

**MINUTES OF 1166TH MEETING  
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 11TH APRIL 2022  
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL  
BLACKBURN OLD ROAD.**

**PRESENT:** - COUNCILLOR B. MATTOCK IN THE CHAIR COUNCILLORS A. CULLENS AND Ms Y. HARGREAVES AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

**968. CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING:**

Councillor B. Mattock was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

**969. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) and Councillor Ms M.Urry.

**970. COUNCILLOR MS A. BALL - RESIGNATION:**

Councillor Ms Ball submitted her resignation from the Parish Council.

The Parish Council placed on record its appreciation of the service of Councillor Ms Ball.

**971. COUNCILLOR A. CULLENS:**

With the agreement of Councillor Cullens the Clerk had consulted the Members of the Parish Council regarding his appointment as a co-opted member to fill an outstanding vacancy. The Parish Council had endorsed his appointment.

Councillor Cullens then signed his declaration of office.

**972. ILLNESS OF COUNCILLORS:**

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) and Councillor Ms Urry were not present through illness.

They were wished a speedy recovery to health.

**973. 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.

**974. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th January 2022 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting (Councillor B. Mattock).

**975. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

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**As there were no Members of the Public present the Parish Council continued with the items on the Agenda,**

### **976. POLICE REPORT:**

#### **(A). LIAISON:**

The police officer responsible for Hoghton had been temporarily seconded to other duties.

There had been a range of consultations issued by the Police and Crime Commissioner since the last meeting regarding various topics. Details had been circulated including his Policing Plan for Lancashire 2022 to 2024.

The police alerts had also been circulated.

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

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

### **977. LALC REPORT:**

Updates from LALC on current issues and various consultation documents had been circulated since the last meeting.

The Parish Council was reminded of the changes to the organisation with effect from the end of January 2022.

A report was presented on the Parish and Town Councils (Highways Special) Conference held on 19th March 2022. Various initiatives would be introduced such as a phone app for reporting potholes, the establishment of dedicated gully cleaning teams for specific areas, improvements to the County Mapping System (Mario), training for Parish Councils on the use of hand held speed cameras and the enforcement of 20mph zones. The Clerk would circulate the slide presentation made to the Conference for the information of Members.

The invoice for the Association's Subscription Fees for 2022/23 was submitted amounting to £161.06 compared with the figure for 2021/2002 of £174.11 This was a slight decrease from last year.

The Parish Council agreed to continue membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils and to the payment of the annual subscription fees for 2022/23 amounting to £161.06.

### **978. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

#### **(A). SITE VISIT:**

Councillor Cullens and a local resident had held a site inspection and several issues were reported to the County Council these included a request for a Grit Bin at Long Barn Row potholes at Barracks Row (which had now been filled) and Viaduct Road. A missing street sign at Chapel Lane was due to be replaced by 18th April by Chorley Council.

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

Following the site visit by County Councillor Edwards the County Highways Cabinet Member and the public campaign for a traffic management scheme incorporating a mini roundabout the Cabinet at the County Council had considered the suggestions.

They decided that yellow lines prohibiting parking would be introduced from Quaker Brook Lane to the Post Office at The Straits. These would be supported by improved sight lines at Quaker Brook Lane, more police traffic patrols more speed surveys and the use of mobile speed cameras.

The effectiveness of these measures would be subject to review in six months.

### **(C). FOOTPATH :**

The Parish Council was informed that there had been no further developments on the footpath leading from Hey Barn to the housing development in South Ribble.

The County Council would be asked for a progress report.

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### **(D). STATION ROAD:**

The County Council had asked Openreach to cut back the hedge and would monitor this to ensure the work was done. Some work had been done.

### **(E). GIB LANE/CHAPEL LANE:**

The County Council had asked their contractors to undertake the work to the footways but no work had yet taken place.

The area would be inspected to see what work had been done.

### **(F). ROAD SIGN HOGHTON LANE:**

Following comments about the deer sign the Traffic Management Team were looking into this and an update on the progress would be sought.

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

The latest winter briefings had been circulated.

### **(H). FOOTPATHS/CYCLING SURVEY:**

The County Council had ask the Parish Council to undertake a survey to be completed by 7th May 2022.

### **(I). DANGEROUS TREES:**

It was reported that there were several dead and dying trees in the Parish which were along highway boundaries .

The Tree Officer would be asked to carry out an inspection.

### **979. CHORLEY/COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:**

No report was presented.

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### 980.PLANNING REPORT:

#### (A) DECISIONS:

The following decisions had been made since the last meeting.

- 1.Erection of single storey front extension with glass walkway Brookhouse Barn Hoghton Lane (App no 21/01430/FULHH) - Granted.
2. Single storey side extension Ellisland Station Road (App no 22/00041/FULHH) - Granted.
3. Application to discharge condition no.18 (building recording and analysis) attached to planning permission ref:21/01051/FUL (Conversion of barn and shippin to boardinghouse) Straits Farm The Straits (App no 22/00229/DIS.) - Condition Discharged.

