

**MINUTES OF 1158TH MEETING  
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 1ST MARCH 2021  
(VIRTUAL MEETING)**

**PRESENT:** - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR N. PETER (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, Ms Y. HARGREAVES, MRS S. LONG, B. MATTOCK, AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** SIX MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

**840. 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.

**841. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th January 2021 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) when appropriate.

**842. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:  
THE FOLLOWING MATTER WAS RAISED:  
TIPIs - BOLTON ROAD:**

At the invitation of the Parish Council the proprietor of the business gave a presentation on where the planning application stood. The Parish Council acknowledged the statement and a summary of the bullet points would be provided.

**AS THERE WERE NO FURTHER MATTERS THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

**Councillor Ms Urry joined the meeting at this point.**

**843. POLICE REPORT:**

**(A). LIAISON:**

The police officer responsible for Hoghton submitted his apologies as he was attending an incident.

There had been a range of consultations circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics and the adoption of the police budget in April 2021.

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

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

### **844. LALC REPORT:**

A newsletter had not been issued since the last meeting.

The Clerk submitted the views of NALC on the proposed Model Design Code following the White Paper on Planning issued by the Government in 2020.

The Parish Council supported the comments of NALC and would seek the views of Chorley Council on this issue.

Details of a further consultation the use of under utilised public land for housing purposes. The proposals were noted.

### **845. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

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

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported the current situation regarding the proposed traffic management scheme.

#### **(B). OVERGROWN GUTTERS/PAVEMENTS:**

At the last meeting it was reported that the pavements and gutters in the Parish were overgrown with vegetation in particular at the entrance to Station Road where sight lines were obscured. Some work had been carried out in Gib Lane.

It was also reported that the carriageway in Gib Lane near the railway bridge was rutted and a pothole which required attention this had been reported to the County Council again.

They had confirmed that the Highways inspectors had been out and would get the potholes repaired. They would do a refresh of the carriageway condition and include the resurfacing in future rounds of capital funding allocation assessments.

#### **(C). PRIVATE ROAD - FLOODING:**

There had been no further developments since the last meeting.

Flooding continued to be a problem in this area and County Councillor Snowden had been reminded of the request for a more permanent solution to be provided by the Highways Department and a reply was awaited.

It was also reported that the recently repaired sinkhole near Holly Bank on Private Road was subsiding again. This had been reported to the County Council and this was still being dealt with.

#### **(D). HIGHWAYS WINTER BRIEFINGS:**

The Clerk circulated the latest bulletin.

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### **(E). MANHOLE AND DRAINS HOGHTON LANE CHORLEY AND SOUTH RIBBLE:**

The County Council had been asked to look into the long running drainage/flooding issue along the main A675 road along both sides of Hoghton Lane outside Olive Farm, Bells Lane corner, Methuen Drive, Old Oak corner, Daub Hall Lane corner and the A675 carriage way on the bend at Higher Walton facing the access to Gregson Lane.

### **(F). MUCK SPREADING - HOGHTON LANE:**

It was reported that an aerial manure spray directed across both carriageway over traffic & pedestrians discharged by pipe from this tanker by pipe. This vehicle was spreading manure across the carriageway on to Brookhouse Farm fields.

There were cars on both sides of the road and a family on the footpath.

The report had been referred to the Environment Agency.

### **846 . CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

Details of the actions taken by the Council in relation to the Pandemic were reported, together with the introduction of a new website, the latest position regarding the Local Elections and the Budget consultations.

### **847. PLANNING REPORT:**

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

Since the last meeting applications for permission for developments at Hoghton Lane and Hollins Close and for tree works at Quaker Brook Lane had been granted.

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

Applications had been received for developments at Fowler Close and Chapel Lane since the last meeting.

Details had been circulated to all Members and no comments were made.

*(Councillor B. Mattock declared an interest in the application at Fowler Close and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)*

### **848. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment

1.Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration Quarter ended 31st December 2020.	£50.40
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The account was approved and a cheque signed.

### **849. WAR MEMORIAL:**

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

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### **850. CRIPPLEGATE LANE:**

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported the current situation

### **851. CONSULTATIONS:**

The Clerk circulated consultation documents on Chorley Open Space, Sports and Recreation Strategy Action Plan 2020 - 36, the development of the Covid Vaccination Programme and an `Our Lancashire` project in Brinscall.

### **852. RISK ASSESSMENTS:**

The Clerk circulated a copy of the revised Parish Council's Risk Assessment Procedure.

The revised procedure was approved and adopted.

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

The meeting scheduled for Monday 12th April 2021 was cancelled pending the Local Elections and the next Meeting would be the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 24th May 2021, followed by the Annual General Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**24TH MAY 2021**