**MINUTES OF THE 1186th MEETING OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON 13th May 2024 AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL**

**Annual General Meeting**

Present:​Councillor T Greenwood (In the Chair), Councillor B Mattock (Vice Chair), D Strange, Y Hargreaves, A Martin, M Graham (Clerk)​

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Also in attendance:  2 members of the public.

Apologies for absence:  J Caton and M Urry. County Councillor Alan Cullens also sent his apologies.

1295:   **Minutes of the AGM Held May 2023**

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

1296:   **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

1297:   **Election of Councillors**

Councillors were aware of the mess made by Chorley Borough Council in respect of the Parish elections. Therefor only 5 councillors were elected via the formal process; these are: T Greenwood; B Mattock; A Martin; J Caton and M Urry. The AGM agreed the remaining councillors be co-opted. These were D Strange and Y Hargreaves (both nominated M Urry, via email, and seconded by A Martin). The Council therefore has a full complement of councillors.

1298:   **Election of Chair**

Trevor Greenwood was nominated by Y Hargreaves and seconded by A Martin.  He was elected unopposed.

1299:   **Election of Vice Chair**

B Mattock was nominated by Y Hargreaves and seconded by A Martin. He was elected unopposed.

1300: **Appointment of Representatives**

a) Chorley Parish Councils Liaison Committee

J Caton; A Martin and M Urry agreed to be our representatives. The Clerk would advise Chorley Council.

b) Lancashire Association of Local Councils

It was agreed that J Caton and A Martin be our representatives. The Clerk would advise LALC.

1301:   **Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer**

Mike Graham was appointed.

1302:   **Appointment of External Auditor**

Darren Cranshaw was appointed.

1303: **Adoption of New Parish Council Standing Orders**

The new Standing Orders had previously been circulated to all councillors. These were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk. They would be added to our website.

1304:   **Any Other Business**

None.

The meeting closed at 19:40