**MINUTES OF THE 1192nd MEETING OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON 13th January 2025 AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL**

**Present:** Councillor T Greenwood (in the Chair), B Mattock, J Caton,

A Martin, Y Hargreaves, S Fawcett, M Urry and M Graham (Clerk to the Council).

**Also in attendance:** Six members of the public was present.

**Apologies for absence:** received from: Chorley Cllrs Amahwe, Beach and McGovern along with County Councillor Alan Cullens who was at a public meeting on the Finnington planning issue.

1392: DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICAL 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.

1393: MINUTES

The minutes of the 9th December 2024 meeting were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

1394: ADJOURNMENT

There then followed an adjournment to allow members of the public to raise issues and ask questions raised by prior notification.

Five residents of Laurelbank, Moulden Brow were present. They have had multiple road traffic accidents (RTA’s) outside their properties over several years and they were seeking support from the Parish Council for speed reduction measures; they can no longer park outside their properties, and they are constantly in fear of a car or HGV coming through their garden or front of the houses. The residents presented a compelling argument. The Parish Clerk had been working with them on a petition and was arranging for them, and him, to make a short presentation to LCC immediately prior to their full council meeting on 13th March. The Clerk had also arranged for the local Police to conduct speeding checks and to provide details on the number of RTA’s over recent years; the Police list did not tally with the residents list as many go unreported.

It was resolved that:

1. The residents would update their list of incidents and provide this to the Clerk
2. The residents would send a representative to the 13th March LCC meeting
3. The Parish Council would support a campaign to have speed enforcement cameras oin the 40mph area and the Parish Council would ask for a LCC Highways engineer to attend site
4. The Clerk would brief County Councillor Alan Cullens on developments.

1395: POLICE REPORT

None present (subsequently informed he was at Brindle PC).

1396: LALC REPORT

No report.

1397: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

1. Community Garden

It was agreed to source a sign for the community garden. It was agreed at the previous meeting that The Village Hall were happy if this be attached to the external hall wall; the Village Hall Committee would be shown an advance copy of the sign for their approval.

1. Annual River Darwen Clean Up

The Saturday 22nd March was confirmed. The Clerk had approached the de Hoghton Estate for funding for a skip.

1398: HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

1. SPIDS on Hoghton Lane

Nothing to report.

1. TTRO’S

A road closure for Station Road had been advised and circulated

1. Bus Stops

The Parish Council are awaiting a start date for work to commence.

1. Blackburn Old Road Bench

The bench ends had been inspected and were deemed safe. The Parish Council would look at how to make the bench sound.

1399: CHORLEY DISTRICT & LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Nothing to report.

1400: PLANNING REPORTS

1. 25/00006/TPO

The application had been circulated. There were no objections.

1401: ACCOUNTS

1. Accounts For Payment:

Accounts for payment as at 13th January 2025:

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| Easy Websites | 65 | Monthly Hosting Fee 1st Nov | £30.36 | DD |
| HMRC | 66 | Clerk Tax Jan | £88.40 | Cheque (1) |
| Mike Graham | 67 | Clerk Salary Jan | £353.60 | Cheque (2) |
| Lynn Worden | 68 | Pinfold Xmas Tree | £49.95 | Bank Transfer CIL |
| Whitehead & Aldrich | 69 | 1/4’ly payroll to December | £108.00 | Bank Transfer |
| Holy Trinity Church | 70 | Room Hire | £20.00 | Bank Transfer |

1. HMRC Cheque: £88.40
2. M Graham cheque: £353.60

The above were all agreed.

1. Parish Accounts

The Clerk had previously circulated the up to date position with the Parish accounts. These were tabled as followed:

The Parish element (running costs) and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has been separated out to identify the two separate funding and expenditure streams.

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|  | PARISH ACCOUNT | PARISH ELEMENT | CIL ELEMENT |
| bf (01/04/24) | £16,894.28 | (-£2,027.81) | £18,922.09 |
| Income | £14,437.13 | £14,437.13 | £0.00 |
| Expenditure | £18,032.32 | £8,373.61 | £9,658.71 |
| c/f balance (31/12/24) | £13,299.09 | £4,035.71 | £9,263.38 |

The above balance of £13,299.09 tallies with our National Westminster bank account balance as of 28th December 2024.

Please note our VAT refund due in mid 2025 (I apply for this after the financial year end) will produce an additional income of approximately £1,500.

1. Grounds Maintenance

The Grounds Maintenance tender paper had been previously circulated by the Clerk. This was agreed and the Clerk was asked to place it on noticeboards, Facebook and the Parish Council website.

1402: PARISH ASSETS

1. Land by Hoghton Post Office

Nothing to report.

1. War Memorial

The Clerk agreed to take photographs when the weather improved and would seek to apply for a grant towards costs or approaches could be made to Blackburn College.

1403: COMMUNCATIONS

Our Parish Facebook page now has 172 members.

1404: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

1405: NEXT MEETING DATE

10 February (7pm)