



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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, A. Taylor, T Hewitt  
Clerk R. Weaver in attendance

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Tom Brown, Paul Cocker

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr Houghton and Cllr Taylor (non-pecuniary) re item 10

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

**It was resolved** to sign the Minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 as an accurate record.

**4. Adjournment for Public Participation**

There was one member of the public present and he raised the issue of unusable footpaths due to poor surfacing. He was extremely pleased to see that the Council and particularly Cllr Cocker had been giving a great deal of attention to the issue of footpaths. He suggested that FP22 was particularly poor and impassable at times, and would otherwise be used quite regularly. It was pointed out that some money had been set aside for recreational facilities within the 2023/24 budget and the Council had sufficient reserves to begin work in advance of the new financial year to consider some repair work.

**5. Reports from / invitations to other meetings**

There were no reports from other meetings.

**6. Cycle Track**

Cycle track inspections are continuing and there are no maintenance, repair, or usage issues

**7. Finance**

**It was resolved to:**

- a) Pay the Clerk in the sum of £264.25 (net pay for December 2022)
- b) Pay the Clerk £36 (mileage) and £20 (printer expenses)
- c) Pay HMRC in sum of £66.00 (PAYE December pay)
- d) Accept the terms of engagement and terms of reference for internal audit which were signed by the Chairman

**8. Review of policies**

Financial regulations were amended at 2.2 and 4.4 and agreed  
Standing Orders were reviewed and agreed without amendment  
The Risk register was reviewed and agreed without amendment with no new risks being identified  
The asset register was agreed after amendment to include the newly acquired artwork signs

**9. Planning**

There were no Much Hoole planning applications

**10. Village hall update**

Cllr Taylor gave a brief update on the financial position of the Village Hall which was a positive picture based on the popularity of the hall as a meeting place for local community groups and a venue for events. It was reported that the replacement time for new batteries for the defibrillator is several months and the ambulance service have kindly stepped in to provide a temporary battery until the new one is delivered.

The development of a Multi Use Games Area at the rear of the hall is still under consideration and planning permission is being sought as a first step

**11. Footpaths**

There are still some outstanding invoices to be submitted to MHPC for materials related to previous footpath repairs. Cllr Cocker asked that the Clerk provide an update that FP27 is being investigated due to a planning issue that may or may not impact on the PROW via this path.

There was no item 12 due to a typo on the agenda

**13. Items for next agenda**

Update on the chain of office. Flooding issues and road surface damage on Town Lane.  
Planting a permanent Christmas tree. Update on artwork and unveiling event.  
Remembrance Day soldier cut-outs. Coronation events

**14. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at the Venue