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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm. The meeting was held via Zoom video link under  
emergency Corona virus legislation.**

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

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs T Hewitt and C Hewitt

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllrs, Brown, Taylor and Houghton – Item 6 regarding the Village Hall. This is an information only item with no pecuniary interests. There are no dispensations in place

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

**It was resolved** to sign the Minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 as an accurate record.

**4. Adjournment for Public Participation**

There was one member of the public present who raised a number of points. It was noted that the issues related to flooding on Town Lane appear to have improved following the attendance of LCC. Attention was drawn to the fact that the plaque in the Trafalgar Gardens has been removed and it was asked whether it would be replaced. The Council was unaware that it had been removed and had no knowledge of why it had been. It was pointed out that the agenda item 8, relating to a grant application, appeared to relate to an organisation whose operation and impact on Much Hoole appeared to be limited. The Council was asked to examine this point when dealing with item 8. Lastly, a query was raised about the need for a newsletter to provide information to residents about the Parish Council's support for the re-development of Much Hoole Village Hall.

It was explained that current restrictions made delivery of a newsletter by hand through doors difficult but this would be done hopefully in the Spring when restrictions may have eased somewhat. In the meantime, a shorter, less detailed online newsletter will be prepared and placed on the website

**5. Cycle track update**

It was noted that the track is regularly inspected. There were no issues to note other than some minor littering issues. It was noted that one person in particular had taken it upon herself to collect litter that spoilt the look of the village and that the Chairman felt she should be acknowledged for her efforts. The Chairman asked that Mrs Jules McNiven should be noted in the minutes with the thanks of the Parish Council.

**6. Village Hall update**

Cllr Taylor presented a verbal and written update for the Council. Cllr Taylor wished to place on record his thanks to the Parish Council for its financial support which has allowed the re-development of the Village Hall to progress.

**7. Finance**

**It was resolved** to authorise the following payments;

- a. Clerk salary in sum of £226.00 (Net for December 2020)
- b. HMRC(PAYE) in sum of £56.50 (For September 2020)
- c. Cllr T Hewitt in the sum of £42.69 for additional Christmas competition prizes..

**8. Grant applications**

a) A proposal to award £300 on an annual basis to the Church burial ground was considered.

An amendment to the proposal was proposed by Cllr Woodcock.

The proposed amendment was to award an annual grant of £500 rather than the original proposal of £300.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried. The original proposal was therefore withdrawn.

The amended proposal **to award an annual grant of £500 to the Church burial ground** was put to the vote and agreed. The annual grant will be paid at the commencement of each financial year commencing in 2021-2022

b) A grant application from 'Here for humanity foodbank' was received and considered. The proposal to award a grant was not carried. It was agreed that it could be reconsidered at the next meeting after further information has been obtained regarding the extent to which residents of Much Hoole rather than surrounding areas would benefit.

**9. Community Infrastructure Levy**

It was agreed that guidance on the qualifying criteria for the use of the remaining CIL money would be circulated and proposals would be considered at the next meeting.

**10. Notice board replacement**

The proposal to replace the notice board was not carried. However, it was agreed that its condition is poor and it will be reconsidered along with other notice boards as a possible use of CIL funding to provide better overall community information facilities.

**11. Planning**

There were no planning applications relevant to Much Hoole.

**11. Local Meetings**

There were no local meeting reports

**12. Items for next agenda**

Newsletter

CIL proposals

Reconsider grant award if more information can be obtained

**13. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting (format will be in accordance with Government restrictions) will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm