

**MINUTES OF 1138TH MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 21ST JANUARY 2019
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).

498. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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

499. FORMER COUNCILLOR T. SHARRATT:

The Parish Council was informed that former Councillor Sharratt had been admitted to hospital over the Christmas period but had now been discharged.

He was wished a speedy recovery.

500. 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.

501. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th November 2018 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

502. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

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

503. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The police were not present.

(B). POLICING BUDGET 2019/20:

The Clerk submitted two consultation documents from the Police and Crime Commissioner inviting the Parish Council to comment on the suggestion that the Police funding precept should be increased to pay for policing in 2019/20 and for the recruitment of additional Police Community Support Officers.

The proposals were supported on the understanding that more emphasis be placed on policing rural communities and that the consultation documents be placed in the Parish Newsletters.

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(C). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

504. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the current newsletter.

The County Council/Parish and Town Council Annual Conference on 24th November 2018 had been cancelled due to lack of numbers..

The Annual Invitation for nominations of Chairmen to attend the Buckingham Parish Garden Party was submitted. The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) was nominated to attend.

505. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). POTHoles:

The potholes at the Village Hall and near Causeway Farm Riley Green had been repaired.

(B). BUS SHELTER - BOARS HEAD:

The County Council had cut back the trees to improve the sight line near the bus shelter.

(C). FLOODING:

Blocked drains were reported on Private Road near St. Joseph's Parish Church and on Blackburn Old Road at Holy Trinity Parish Church.

County Councillor Snowden had been asked to arrange for the gulleys to be swept and the those in Private Rad had been cleared. However it was considered that the drains at Holy Trinity Parish Church were on land occupied by the church and the County Council did not have responsibility.

The Church Wardens would be informed of the County Council's comments.

(D). BRINDLE LODGE - DOG FOULING:

Excessive dog fouling was reported in Brindle Lodge.

The Dog Warden at Chorley would be asked to look into this matter.

506. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

No matters affecting the Parish Council were reported.

507. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS.

Planning permission had been refused for a development at Station Road since the last meeting of the Parish Council. Planning Permission was granted for a development at Chapel Lane. A further application at Riley Green had been withdrawn.

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(B). APPLICATIONS:

Applications had been received for developments at Moulden Brow, Riley Green Finnington Lane and Quaker Brook Lane.

Details were circulated to all Members and no observations were made. The Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

(C). ENFORCEMENT ACTION:

Chorley Council was undertaking enforcement action in relation to a development on Hoghton Lane.

(D). DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT 2019:

The Clerk circulated a consultation document on community involvement.

No observations were made.

508. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Salary and Expenses Quarter end 31st December 2018	£651.46.
2. HMRC	Tax	£130.00.
3. Gardencare	Annual Maintenance Contract	£796.00.
4. Holy Trinity Parish Church	Room Hire October and November 2018	£40.00
5. Harry Fowler Joinery	Repair of notice board Pinfold.	£120.00

The accounts were agreed and cheques signed.

509. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Parish Council was informed of the present position regarding the ponding issue.

510. CRIPPLEGATE LANE :

A resident had asked if anything could be done to stop HGVs using Cripplegate Lane.

The Clerk had contacted County Councillor Snowden about this who agreed to ask County Council if they would consider putting signs up. He replied that County had no record of any signs and because it was an unadopted highway they would not take any action but had no objection to residents putting signs up.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) referred to the provision of signs in the past and it was considered that signs indicating access for residents only could be appropriate.

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) would discuss this matter further with the local resident concerned. .

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511. LANCASHIRE CIVIC CAROL SERVICE - BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL:

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the Dean of Blackburn Cathedral to the Parish Council to attend the Lancashire Civic Carol Service at the Cathedral on 3rd February 2019.

512. ELECTORAL REVIEW - CHORLEY:

The Clerk submitted details of the next stage in the review of electoral districts in Chorley.

513. CHORLEY LIAISON MEETING:

A report was presented on the meeting held on 16th January 2019.

514. CONSULTATIONS:

(A). COMMUNITY TREES SCHEME:

Details of the scheme to provide free trees for schools and communities were reported.

(B). CPRE APPEAL:

The Clerk submitted details of an appeal for funding from the CPRE.

(C). AIR AMBULANCE:

The Clerk submitted a request for a grant from the North West Air Ambulance>

The Parish Council adhered to its existing policy.

515. EASTERN PARISHES NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA MEETING:

The Clerk submitted details of the next Neighbourhood meeting on 6th February 2019.

516. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 18th February 2019 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 8.20. p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

18TH FEBRUARY 2019.