

**MINUTES OF 1169TH MEETING
OF HOGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 4TH JULY 2022
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL
BLACKBURN OLD ROAD.**

PRESENT: - COUNCILLOR T. GREENWOOD (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR B. MATTOCK (VICE CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS A CULLENS, M. GRAHAM, Ms Y. HARGREAVES, AND Ms M. URRY AND MR. T. HARKNESS (CLERK).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: THREE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1022. 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.

1023. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 30th May 2022 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood).

1024. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

The Member of the Public present raised the following matter:-

PINFOLD - QUEENS JUBILEE EVENT:

The Parish Council was thanked for the grant it had made towards this event.

As there were no further matters raised the Parish Council continued with the items on the Agenda,

1026. POLICE REPORT:

(A). LIAISON:

The police were not present.

There had been a range of consultations circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics.

The Parish Council repeated its concerns that the police had not attended its meetings since July 2021 and there had been no communication during that time.

A member of the Parish Council had had discussions with a police officer at Chorley in another capacity and would inform the Clerk of his contact details.

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The Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) had informal contact with another police officer and suggested that if anyone had any issues to report they contact him and he would pass them on.

In the meantime an approach would be made to the Police and Crime Commissioner about the apparent lack of policing in the Parish and the need to nominate a police officer with responsibility for Houghton.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer.

1027. LALC REPORT:

Updates from LALC on current issues and various consultation documents had been circulated since the last meeting together with the latest e-newsletter.

1028. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

The County Council had been asked to reduce the number of grass cutting operations to allow rewilding of some of the verges to take place.

In the past requests had been made that a litter bin should be provided in Valley Road. A further approach would be made.

1029. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

(A). QUAKER BROOK LANE/THE STRAITS:

Yellow lines had been painted on the road to the Post Office.

The Land Agent for the de Houghton Estate had been asked to cut back the overgrown hedges.

The area of land outside the area of the planing permission would be cut on a regular basis and the de Houghton Estate had been asked to dedicate it to the Parish.

(B). PRIVATE ROAD:

There had been some complaints about subsidence on Private Road. This could lead to damage to vehicles.

Following a site inspection this would be reported to the County Council.

(C). FOOTPATHS :

The footpath in Brindle Lodge required urgent attention as it was almost completely overgrown.

In the past it had been cut by a local resident.

The Clerk would approach him about the current situation and failing any progress would contact the Countryside Service.

It appeared that a section of the footpath had been diverted.

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The Countryside Officer would be asked to investigate.

(D). STATION ROAD:

There had been no further progress in the cutting back of the hedge.

(E). GIB LANE/CHAPEL LANE:

The County Council had asked their contractors to undertake the work to the footways and some spraying of the footways had been carried out.

Electricity Northwest had sprayed the area round the substation at Riley Green and this had had a detrimental effect. Following the ban on the use of phosphates there did not appear to be any plan going forward.

Electricity Northwest would be asked for an explanation of the action taken and future plans

(F). ROAD SIGN HOGHTON LANE:

The County Council was to provide another deer sign on the opposite side of the road to the present side . There would then be signs in both directions.

(G). ROAD SIGNS

(1) BUS SHELTER BOARS HEAD:

Chorley Council had agreed to look into the condition of the street name plate near the bus shelter opposite the Boars Head (Preston side).

(2). CHAPEL LANE:

The street signs at the entrance to Chapel Lane had been replaced and replacement of the signs at Valley Road were on order.

(H). BOUNDARY SIGNS:

A bid for funding for the Houghton parish boundary signs would be submitted to the January 2023 meeting of the Northern Parishes Area Committee.

(I). ROAD MARKINGS BOLTON ROAD/RILEY GREEN SWITCH ROAD:

The road markings were badly worn and traffic was ignoring them.

The County Council would be asked to reinstate the road markings as soon as possible.

(J). FOOTWAY - A675 BLACKBURN OLD ROAD:

The pavement running from The Boars Head to the Old Vicarage was in poor condition and needed resurfacing.

The County Council would be asked to resurface the footway.

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(K). EVENTS AT HOGHTON TOWER:

There had been severe parking problems in several locations locally during two recent events at the Tower. There did not appear to adequate traffic management of the events.

The issues would be discussed with the de Hoghton Estate and the police to ensure similar problems did not arise at future events.

(L). PROPOSED CLOSURE OF BROCKHOLES BROW PRESTON:

The County Council had been approached about the knock on effect this closure would have on roads in Hoghton in particular the use of Quaker Brook Lane by vehicles going to Samlesbury Bottoms.

