



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.30pm. The meeting was held in The Venue,
Liverpool Road, Much Hoole.
These minutes have been produced by T Hutchinson and L White, Clerk**

Present; Cllrs N Woodcock (Chair), K. Hayes, E. Houghton, R Lea, T Brown, P Cocker, A Taylor, T Hewitt.
Parish Clerk T Hutchinson, Parish Clerk L White.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr T Brown

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs E Houghton and A Taylor (non-pecuniary) re Village Hall.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved to sign the minutes of the meeting of 17th July 2023 as an accurate record.

4. Adjournment for Public Participation

Three members of the public were present.

Issues raised:

- A resident raised concerns regarding vehicles exceeding the 20mph speed limit on Moss House Lane. A discussion of measure already taken by the Parish Council and what further measures can be taken in this regard took place.
- Howard Davidson, Chairman of Hoole Village Memorial Hall, gave feedback from the AGM on the 31st August. The village hall is maturing into a great community asset. He thanked Much Hoole Parish Council for their past and continuing support.

5. Reports from other meetings

Cllr Houghton attended a LALC exec meeting, positive meeting.

The LALC South Ribble Area Meeting 25th September at SRBC 7pm will be attended by Cllr Woodcock and Cllr Hayes may attend. Clerk to confirm attendance.

6. Off Road Cycle Track

Cllr Taylor gave a report on the latest Cycle Track inspection. Inspected approximately 3 weeks ago, no problems raised.

Bench update and costing – Cllr Lea to liaise with potential supplier on site to discuss placing, price and delivery.

7. Finance

Bank Reconciliation

Reviewed and considered.

It was agreed to pay the following:

- a) Pay the Clerk T Hutchinson, in sum of £491.2 (net pay for July and August)
- b) Pay HMRC in sum of £122.80 (for T Hutchinson's July and August pay)
- c) Pay Hoole Village Memorial Hall £60 for rental of room.

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8. Planning

Applications were reviewed and noted.

9. Village Hall update

A written report on the progress of the village hall was read to the Council by Cllr Taylor. The finances are in good health and it is meeting all its commitments. The Village Hall is still very well used most days. The Local's lunches are still popular although they only happen monthly in the Summer. The classic car event raised £2592.40. The next big event is the Christmas Market. The website has a full list of all activities and events www.hoolevillagehall.co.uk.

The group is also working on the Multi Use Games Area and planning permission has been applied for and the planning process ongoing. The design for the information sign is complete and we await installation. Trustees are waiting for an erection date for the height barrier at the front to keep unwanted caravans out. The AGM took place on the 31st August. A relatively quiet meeting where the Chairman said the Village Hall continued to be a success story.

10. Footpaths

Update was provided by Cllr Cocker

FP11 – clearing and resurfacing schedules for this coming Thursday. Once completed the homeowner will repair two stiles.

FP19 – brambles to be cleared. Cllr Cocker to organise.

FP22 – Cllrs Taylor, Woodcock and Cocker will inspect to propose a plan.

FP 24 bridge unsafe, Cllr Cocker and Cllr Taylor to visit site together to look at rebuild.

FP 27 – the owner's builder broke the sign. Cllr Cocker to draft a letter to owners for Clerk to send.

Footpaths damaged/inaccessible agreed to send letter to property owners. Cllr Cocker to draft and send to Clerk.

FP30 – Cllrs Taylor and Cocker to inspect land slip

Cllr Hayes to contact LCC with a view to them paying or providing new footpath signs.

Thanks was given to Cllr Cocker for all his hard work.

11. Update on Clerk

Current Clerk is handing the role over to her replacement L White and is providing support and training. Little Hoole Parish Council Clerk, Paul Cafferkey, is providing new Clerk with support on finance matters including completing the audit and then preparing the budgeting process for 2024/25.

It was agreed for LHPC Clerk to be paid for his services.

12. Planters in the Village

It was agreed that planter maintenance will be undertaken by the Lengthsman.

13. Supervision of Lengthsman

Clerk was asked to provide Cllr Hayes with a copy of the Lengthsman contract.

14. Community Garden

Community Garden discussion on hold, but other maintenance suggestions to be explored.

15. Silhouette Poppy Statue

The Royal British Legion Soldier silhouette has been received. It was agreed that the silhouette would be rotated/changed every couple of months. It was agreed for the clerk to cost/source a female soldier silhouette.

16. Road Safety Posters

Posters have been received. Cllr Hewitt to place these around the village and rotate on a regular basis.

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17. Enquiries from Residents

Support was requested for the new clerk on how to respond to enquiries from residents. Agreed that Cllr Hayes could provide advice.

18. Notice Board at San Marco

It was agreed to purchase the new notice board at a cost of £417 plus VAT. Clerk to confirm order and arrange delivery.

19. December meeting

It was agreed to change the meeting to the 4th December.

20. Items for next agenda

Cost of footpath signs x 12, Footpaths progress, female soldier silhouette cost, list of events to approve from Cllr Hewitt, Newsletter, Reminder re Community Grant Fund, Speed in the Village, Bike Track Bench update, Lengthsmen update, Clerk update, Audit, Budget timetable, San Marco noticeboard progress, planters progress, road safety posters progress, Approve costs for Footpath 24 bridge repairs.

21. Date of next meeting

Monday 9th October 2023, to be held at the Venue, Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, starting at 7.30pm.

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