



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm. The meeting was held in the Venue, Liverpool
Road, Much Hoole.**

Present; Cllrs N. Woodcock (Chairman), E. Houghton, R Lea, , A Taylor, T Brown
Clerk R. Weaver in attendance

1. Apologies for Absence

K. Hayes T. Hewitt

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

3. Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved to sign the Minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2021 as an accurate record.

4. Adjournment for Public Participation

One member of the public attended to update the Council on the ongoing campaign to replace the old pipe bridge which is now in a state of disrepair, with a new bridge crossing the River Douglas. The intention of the campaign is to lobby United Utilities and other agencies to provide a river crossing as part of the plans for a coastal footpath. Natural England are instrumental in this campaign and a request was made for Much Hoole Parish Council to lend its support. The Council was grateful for the information which will inform discussion later in the agenda.

A second member of the public was present and informed the Council about voluntary work and organisations that benefit the local footpaths.

5. Reports from other meetings

The LALC area committee meeting was attended by Cllr Houghton who reported that the secretary of the committee Marion Gelder has resigned on retirement and will be replaced by a paid postholder, Glynis Southworth, who is also Clerk to Bretherton Parish Council. The structure of LALC has been changed with two part time officers now employed covering member engagement and support and a training administrator.

Some issues were raised from previous meetings with SRBC and LCC in respect of: Queen's Jubilee celebrations. There are a number of potential activities in which the Parish Council might take part. It was decided that the normal Local's lunch would be extended to tie in with the national campaign, making it a larger event to cater for more people and it was agreed that the Council would look favourably on subsidising it as a community wide event as part of the national celebrations. The nature of the subsidy would be discussed on a future agenda.

It was agreed that on cost grounds and environmental grounds the Council would not participate in the purchase or lighting of a beacon or bonfire as part of the Jubilee.

Street parties would be encouraged for those who wish to hold them, but would not be organised by the Parish Council.

A commemorative tree would be purchased from the Woodland Trust and planted in the Trafalgar Garden together with a commemorative plaque. Councillor Lea would research the appropriate species and planting information.

A jubilee fete was discussed but it was not clear how this would fit with the aforementioned lunch or whether it would duplicate it. It was agreed to defer this until the next agenda.

There was some discussion regarding the Western parishes community hub and the lack of information about when they meet and what is discussed. It was not felt that further dialogue was necessary at this time.

6. Cycle track update

There are no issues with the track. Inspections are up to date. There are some outstanding lease payments for the land which will be brought to the next meeting for correction.

7. Finance

It was resolved to pay the following:

- a) Clerk salary for December in sum of £240 to PR Weaver
- b) HMRC for PAYE in November in sum of £60.00

8. Community Projects Update

The long-standing issue of artwork around the village has now been progressed with SRBC planning and a planning application will be submitted shortly.

Speed indication devices to slow through traffic in the village were discussed and it was agreed that a costed plan with potential locations would be brought to the next meeting.

It was suggested that a Christmas tree could be planted as a permanent fixture in the village which could be decorated and lit at Christmas, rather than repeatedly purchasing a cut tree each year. It was agreed that this should be pursued with SRBC with the request that one be planted in the Trafalgar Garden

9. Support for the Coastal path

Following the input from the member of the public present earlier in the meeting, it was unanimously agreed that the Council would support the path and write to both United Utilities and Natural England expressing its support for the removal of the bridge, replacement with a new one and the overall aim to complete a coastal path.

10. Planning

The planning application was noted

11. Village Hall Update

Given the financial support from the Parish Council, a report on the progress of the hall and the developments still in progress was presented to the Council which was pleased to note that the work on the car park lighting was completed, the entrance is being addressed, the finances are in good health and the hall is being well used.

12. Review of Standing Orders

The standing orders were reviewed and approved without amendment.

13. Review of Revised asset register.

The asset register was reviewed, amended to include the council owned planters and approved.

14. Review of Financial Regulations

The financial regulations were reviewed and approved without amendment

15. Review of Risk Register

The risk register was reviewed, with safeguards relating to transfer of monies to the village hall building project being amended, now that process has been completed, and approved.

16. Items for next agenda

Casual vacancy, costed plan for SPID devices, remembrance day activities for 2022 and beyond

11. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.30pm.
The meeting will be held at The Venue, Liverpool Road, Much Hoole