

**MINUTES OF 1163RD MEETING  
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 27TH SEPTEMBER 2021  
AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL  
PRIVATE ROAD.**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** COUNTY COUNCILLOR/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR  
A. CULLENS AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

**911. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

An apology for absence was submitted from The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter).

**912. 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.

**913. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th August 2021 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood).

**914. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

**As the Members of the Public were not present at this stage the Parish Council continued with the items on the Agenda**

**915. MATTERS ARISING:**

**SALE OF 3 GREEN LANE:**

The Chairman referred to the particulars published by a local estate agent regarding the sale of 3 Green Lane. When published it was suggested that the property had an attractive paved walkway to the front and a large yard to the rear which has a gate leading to a large lawned area which was shared between the row of cottages.

The Estate Agents were contacted and it was pointed out that the lawned area was in fact a village green/common land and was not shared solely by the three cottages but all the residents of Hoghton.

The particulars had been amended to read The property has an attractive paved walkway to the front and a large yard to the rear which has a gate leading to a large lawned area which is known as The Pinfold. The Pinfold is a

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designated village green and as common land is available to use by any resident in the parish of Hoghton.

As the Parish did not have a Historical Society the Brindle Historical Society had agreed to include the historical records of the Pinfold on its data base.

### **916. PARISH COUNCIL - VACANCY:**

Following the local elections in May 2021 there remained a vacancy on the Parish Council. Residents had been invited to submit their names but no responses had been received.

### **917. POLICE REPORT:**

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

The police officer responsible for Hoghton submitted his apologies.

There had been a range of consultations issued by the Police and Crime Commissioner since the last meeting regarding various topics. Details had been circulated.

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

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

### **918. LALC REPORT:**

Updates from LALC on current issues had been circulated since the last meeting together with various consultation documents.

Members were reminded that the 77th LALC AGM would be held on 20th November 2021 via Zoom.

Notification of delegates was required by 15th October 2021 and details of any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by the same date.

No resolutions were submitted and the Parish Council would not be represented at the LALC AGM.

### **TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.**

### **919. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

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

County Councillor Cullens was to meet the Cabinet Member for Highways at the County Council with the view to a site visit regarding the proposed traffic management scheme.

#### **(B). PRIVATE ROAD - FLOODING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL:**

Similarly Councillor Cullens was to suggest the situation regarding the flooding

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should form part of the site visit with the Cabinet Member for Highways at the County Council.

### **(C). FOOTPATH :**

The Parish Council expressed concerns that there had been no progress on the reopening of the stile on the footpath from Hey Barn which had been closed due to housing development in South Ribble.

These concerns had been passed to the County Council and County Councillor Cullens agreed to take this up with the Countryside Officer at the County Council.

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### **(D). STATION ROAD:**

There had been no progress regarding the cutting back of the overgrown hedge which was owned by Openreach.

The County Council had been asked to take action.

It was suggested that photographs be taken and sent to the Estate Manager at British Telecom.

There was also a hazard caused by the long grass at the Blackburn Old Road junction with Station Road. The field had recently been cut but the vegetation growing up the side of the fence was high and obscured visibility for vehicles leaving Station Road.

District Councillor Chapman had agreed to raise this with Chorley Council.

### **(E). GIB LANE:**

The road by the railway bridge had received some attention but the overgrown footpaths still required cutting back.

### **(F). ROAD SIGN HOGHTON LANE:**

The deer warning signs had been replaced but had not been correctly sited.

County Councillor Cullens would be asked to discuss this with the County Council.

### **(G). CYCLE LANE:**

The County Council was currently reviewing the suggestion regarding the construction of a cycle lane on the A675 through the Parish.

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### **(H). DOVER LANE - TEMPORARY CLOSURE:**

Dover Lane would be closed temporarily from 01/11/21 to 05/11/21 to enable Network Plus on behalf of Electricity North West to install a new customer connection. The alternative route was Houghton Lane - Sandy Lane - Windmill Lane.

### **920. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

Following a meeting on Neighbourhood Working the Parish Council had been

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asked to consider submitting projects for inclusion in the scheme.

