



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 13 April 2016

Methodist Church, School Room, Moss House Lane (7.30pm)

PRESENT: Cllr E Houghton (Chairman), Cllr A Taylor, Cllr T Brown, Cllr J Cairns, Cllr J Cowburn, Cllr D Fenton, Cllr M Gelder, Cllr R Gelder

IN ATTENDANCE: Roy Jones.
Two members of the public attended.

Ref	No.	Item
289/16	1.	Apologies for Absence No apologies
290/16	2.	Declaration of Interests Cllrs Houghton, Brown and Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 10 (dispensations in place).
291/16	3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 9 th March 2016 were ratified as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman with an amendment to item 284/16 – Pinfold Land, to delete the words 'and discussed' from the first sentence of the first paragraph.
292/16	4.	Public Time The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation. One member of the public spoke in relation to the Off Road Cycle Track and expressed his concerns about older youths using the facility for drinking alcohol and general loitering, which may be considered a nuisance and could put off younger cyclists for whom the track is intended. It was resolved that the local beat officer would be contacted and the concerns raised. The Chairman reconvened the meeting.
293/16	5.	County & Borough Council The Parish Council considered the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An approach from Lancashire County Council to opt into the Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme for 2016/17 to enable low priority maintenance on public rights of way in return for appropriate payment and material. It was resolved to opt into the Scheme for 2016/17 and for the County Council to be notified accordingly LCC – March 2016 Trading Standards Consumer Alerts. The Parish Council noted with concern reports on Doorstep Incidents, Pyramid Selling and Telephone Scams and it was resolved that the Alert be posted on the Parish Notice Boards to inform the Parish. The Parish Council noted a report issued by Lancashire County Council on severe weather activity which included an update on the condition of roads and potholes. It was noted that some repairs had been undertaken by the County Council on Liverpool Old Road in Much Hoole but that some pot holes remained to be repaired. It was resolved that that the Clerk write to Lancashire County Council asking that the remaining potholes on Liverpool Old Road be repaired as quickly as possible. LCC Parish Champion Newsletter – It was noted that the Parish Champion had provided funding of £440 to the purchase of a new Notice Board. The Parish Council considered a request to ask Hoole St Michael Primary School pupils and staff to sign a petition and write letters to Lancashire County Council regarding the potential closure of Longton Library. It was resolved to ask the Clerk to write to the Headteacher at the School in those terms.

294/16	6.	<p>Off Road Cycle Track</p> <p>The following two items were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Council received and considered costings for Cycle Track Modifications, which amounted to £1,200. The Parish Council wanted to be reassured that in accepting this quotation that the costs outlined within the report should be kept to a minimum to enable a reduction in the overall cost. It was resolved that the quotation for the work be accepted and payment be made for the amount of £1,200 with these comments. The Parish Council received an invoice for the Cycle Track Grass cutting for an amount of £75.00 and after discussion it was resolved that payment be made to J Banister for the amount quoted.
295/16	7.	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the required revisions to the bank mandate and bank account had still not been completed by HSBC it was therefore not possible to report on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank reconciliation for March 2016 Cumulative budget report for March 2016 <p>The Clerk undertook to circulate this information to members of the Parish Council once the Mandate had been resolved by the Bank.</p>
296/16	8.	<p>St George's Day</p> <p>The Parish Council considered any preparations required for St George's Day on Saturday 23rd April. It was resolved that the Parish Council should purchase red roses to place in the village shop to give to local ladies in celebration of St George's day. Councillor Brown undertook to speak to the previous supplier of roses for purchase and supply on the 23rd April at the Village Store.</p>
297/16	9.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 07/2016/0237/HOH 39 Liverpool Old Road Much Hoole, two storey side extension and raised deck area to the rear. 07/2016/0191/HOH 103A Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, pitched roof over garage and front porch, single storey extension to rear of garage. 07/2016/0251/FUL Lunds Lane Farm, Town Lane, Much Hoole, erection of 4 detached dwellings accessed off Lunds Lane, following demolition of existing farmhouse, slaughterhouse and ancillary buildings. 07/2016/0231/HOH Moorhey Farm, Moss House Lane, Much Hoole, first floor and single storey side extension and porch to front. <p>It was resolved that in relation to the application 07/2016/0251/FUL, that the Clerk would write to South Ribble Borough Council expressing the Parish Council's serious concerns on road safety grounds in relation to the access and egress from the proposed housing development site on to Town Lane.</p>
298/16	10.	<p>Pinfold Land</p> <p>The Parish Council considered valuations from three local Estate Agents on the sale of the Pinfold Land, together with costs for the sale of the land. The Chairman agreed a short adjournment to enable the Parish Council to read the valuation documents and supporting papers.</p> <p>After lengthy and very careful consideration the following three motions were moved and seconded and a recorded vote was requested on each:</p> <p>a) That the Clerk asks Moving Works to market the Pinfold Land as soon as possible.</p> <p>For: Cllrs A Taylor, D Fenton, T Brown, J Cairns. Against: Cllrs M Gelder, R Gelder, J Cowburn. Abstained: Cllr E Houghton.</p>

		<p>It was resolved that Clerk asks Moving Works to market the Pinfold Land as soon as possible.</p> <p>b) That the Clerk be asked to seek advice on the legal position of the Parish Council in selling the Pinfold Land in light of its decisions to sell and market the land, from appropriate bodies, such as NALC and South Ribble Borough Council.</p> <p>For: Cllrs A Taylor, M Gelder, R Gelder, J Cowburn, A Taylor, D Fenton, T Brown, J Cairns. Against: None. Abstained: Cllr E Houghton</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk be asked to seek advice on the legal position of the Parish Council in selling the Pinfold Land in light of its decisions to sell and market the land, from appropriate bodies, such as NALC and South Ribble Borough Council.</p> <p>c) That a detailed project plan be formulated by the Parish Council to include the risks involved in the sale of the Pinfold Land.</p> <p>For: Cllrs A Taylor, M Gelder, R Gelder, J Cowburn, A Taylor, D Fenton, J Cairns. Against: Cllr T Brown. Abstained: Cllr E Houghton.</p> <p>It was resolved that a detailed project plan be formulated by the Parish Council to include the risks involved in the sale of the Pinfold Land.</p>
299/16	11.	<p>Little Chef Roundabout</p> <p>The Parish Council was asked to consider improving the display of flowers in the border on the Parish Council owned border on the 'Little Chef Roundabout' between Liverpool Old Road and Knoll Lane.</p> <p>It was resolved that a border of brighter/taller flowers was required and that an amount of £50 would be allocated towards the costs, which was within budget, and that enquires would be made of a supplier.</p>
300/16	12.	<p>The Clerk to The Parish Council</p> <p>The salary and expenses for the Clerk to the Parish Council was discussed and it was resolved that the starting salary would be on the National Salary Scale point 18 to move to point 19 after 6 months subject to a review at that point, and that expenses would be paid on the £4 per week HMRC claimable rate together with out of pocket expenses.</p>
301/16	13.	<p>Parish Council Newsletter</p> <p>Cllr Brown provided a detailed update on the Parish Council Spring Newsletter, and undertook to circulate the final draft to members of the Parish Council shortly, to be agreed at the next meeting. The update report was noted by the Parish Council.</p>
302/16	14.	<p>Local Meetings (for information only)</p> <p>No reports were received.</p>

303/16	15.	Items for the Next Agenda (for information only) Annual Return - Audit. Update on the new Village Hall.
304/16	16.	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 11 th May 2016