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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 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,  
T. Hewitt, C.Hewitt Clerk R. Weaver in attendance

**1. Apologies for Absence**

None

**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

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

**It was resolved** to sign the Minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> September 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 to note.

**6. Village Hall update**

Cllr Taylor presented a verbal and written update for the Council which outlined progress to date. The hall has progressed considerably with all internal structures and plastering complete. However, there have been delays with suppliers of materials unable to provide windows, which is now making an end of year completion doubtful.

**7. Finance**

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

- a. Clerk salary in sum of £220.00 (Net for September 2020)
- b. HMRC(PAYE) in sum of £55.00 (For September 2020)
- c. It was NOTED that the direct debit payments for website and email services has risen from £23.00pm to £28.00pm (plus VAT). The website is now fully compliant with the new WCAG 2.1 compliance standards.

**8. Community led project update**

Village welcome signs are still ongoing. The Clerk is in discussion with LCC Highways re siting permissions. The three proposed sites are a) at the Bretherton boundary on the A59, b) at the junction of the A59 and Liverpool Old Road (by the tyres) and c) at the junction of the A59 and Liverpool Old Road roundabout / northern gateway. When in discussion with LCC the Clerk will discuss the viability of illumination of the signs.

The prospect of the Parish Council organising a Halloween competition for local was suggested by Cllrs T and C Hewitt. IT was felt that with the COVID restrictions spoiling the usual trick or treating and other activities enjoyed by children over Halloween, the Council could do something to provide a fun alternative. However, the proposal was not submitted in time for the agenda so Cllr Tracey and Cllr Chris Hewitt have undertaken to run the competition personally. This was welcomed and the full support of the Council was pledged in principle. The Council agreed that this would be forthcoming in the form of use of its notice boards and website to promote it and the next agenda would contain an item to consider any

further issues that arise from the competition and the possibility that it could become a Council sponsored event in the future.

It was agreed that the usual winter pansies should again be planted by the Lengthsman. It was also noted that the Northern Gateway has not been to its usual standard in recent times and the Lengthsman should be asked to do some winter planting there as well.

**9. Planning**

There were no planning issues on the published lists for Much Hoole

**10.** There was no item 10 on the agenda due to a typographical error

**11. Local Meetings**

The LALC AGM will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (via Zoom) IT was **resolved** that the voting member would be Cllr Houghton and the Clerk would also attend the meeting

A meeting was held via MS Teams attended by the Clerk on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The meeting was hosted by SRBC with the aim of improving communication and liaison between Parish Councils and SRBC. The minutes will be circulated when received. The main point to note was the revision of local area forums to improve local consultation and engagement.

**12. Items for next agenda**

Report back on signage proposals

Newsletter

Christmas decorations and Christmas Trees

To consider further support for Halloween competitions

**13. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting (format will be in accordance with Government restrictions) will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm