

**MINUTES OF 1147TH MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER 2019
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL.**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE 17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

650. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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

651. 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.

652. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th September 2019 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T.Greenwood).

653. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RAISED THE FOLLOWING MATTER
PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Since the last meeting of the Parish Council two planning applications one for a detached dwelling and garage and another for the conversion of a barn and shippoon to a dwelling house at Straits Farm had been granted, however two further applications have been submitted one for four detached dwellings and garages, the other for a detached dwelling and garage.

Residents attended to present their views on the two new applications.

The following observations were made.

1. The developments would lead to increased traffic on the Straits.
2. The proposed vehicular entrance would be a road safety hazard.
3. The proposals are an overdevelopment of the site.
4. The developments would give rise to overlooking of adjoining properties.

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5.They would set a precedent for further residential development in the area.

There should be a site visit by the Planning Committee to this development

Residents were urged to write individual letters of objection to Chorley Council on the proposals.

The Parish Council supported these comments and would register objections with Chorley Council.

The Parish Council was informed of the continuing neglect of other residential properties in the parish.

It was also agreed that officers from the Planning Department should be asked to a meeting to discuss future planning issues within the Parish.

NO FURTHER MATTERS WERE RAISED AND THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

654. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The police were not present. Reference was consultations undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding cyber crime and neighbourhood watch schemes.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

655. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the LALC AGM would be held on 23rd November 2019 at Howick House Penwortham and the appointment of delegates had been deferred at the last meeting.

It was decided not to appoint any delegates.

The Clerk also circulated the current newsletters of LALC and the County Council Champion for the 50+ .

656. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). GIB LANE:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that further work had been carried to the footways in Gib Lane.

(B). CHAPEL LANE - FLOODING:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported that flooding had occurred again in Chapel Lane. This had been reported to the County Council. Since the last meeting two further complaints had been received that the area was still flooding.

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(C). FOOTPATHS:

At the last meeting it was reported that parts of the footpath in Brindle Lodge were overgrown and this had been reported to the Footpaths Officer. A resident indicated that the footpath required urgent attention. The County Council would be informed.

It was reported that the footpath at the Boars Head had been cleared.

It was also reported that the hedge near the former telephone box on Station Road was overgrown. This had been reported to the County Council.

(D). CHAPEL FOLD - SIGN:

A No Through Road sign had been requested at Chapel Fold and this had been referred to the County Council who had requested further details.

The reason for the request was the large increase in vehicles on what was a private road.

The County Council would be informed.

(E). QUAKER BROOK LANE:

It was reported that people were using the field at Beeston Manor adjoining Quaker Brook as an unauthorised footpath.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) would raise this with the County Footpaths Officer.

(F). SPEED LIMIT - ROACH ROAD:

It was reported that residents had organised a petition to the County Council requesting that the speed limit on this road should be reduced to 30 mph.

657. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

A report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council. It was noted that Chorley was expected to reach its housing quota this year as required by the Government.

658. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS.

Two applications for development at The Straits had been approved since last meeting of the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported the views of the applicant following suggestions made by the Parish Council regarding a development at The Straits which had been approved at the last meeting.

It was suggested that a meeting be held with the County Councillor Snowden about the hedge at the entrance to Quaker Brook Lane.

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B. APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk reported applications for developments at Viaduct Road and The Crossings. Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations were made.

Chorley Council would be informed.

659. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Clerk - Salary and Expenses quarter ended 30th September 2019.	£721.03.
2. HMRC	Tax on Clerk - Salary and Expenses quarter ended 30th September 2019.	£145.83.
3. Holmes Florist	Wreath - Remembrance Day	£40.00
4. D. Metcalfe	Website Renewal	£143.71.

The Accounts were agreed and cheques signed.

660. APPLICATION FOR GRANT:

The Clerk submitted a grant application from the Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility.

The Parish Council adhered to its policy of not making grants to organisations not in the Parish.

661. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported the current position regarding the flooding problem.

The Clerk would request an update on the situation.

662. CRIPPLEGATE LANE :

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported the current situation regarding the rat infestation reported at the last meeting of the Parish Council.

The Clerk had also consulted Chorley Council regarding maintenance work to the trees on site.

663. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY:

The Clerk reported the half year statement regarding the levy.

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664. NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported the present position regarding the notice boards including the suggestion that doors be provided on the one at Riley Green. The contractor was looking into the provision of doors at Riley Green but there was a problem in that the boundary wall was very close to the notice board.

665. CONSULTATIONS:

Consultation documents on the cosy homes Initiative were circulated.

666. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:

A report on the meeting held at Chorley Town Hall on Wednesday 16th October 2019 would be presented to the next meeting.

667. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that local elections were scheduled for 7th May 2020 and submitted estimates of the costs of a contested and non contested election.

The Parish Council would consider these figures when preparing their estimates for 2020/21.

668. WREATH LAYING CEREMONY SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2019:

At the last meeting the Clerk had reported the arrangements for this ceremony.

He reported the present position regarding the temporary road closure order.

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the Mayor of Chorley for representatives of the Parish Council to attend the Remembrance Day Service and Parade.

Councillor Ms Hargreaves would be attending.

669. TEEPEES:

At the last meeting the Clerk had circulated details of two events in October and reminded the Parish Council that under the terms of the planning permission the teepees at Bolton Road were to be removed on 1st October. The Planning Enforcement Officer had been informed of the events and was investigating whether they involved the use of the teepees.

670. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 18th November 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 9.05. p.m.

SIGNED
CHAIRMAN

18TH NOVEMBER 2019.