the additional bench currently sited on the Pinfold.

It was also suggested that the location of the current notice board be moved to the entrance to the Pinfold.

797.CONSULTATIONS:

The Parish Council had been invited to the CPRE North West AGM in October this will be a virtual meeting.

Hoghton was now a Member of Our Lancashire – a website at the forefront of a Lancashire wide initiative linking groups and communities under the banner; “Let’s Join Together”. The Parish Council received regular updates on activities.

798. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

Discussion took place regarding the Parish Council’s involvement in the Service of Commemoration and alternative arrangements were suggested in the light of the current restrictions on Gatherings.

The suggestions would be discussed with representatives of Holy Trinity Parish Church.

799. PUBLIC REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS:

It was agreed that in future when the public attend meetings of the Parish Council they be requested to appoint one representative to present thier case.

800. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 26th October 2020 at 7.30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

26TH OCTOBER 2020