#### (B). APPLICATIONS:

The following applications has been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Two storey side extension 1 Bell Villas Gib Lane. (App no 22/00297/FULHH).
2. Application to discharge condition 8 (archaeological investigation scheme of planning permission ref 20/00716/FUL) (Conversion of existing Methodist Chapel into a dwelling including first floor rear extension) Pearson House Chapel Lane. (App no 22/00318/DIS.).
3. Front porch Heatherdale Quaker Brook Lane (App no 22/00259/FULHH) '
- 4.Part single storey/part two storey side/rear extension Bank House 4 Bolton Road (App no 22/00264/FULHH).
- 5.Section 73 application to vary condition no.3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission ref:21/00965/FUL (Erection of five dwellings and garages) in order to include dormers to all plots, estate access gates, amend materials/frontages to all plots, reposition roof lights to all plots, and amend balcony surrounds of plots 1, 2, 3, and 4 Straits Farm The Straits (App no 22/00294/FUL).
- 6.Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 10 (Hoghton) 1991: T2 Oak - Fell; and T1 and T3 Oaks - Remove epicormic growth Heatherdale Quaker Brook Lane (App no 22/00268/TPO).
7. Application to discharge condition no 4 (materials) attached to listed building consent ref 20/00717/LBC - Application for listed building consent for the conversion of existing Methodist Chapel into one dwelling,including a first floor rear extension Pearson House Chapel Lane (App no 2200176/DIS)

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8. Part two storey/part single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing two storey extension and conservatory) and elevational alterations 103 Chapel Lane. (App no 22/00134/FULHH).

No comments had been received and the Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

### **981.ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The following accounts were submitted for payment.

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1. T. Harkness	Salary and expenses quarter ended 30 September 2021.	£835 .25.
2.HMRC	Tax	£194.04
3.CPRE	Annual Subscription	£36.00.
4. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration	£54.00.
5.Holy Trinity Parish Church	Room Hire - April 2022	£20.00
6. A Harkness	Computer Repairs	£50.00

### **982. MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:**

The Annual Maintenance was renewed.

### **983. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:**

Various documents had been circulated for consideration by the Parish Council.

### **984. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES:**

The current situation regarding the vacancies on the Parish Council were reported. The vacancies for two seats following the resignation of two Members had been advertised by the Elections Office at Chorley and the closing date for nominations was 19th April 2022.

### **985. QUEEN`S PLATINUM JUBILEE:**

Details of events in the Parish currently proposed were reported.

Grants were available from the Lottery Jubilee Fund but this was only open voluntary groups Parish Councils could not apply

However they could allocate funds from their budget for events in their area.

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Also the County Council had allocated money to each County Councillor for events in their area as had Chorley Council. Applications for money were to be made to the Councillor concerned.

It had been suggested that the Parish Council plant Queen Elizabeth the second rose trees at the War Memorial.

Residents from Riley Green were proposing an event on the Pinfold to mark the Jubilee and had asked for a grant towards it. Copies of the grant application forms had been sent to the organisers.

The Parish Council agreed to make a grant of £100.00 towards this event.

Events at Hoghton Tower would be discussed with their Land Agent.

An update of the events which were to take place would be published.

### **986. CRIPPLEGATE LANE - RAT INFESTATION:**

Chorley Council would be asked for an update on the current situation.

### **987. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:**

Details of the meeting on Wednesday 16th March 2022 were reported.

### **988.COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY:**

The Parish Council had not received any allocations of funds under the Levy for 2021/22.

### **989.PRECEPT 2022/23.**

The Annual Precept of £6000.00. had been paid.

### **990. AUDIT 2021/22.**

The Annual Audit of the Parish Council Accounts would take place on 1st July 2022 and full details would be submitted to the next meeting.

### **991.CHRISTMAS TREE:**

The Parish Council considered the current position relating to the provision of a Christmas Tree in the Parish this year.

Despite efforts to site a Christmas Tree on the Pinfold last year this had not proved possible.because of time constraints,however discussions had taken place regarding power supplies and funding had been reserved.

However, the proposal would be reviewed earlier in 2022 . The proposal would be considered at the next meeting.Site inspections would be undertaken to assess suitable sites.

### **992. NOTICE BOARD - HOGHTON BOTTOMS:**

In future arrangements would be made for Parish Council notices to be put on the notice board.

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

Monday 30th May 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church Hall Blackburn Old Road.

There being no further business the Chairman of the meeting (Councillor B. Mattock ) declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

**SIGNED**

**CHAIRMAN**

**30TH MAY 2022**