



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.30pm. The meeting was held in the Venue, Liverpool
Road, Much Hoole.**

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

1. Apologies for Absence

K. Hayes T. Hewitt

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr Taylor 7b (pecuniary interest) and (non-pecuniary) 7c also 10d
Cllrs Houghton and Brown (non-pecuniary) 7c and 10d

3. Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved to sign the Minutes of the meeting of 10th January 2022 as an accurate record.

4. Adjournment for Public Participation

Two members of the public were present. The first represented the organisers of the village spring fair and spoke in support of the later agenda item regarding provision of the climbing wall as an attraction. The Council was asked to note that the cost would be £350, and not £400 as first notified.

The second spoke as a potential candidate for the role of co-opted Councillor and discussed the role and what he felt he could offer. He was thanked for his interest and the matter was decided in the next agenda item.

5. Co-option of Councillor

Mr Paul Cocker, who had previously spoken in support of his wish to be co-opted onto the Council was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Houghton and duly appointed unopposed. He signed the declaration of office and joined the meeting

6. Due to a typo there was no item 6 on the agenda

7. Finance

Due to the inclusion of the newly appointed Councillor the meeting was able to continue with quoracy and deal with all financial decisions in respect of some declared interests

It was resolved to pay the following:

- a) P R Weaver reimbursement for expenses in sum of £98.84
- b) Cllr Alan Taylor in sum of contractual lease backdated arrears for cycle track land in sum of £360
- c) Village Hall meeting room hire in sum of £40 (meetings Oct 21 - January 22 inclusive)
- d) Ian Edwards was appointed as internal auditor for a fee of £100 payable on completion of audit
- e) Internal audit terms of reference were agreed.

8. Cycle Track

There were no issues with the cycle track. Inspections continue and all are in order.

9. Local Meetings

LCC have notified a 'Highways Special' on Saturday 19th March 2022 9.30am – 2.30pm (including lunch) to improve working relations between Parish Councils and LCC Highways Department.

Cllrs Lea and Woodcock wish to attend and will be registered as delegates

10. Community Projects Update

a) The long-standing issue of artwork around the village is continuing. It was re-affirmed that the funding passed some time ago is still authorised and agreed that as soon as we can be sure that they will progress, then the signs should begin to be made as soon as possible. The planning application cannot be submitted until land ownership of one proposed site has been clarified and a response from solicitors is awaited. The Council agreed that if necessary an enquiry to land registry incurring the fee would be appropriate. As soon as this issue is resolved the planning application will be submitted.

b) Speed indication devices (SPIDS) to slow through traffic in the village were discussed and a costed plan was presented. Siting of the SPIDS will require highways permission and this will be secured in principle. It was presented to the meeting that three solar powered sites with one movable device would cost approximately £4,000 (plus VAT - reclaimable) A two site model would cost £,600. These figures cover all costs including supply and fitting of poles. The devices would not only regulate and display speeds, but can flash programmable warning messages and collect traffic flow data.

In the absence of Cllr Hayes who has a specific expertise in highways issues, the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

c) Regarding the update on the Methodist burial ground, we have identified the person who is doing the maintenance and need to speak to him further to see how or if the Council can assist.

d) It was **resolved to** approve £350 to pay for the climbing wall as part of the village spring fete

Councillor Taylor gave an update on the village hall for the Councillor's information. It was noted there are several societies now using the hall for regular meetings, the car park design work has been finished but further works are in hand, bookings for entertainment and functions are healthy. A number of fetes and events are planned through spring. The final accounts have not yet been finalised because of the ongoing car park works. A recent consultation showed the majority of those responding favoured the development of a MUGA as the next phase.

12. Queens Jubilee

The Council noted that a planning group has been formed in the village which is due to meet on 19th February

13. Training

Cllr Cocker asked to register for the new Cllrs course on 21st Feb (at a cost of £35). Cllr Taylor and the Clerk asked to attend the Planning training on 3rd March (£40 per head) Cllr Lea is registered for the Roadwatch seminar on 17th Feb (free) It was agreed that training costs of £115 would be paid upon presentation of invoices to the Clerk.

13. Planning

The planning applications were noted

14. Items for next agenda

SPIDS Jubilee Tree, Subsidies for Jubilee events

11. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm 14th March 2022 at the Venue