The County Council was proposing to erect temporary signage advising HGVs that it was unsuitable for such vehicles to use this route as a diversion. The prescribed route was via Cuerdale Lane/A6 and vice versa.

(M). SLOW DOWN SAVE LIVES - RESOURCES:

The County Council had issued posters for display in connection with this campaign.

The Parish Council discussed arrangements for them to be displayed in the Parish.

A further banner would be requested for display near the Post Office at The Straits.

(N). TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES:

Windmill Lane would be closed temporarily at Scale Hill Farm from 8 o'clock on 19th July 2022 to 5 o'clock on 21st July to allow a new water connection to be made by United Utilities. Diversion Routes would be via Dover Lane and Duxon Hill.

Mintholme Crossing would be closed temporarily on 25th September 2022 to allow annual work to the crossing. Diversion routes would be posted.

1030. CHORLEY/COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

No report was presented.

1031. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) DECISION:

The following decision had been made since the last meeting.

1. Erection of 3 dwellings following demolition of existing derelict buildings and conversion of existing shippon to a dwelling including widening of existing access Barracks Farm 1 Chapel Lane . (App no 22/00451/FUL). - Withdrawn.

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(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

1. Reserved matters application for the erection of a single detached dwelling (access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission ref: 20/01197/OUT (outline application for the erection of a single detached dwelling and detached garage (with all matters reserved)) Land Adjacent To 243 Hoghton Lane. (App no 22/00625/REM).

2. Section 19 application to vary condition no.3 (approved plans) 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) in order to install solar PV roof tiles Pearson House Chapel Lane .(App no 22/00664/LBC).

3. Section 73 application to vary condition no.3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission ref:20/00716/FUL (Conversion of existing Methodist Chapel into one dwelling, including a first floor rear extension) in order to install solar PV roof tiles Pearson House Chapel Lane (App no 22/00653/FUL).

4. Application to discharge conditions nos. 11 (dwelling emission rate details) and 18 (remediation strategy) attached to planning permission ref:21/01054/FUL (Erection of dwelling house) | Land At Straits Farm The Straits (App no 22/00620/DIS).

5. Application to discharge conditions nos. 12 (dwelling emission rate details) and 20 (remediation strategy) attached to planning permission ref: 22/00294/FUL (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 rear gable surrounds of plots 1, 2, 3, and 4) Straits Farm The Straits (App no: 22/00621/DIS).

Details had been circulated and to date no comments had been received. Chorley Council would be informed.

1032 .ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The following accounts were submitted for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Salary and expenses quarter ended 30th June 2022.	£934.26.
2.HMRC	Tax to June 2022	£218.90
3.Holy Trinity Parish Church	Room Hire - June 2022	£20.00

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The accounts were approved and cheques signed.

1033. PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNT:

Details of a scheme of online banking were circulated.

Arrangements would be made for the Parish Council to bank online.

1034. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT SYSTEM:

The Clerk circulated a report dealing with a review of the Parish Council's Internal Audit System the review was approved.

1035. RISK ASSESSMENT:

The Clerk submitted a risk assessment report in respect of the Council's Financial Systems this was approved.

Previously an inspection of the street furniture and notice boards had been carried out and it had been agreed that the bench at the entrance to Chapel Lane should be replaced. The Clerk submitted examples of benches. He would now get estimates of cost.

1036. CHRISTMAS 2022:

Following a site visit the Parish Council discussed the provision of Christmas Trees in the Parish for Christmas 2022.

Arrangements would be made for lights to be put up on trees and the notice board at the Boars Head.

Some funds had been allocated for a power supply to the location of a Christmas tree at the Pinfold Riley Green and arrangements would proceed with the siting of the Christmas Tree.

Further consideration would be given to the Switch On Ceremonies.

1037. COMMUNICATIONS:

The CPRE AGM at Mere Sands Wood on 12th September.

It was suggested that as it seemed there was little knowledge locally as to the functions of the Parish Council that an information leaflet should be produced,

This would be circulated to everyone in the Parish.

Further consideration would be given to this suggestion.

1038. FUTURE MEETINGS - VENUE:

There was a clash of meeting at the Church Hall on 3 October and 21 November 2022 when the Panto Society would be using the Hall for rehearsals.

Arrangements would be made for the Parish Council to meet at another venue on these dates and details would be reported to the next meeting

1039. CIL PAYMENTS:

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The Annual Report for 2022 was circulated and the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) signed the report. Details would be submitted to Chorley Council and placed on the Parish Council's website.

1040. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 22nd August 2022 at 7.30. p.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor T. Greenwood) declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

22ND AUGUST 2022