

MINUTES OF 1155TH MEETING OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2020 (VIRTUAL MEETING)

PRESENT: - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR N. PETER (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J. BALDWIN, Ms Y. HARGREAVES, MRS S. LONG, B. MATTOCK AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE THREE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

801. 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.

802. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st September 2020 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record.

803. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT DID NOT RAISE ANY ISSUES AND THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

804. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The police were not present.

There had been a range of consultations circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics dealing with the introduction of the Government restrictions arising from the Coronovid pandemic.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

805. LALC REPORT:

A newsletter had not been issued since the last meeting.

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806. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). QUAKER BROOK LANE/THE STRAITS - TRAFFIC:

The County Council had still to agree to a site visit.

Local residents had expressed concerns regarding road safety at the junction and were considering a campaign relating to the introduction of traffic management measures.

The Clerk would ask County Councillors Iddon and Snowden to a site meeting as soon as possible with the view to the introduction of traffic management measures.

(B). BLACKBURN OLD ROAD (A675) - HEDGE:

The hedge at the boundary of land running from the railway bridge to the Boars Head Car Park had been cut but debris had been left on the footway.

Chorley Council would be asked to remove it.

(C). QUAKER BROOK LANE - DRAINAGE:

The Parish Council had asked the County Council to provide a more permanent solution to the flooding problems on Quaker Brook Lane.

(D). HOGHTON LANE - PARKING:

Parking was still continuing on the footway near Wise Mary's Farm which was causing problems for pedestrians.

It was understood that the police had spoken to residents about parking on the footway.

The police would be asked again to take action regarding this matter.

(E). HOGHTON LANE- ROAD SIGNS:

The County Council had been informed of the problems with the road signs on the A675 at Houghton Lane.

(F). BLACKBURN OLD ROAD (A675) - DOUBLE WHITE LINES:

The County Council had agreed to repaint the double white lines on the A675 Blackburn Old Road.

(G). OVERGROWN GUTTERS/PAVEMENTS:

At the last meeting it was reported that the pavements and gutters in the Parish were overgrown with vegetation in particular at the entrance to Station Road where sight lines were obscured. There were also problems in Gib Lane.

The Chorley Council had agreed to clear the vegetation but no work had been done.

The hedge in Station Road had not been cut back despite a request from the

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Parish Council in March.

The County Council would be contacted again regarding this.

(H). BRINDLE LODGE - FOOTPATH 5:

The County Council had put the footpath on its list for attention.

(I). PRIVATE ROAD - FLOODING:

The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) reported continued flooding at St. Joseph`s Church Hall.

County Councillor Snowden had been asked to arrange for a more permanent solution to be provided by the Highways Department.

(J). DOVER LANE - BLOCKED CULVERT:

An update on the flooding situation in Dover Lane was reported.

(K). STREET NAMEPLATES:

The street nameplates at Valley Road and adjacent to the bus shelter opposite the Boars Head were damaged.

These had been reported to Chorley Council.

(L). TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - STATION ROAD:

Network Rail would undertake some maintenance work at the level crossing from 20th to 23rd November.

Station Road would be closed at the Crossing from 8 a.m.on the 20th to 6 p.m. on the 23rd or until the work was finished.

807. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

No report was presented.

808. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) DECISIONS:

Three applications for development at Chapel Lane had been approved since the last meeting together with applications at Gib Lane and Weasel Lane.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

Applications had been received for developments in Gib Lane, Hoghton Lane and at Hoghton Tower plus an application for tree works at Station Road since the last meeting.

Details had been circulated to all Members and no comments were made this would be reported to Chorley Council.

An application had been received for another development on Hoghton Lane and comments had been submitted to Chorley Council regarding this.

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Another application for development at Private Road was circulated and Members were asked to submit their views to the Clerk for submission to Chorley Council.

(C).PLANNING APPEAL:

The Parish Council had received notice an appeal against Chorley Council`s refusal of planning for a development at Private Road.

(D). TEEPEES - BOLTON ROAD:

It was reported that the teepees were being advertised as a public dining area.

The Enforcement Officer issued a 28 day warning letter and was informed that an applications would be made for planning permission and a premises licence.

Permission for the teepees was temporary until October and it was considered that the applicants should comply with the planning permission.

The Enforcement Officer would be asked to arrange this.

(E).WHITE PAPER PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:

Objection letters had been sent to the Government, Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP, Gary Hall at Chorley ,CPRE and NALC.(with a copy to LALC).

809. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment

1. A. Harkness	Clerk - Salary and Expenses quarter ended 30th September 2020.	£797.25.
2. HMRC	Tax on Clerk`s Salary and Expenses quarter ended 30th September 2020.	£169.38.

The accounts were approved and cheques signed.

810. WAR MEMORIAL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) reported on the present position on work to rectify the ponding issue at the War Memorial.

811. CRIPPLEGATE LANE:

The Ecologist`s report had been circulated and Chorley had consulted residents for their views as to what should be done. The Parish Council supported the recommendation that the pond should be filled in and trees planted to encourage wildlife.

In the meantime the area had been re-opened and the feeding of the ducks had re-commenced. This was reported to Chorley and it seemed it had now stopped.

A petition against filling in the pond was put in the Post Office.Chorley Council were informed.

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The Clerk would consult Chorley Council as to what happens next.

812. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

In view of the restrictions imposed by the Government the Church decided to video individual organisations laying a wreath. The Parish Council had agreed to this. The filming would take place on 31st October and be shown at a Service on Remembrance Sunday.

The Parish Council would also conduct a short wreath laying ceremony on Remembrance Day itself .

The Clerk would notify Members of the Parish Council of the arrangements for the two ceremonies.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor N. Peter) informed the Parish Council of the arrangements for the flying of the flag and the bell ringing at the wreath laying.

813. CONSULTATIONS:

The Clerk referred to the consultation documents which had been circulated to the Parish Council since the last meeting.

814. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 30th November 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

30TH NOVEMBER 2020