



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.30pm. The meeting was held in the Venue, Liverpool
Road, Much Hoole.**

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Hewitt, Cllr A Taylor

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

3. Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved to sign the Minutes of the meeting of 12th July 2021 as an accurate record.

4. Adjournment for Public Participation

There was one member of the public present. The Revd. Ann Templeman outlined the plans for the construction of a lodge style building adjacent to the Church which would serve as a community facility for those using the Church as regular worshippers, attendees at community events such as family weddings, funerals, baptisms, remembrance services and a resource for the various local organisations which the Church is involved in for which no accommodation or facilities currently exist. She explained the funding situation and enquired as to whether the Parish Council would be able or willing to provide financial support. She was informed that the Council does have the power to make grants available and would consider a grant application if she were to submit the necessary information and paperwork.

5. Cycle track update

There are no issues with the track.

6. Finance

It was resolved to authorise the following payments;

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- a) Clerk salary in the sum of £480 (net) for July and August
- b) Clerk expenses for mileage for July/Aug in sum of £9.00
- c) HMRC in sum of £120 PAYE for July and August
- d) Invoices for Lengthsman as follows: **TOTAL £858.57**
Invoices (90) £103.70, (94) £251.45, (95) £142.41, (105) £257.18 and (109) £103.83
- e) The Budget v spend summary as at 1st September (Halfway point of financial year) was noted
- f) The progress of the external audit was noted

7. Community Projects update

It was noted with some considerable disappointment that LCC had refused permission to proceed with the long-awaited Village welcome signs stating they were not compatible with road sign legislation and regulations. It was agreed that the artwork was something that the Council still wanted to see in the Village and accordingly, the Clerk should continue to look for sites where these could be placed as artwork rather than road signs.

It was agreed that the Council would re-run the Halloween competition and funding could be agreed at the next meeting

It was resolved that a bid for the cost of a tree and commemorative plaque for the platinum jubilee should be made to the Parish Champion's fund

It was agreed that the Lengthsman should be tasked with keeping the grassed area tidy at the rear of the bus stop at the Birchfield / Liverpool Road junction

It was agreed that enquiries should be made as to the progress with the damaged crossing on the A59 by the school

The hedging on the A59 by Birchfield has some gaps in it and may benefit from repairs to improve road safety. Before taking the matter further it was agreed that residents who may use the gaps to access the main road should be consulted as to whether they would welcome the closure of the gaps or not.

8. Draft Newsletter

The draft newsletter was approved with suggestions that it should include the Halloween competition and the proposal to erect the artwork in the village. Cllr Richard Lea and the Clerk would liaise to arrange print, production and distribution

9. Planning

There were no applications to note

10. Local Meetings

The LALC executive meeting had been updated with the Police and Crime Commissioner's plans for local named officers

12. Items for next agenda

Updates on current projects
Proposals for Halloween competition finances
Consider grant applications if made

13. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th October 2021 at 7.30pm.
The meeting will be held at The Venue, Liverpool Road, Much Hoole