It was also reported that the a list of sites of mini meadows and wildlife corridor projects to be included in the 2022 programme had been circulated. Bids could be made to include other sites in the programme,

The Grounds Maintenance Team would commence cutting back the wildlife corridors from 27th September 2021.

### **921.PLANNING REPORT:**

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

No decisions had been made since the last meeting

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

The following applications has been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

- 1.Erection of a dwelling house The Post Office The Straits (App no 21/01052/FUL).
2. Erection of dwelling Straits Farm The Straits (App no 21/01053/FUL).
3. Conversion of Barn and shippon to dwelling Straits Farm The Straits (App no 21.01051/FUL).
4. Erection of dwelling Straits Farm The Straits (App no 21/01054/FUL).

Details had been circulated to all Members regarding these applications and the Parish Council reiterated its previous observations as follows:-

A. The developments would set a precedent for further development in the area.

B. They are over developments.

C. There are highway health and safety issues resulting from another access to the busy Blackburn Old Road with increased traffic from the site.and access is a short distance from Quaker Brook Lane where there are significant highway problems.

D. A new access is to be constructed as a result of development at Wise Mary`s Farm which will add to the number of accesses to Blackburn Old Road.

With regard to the following applications details of which had been circulated no observations were made:-

5. Erection of detached outbuilding to accommodate a garden summerhouse Brookhouse Barn Hoghton Lane (App no 21/0106/FULHH).

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6. Erection of a detached outbuilding to accommodate a garden summerhouse. (App no 21/01037/FULHH).

### **922. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment

1, Andrew Saint	Repairs to War Memorial	£580.00
1.Chorley Council	Uncontested election fees May 2021	£379.23.

The accounts were approved and cheques signed.

### **923. WAR MEMORIAL:**

The work to alleviating the flooding had been completed and the Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) was thanked for his work in ensuring the project went ahead, In accordance with the funding arrangements with Chorley Council the money would now be reclaimed from them.

### **924. CRIPPLEGATE LANE:**

A local resident had contacted Chorley Council following a resurgence of the rat infestation. The reasons for this were being investigated by the Team Leader for Public Protection.

They were planning to undertake an improvement scheme at Cripplegate Lane Pond in partnership with the Lancashire Wildlife Trust in the Autumn and would keep the local community updated.

Councillor Cullens agreed to discuss the question of the rat infestation with the Public Protection Team.

A notification from the de Hoghton Estate had been circulated informing the Parish Council about work to a collapsed drain which was adjacent to the bridleway which would be unaffected by the work.

### **925.WREATH LAYING CEREMONY SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2021:**

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 (Councillor T. Greenwood) 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 would also be asked to control the event.

Members would be reminded of the arrangements nearer the time.

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### **926. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:**

Consultations had been circulated to the Parish Council from the County Council regarding the proposed Bus Service Improvement Plan which included a rural bus survey and the County Council survey on working together with Parish Councils.

One of the Members of the Public present asked why the venue for the meeting was shown on the website as being at Holy Trinity Parish Church and not this venue.

The information on the website was correct at the time it was published. In early September the Parish Council was notified that the accommodation was no longer available and arrangements were made to hold the meeting at this venue. Attention was drawn to this when the Agenda for the meeting was published and a copy was put on the website and on all the Parish Council notice boards approximately one week before the meeting.

### **927. NEWSLETTERS:**

At the last meeting donations were made to Hoghton Holy Trinity Parish Church and Brindle St. Joseph's RC Church to reflect the way the newsletter is published.

Hoghton Holy Trinity Parish Church returned their cheque because they no longer published a regular Newsletter. Brindle St Joseph's would continue their normal practice and sent a letter of thanks for their cheque.

In view of this it was decided that the Parish Council newsletter should be put on their notice board section on each notice board rather than a full set of the minutes. A full set of the minutes would be attached to the public section of the boards for the public to inspect as had been the practice in the past.

A note would also be put on the newsletter indicating the minutes could be viewed on the Parish Council website.

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

Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30 p.m. at a venue to be confirmed.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

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