



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 11th October 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, A Taylor Clerk R. Weaver in attendance

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr C 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 September 2021 as an accurate record.

4. Adjournment for Public Participation

No members of the public were present

5. Cycle track update

There are no issues with the track.

6. Finance

It was resolved to authorise the following payments;

- a) Clerk salary in the sum of £240.00 (net) for September 2021
- b) Clerk expenses for mileage for September in sum of £10.80
- c) HMRC in sum of £60.00 PAYE for September 2021
- d) PKF Littlejohn Audit fees in sum of £960.00
- e) Village Hall room hire (May-Sept inclusive) in sum of £40.00
- f) To set aside £100 for prizes in the Halloween competition, to be paid on production of receipts at a future date
- g) The external audit report was noted

7. Community Projects update

There was a general concern raised about road safety, the lack of progress towards repairing the central reservation at the school crossing on the A59 and the speed of vehicles leaving the A59 travelling along Liverpool Old Road. It was agreed that the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) should be asked to send a representative to a future meeting to discuss what support they can offer. It was noted that a SPID device had been placed in the village by the LRSP, although this was done without any knowledge or consultation with the Parish Council. It was also noted that the newsletter had been completed in draft form and was being submitted to the printers for distribution by the end of the week.

The condition of the Trafalgar Gardens was discussed and there was some disappointment that the recent replanting had been badly overtaken with weeds due to an inadequate weed barrier being laid. It was agreed that the contractor who did the planting would be asked to re-lay a better defence against weeds once the weeds have been cleared by the Lengthsman.

8. Grant Applications

The Local Scout Group had submitted a request for a grant of £2,000 to provide lighting along the route to the scout hut at the rear of the village hall. The Scouts are actively fundraising for another project and cannot find the additional funds for the lighting, hence the request. There was strong support as the Councillors believed the area was extremely dark and potentially dangerous. However, there was insufficient detail regarding costs contained in the grant

application to award a grant of £2,000. **It was resolved** that the Clerk should be instructed to inform the applicant that the Scouts could engage a contractor with an undertaking that the Council would meet any initial costs up to £1,000, with an assurance that any further costs above £1,000 and up to a maximum cost of £2,000 (total project cost) would be met on production of contractors' invoices.

The Local Church submitted a grant application for support in building a community meeting lodge adjacent to the Church, in the sum of £5,500. IT was noted that there was money in the grants budget and additional money remaining from unallocated CIL funding. It was resolved that £5,500 would be granted and released once the total funding target had been met and building work commenced.

9. Planning

The Council noted the planning application

10. Training

IT was resolved that the Clerk would be funded in the sum of £25 to attend a training workshop on Finance.

11. Local Meetings

Cllr Houghton was nominated to attend the LALC AGM on 20th November 2021
Cllr Richard Lea was nominated to attend an LCC/Parish Council liaison meeting together with the Clerk on Saturday 13th November 2021 and also the SRBC/Parish Council liaison meeting on 5th November at Much Hoole Village Hall

12. Items for next agenda

Further discussion on road safety

13. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30pm.
The meeting will be held at The Venue, Liverpool Road, Much Hoole