

**MINUTES OF 1151ST MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2020
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL.**

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

732. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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

733. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

The Clerk reported the elections to the Parish Council due to be held in May 2020 had been postponed until 2021.

734. CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC:

The Clerk circulated details of the arrangements recommended by NALC which should be made for the administration of Parish Council business during the pandemic.

735. 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.

736. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th February 2020 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood).

**737. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:
AS THERE WERE NO PUBLIC PRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL
CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

738. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The police were not present.

The Clerk circulated a police consultation on local policing.

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(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

739. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted an invoice for the Association's Subscription Fees for 2019/20 amounting to £174.62 compared with the figure for 2018/19 of £177.06.

The Parish Council agreed to continue its membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils, to the payment of the Annual Subscription fees in the sum of £174.62 and a cheque was signed.

740. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). FLOODING:

The County Council had carried out work to prevent further flooding in Chapel Lane and completed repair work in Bells Lane.

Flooding had re-occurred in Dover Lane and this had been reported to the County Council.

County Councillor Snowden had reported the flooding near the church hall on Private Road to the Highways Department.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) informed the Parish Council regarding his discussions with the County Council about resolving the flooding issues on Quaker Brook Lane.

(B). FOOTPATHS:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the survey by the Ramblers Association indicating the repairs required to identified footpaths in the Parish.

The County Council had been notified and asked to take any action required.

The Parish Council was reminded that the Footpath 22 at Riley Green was obstructed by electric gates.

The Countryside Service would be reminded about this.

The County Council had requested the owner of the overgrown hedge near the former telephone box on Station Road to cut it back.

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

The Parish Council request for a site meeting with County Councillor Snowden was currently under consideration.

(D). HIGHWAYS WINTER BRIEFINGS:

The Clerk circulated the latest bulletin.

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(E). DOG FOULING - CANAL TOWPATH:

The Dog Warden at Chorley had erected notices about dog fouling on the canal towpath.

741. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

A report was presented on matters affecting Chorley Council.

742. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) DECISIONS:

Planning permission had been granted for developments at Riley Green, Willowfield Chase, Sandy Lane and Private Road since the last meeting.

(B) APPLICATIONS:

Applications for development in Chapel Lane, Private Road and Bolton Road had been submitted to Chorley Council since the last meeting. Details had been circulated to all Members and no observations were made. Chorley Council would be informed.

(C). TEMPORARY EVENT APPLICATION:

Details of a temporary event on 12th April 2020 were circulated.

It was also reported that work was being carried out at the site of the Teepees.

The Clerk would contact Chorley Council regarding the matter.

743. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

There were no accounts for payment.

744. WAR MEMORIAL:

Following a site visit with a contractor, the Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported that he had had discussions with Chorley Council about the work required to resolve the ponding issue at the War Memorial.

It was agreed that the contractor be asked to carry out the work subject to funding from Chorley Council.

745. CRIPPLEGATE LANE:

The Landlord of the properties in Cripplegate Lane had asked the tenants not to feed the ducks and this matter had been raised with a director of the of the Company. However, the infestation had expanded to other areas.

The Clerk would write to the Chief Executive at Chorley about the situation

The Ecology Officer had completed his report on the proposals for improving the site and residents had been informed of the proposals. Chorley Council had indicated that the work was complete. However, apart from some limited work the rest of the suggestions had not been carried out.

The Clerk would ask that all the work suggested should be done as soon as

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possible .

746. CONSULTATIONS:

The Clerk had previously circulated details of Spring Events of the CPRE, However, these had now been postponed.

747. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:

The meeting of the Committee on 18th March at 6.30 p.m. at Chorley Town Hall been postponed

748 NOTICE BOARDS:

The Contractor would make the suggested modifications to the Notice Boards at the Boars Head and adjacent to the Post Office weather permitting. As far as the notice board at the Pinfold was concerned further investigations were being made to decide the best method of providing a lockable section.

749. PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM:

At the last meeting Members were informed of the proposal submitted to South Ribble Council regarding the establishment of a Neighbourhood Forum for parts of Brindle Gregson Lane and Hoghton. Following legal advice the proposal had been withdrawn. However, the residents group still wished to establish some sort of community wide forum and were meeting to consider their options with the aim of having an input into the planning system which covered the area suggested.

The Parish Council considered that this could be best achieved through them.

750. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL:

The insurance for the Parish Council was due for renewal on 1st June 2020 and was currently insured with Pen.

The insurance company was required to comply with regulation to provide the Parish Council with their Terms of Business and to ensure that the cover for the Parish Council met with their demands and needs.

They had requested the Parish Council to review a Client Risk Presentation. The details contained within this risk presentation would be used to prepare the renewal quotation.

The Clerk had circulated the necessary documents for consideration by the Parish Council.

It was necessary to get an updated valuation for the wall at the Pinfold and the Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) would speak to a suitable contractor.

The Document was agreed and would be submitted the Parish Council's Insurers when completed.

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751. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 20th April 2020 the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30. p.m. to be followed by the Parish Council meeting 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**

20TH APRIL 2020.