



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
14th September 2020 at 7.30pm. The meeting was held via Zoom video link under
emergency Corona virus legislation.**

Present; N Woodcock, E. Houghton, K. Hayes, T. Brown, R Lea, T Hewitt, C.Hewitt
R.Weaver (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Alan Taylor (Chairman) In the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman N. Woodcock took the chair

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs, Brown, and Houghton – Item 6 regarding the Village Hall. This is an information only item with no pecuniary interests. Cllrs Brown and Lea re planning item 9

3. Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved to sign the Minutes of the meeting of 13th July 2020 as an accurate record.

4. Adjournment for Public Participation

There were no members of the public present. The website and the notices had invited members of the public to apply to the Clerk for login details to access the meeting. No such applications had been received.

5. Cycle track update

It was noted that the track is regularly inspected. There were no issues and the track appears to be holding up well. The gate is now beyond repair and it was agreed that it should be replaced as per a previous resolution which had been delayed while attempts were made to repair the existing gate.

6. Village Hall update

Cllr Taylor presented a verbal written update for the Council which outlined progress to date. Work is proceeding after initial delays due to the lockdown. There are some difficulties due to availability of building materials but work is progressing. The SRBC Council leader is due to visit the site on 17th September 2020 to discuss progress. A schedule of payments made by the Clerk to the Village Hall and how they have been verified for accuracy was presented to the Council. This summary will be made available on the website in the interests of transparency. The system of payments under the devolved authority to the Clerk appears to be working well and the money set aside by the Parish Council to support the project is being transferred in stages as work is signed off as complete.

It was hoped that as soon as restrictions allow, then a village open day will be held for residents to see the progress of the new village hall.

6. Finance

It was resolved to authorise the following payments;

- a. Clerk salary in sum of £440.00 (Net for July and August 2020)
- b. Clerk mileage and expenses in sum of £31.65
- c. HMRC(PAYE) in sum of £110.00 (For July and August 2020)
- d. Subscription to LALC in the sum of £386.82
- e. G. McKenna (Lengthsman) in the sum of £105.70

The following items **were Noted**

- f. It was noted that £100,000.00 in Council reserve funds has been withdrawn from the CCLA investment .
- g. The bank reconciliation as at 1st September 2020
- h. Budget against spend as at 1st September 2020

8. Community led project update

Village welcome signs are still ongoing and have progressed to firm artwork and quotes for manufacture. Cllr T Hewitt presented the Council with the artwork and a quote to manufacture the signs. There was some discussion about the posts and it was decided that metal posts designed for roadside use should be used to mount the signs. With some minor tidying up of the artwork still to be completed the quote for two signs was £3,387.48 plus VAT, delivery and installation. It was also noted that there may be a licence fee to LCC payable. Whilst it was not possible at this stage to assign a precise figure to these additional costs, it was agreed that sufficient funds were available to cover the likely final total. It was **resolved** that subject to agreement from the County Council Highways department about permissions for placement (to be obtained by the Clerk), then the manufacture and placement of the signs should go ahead.

The Council's gratitude for the quality of the design work undertaken by Cllr T Hewitt was noted and recorded formally in the minutes.

A discussion took place on the need to reinforce the wildflower planting on the cycle track with more seeding using some of the remaining community funding money.

9. Planning

It was noted that the planning item appearing on the agenda had been refused prior to the meeting and was withdrawn from the agenda

10. Local Meetings

The LALC area meeting was attended by the Clerk and Cllr Houghton via Zoom. Reports had been received from other Parishes about projects they were involved in and Much Hoole did likewise.

ON the 19th September the LALC executive meeting will take place in a virtual format for the first time.

11. Items for next agenda

Update on signage

12. Date of next meeting.

Monday 12th October 2020. In line with Government restrictions, the meeting will be held using Zoom technology