



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
10th January 2018 at 7.30pm at the
Methodist Church, School Room, Moss House Lane**

Present; Cllrs E Houghton (Chairman), M Gelder, N Woodcock, T Brown, D Fenton

In attendance R Weaver, Clerk to the Parish Council

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Cowburn, Cllr Taylor and Cllr R Gelder

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs Houghton and Brown declared an interest in Item 8 regarding the Village Hall for which dispensation has been granted

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th December 2017

It was resolved to sign the draft Minutes of the meeting as an accurate record

4. Adjournment for Public Time

The meeting was not adjourned as no members of the public were present

5. Off Road Cycle Track

There were no issues to report with the cycle track

6. Finance

- a) It was **RESOLVED** that the 2018-19 budget would be set at £44,490 as per the minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2017 agreed at item 3 above.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** that SRBC be notified that the precept for 2018-19 will be £19,353 as per the minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2017 agreed at item 3
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to pay the Clerk's salary in the sum of £250
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to pay the Clerk's expenses in the sum of £7.20
- e) It was **RESOLVED** to pay the invoice for Christmas Trees in the sum of £150
- f) It was noted that transfers between accounts have been made to segregate funds earmarked for the Village Hall building project from those of the Council

An additional cheque was authorised in payment for the heating of the Methodist Church meeting room

Chq 544	Methodist Church Invoice 13 th Dec 17 for heating	£50
Chq 545	HMRC re PAYE for Clerk December 2017 pay	£50
Chq 546	Clerk pay for December 2017	£207.20
Chq 547	Christmas Trees Invoice 052 dated 18.12.17	£150

7. Community led projects

A Discussion took place regarding suggestions for engaging the community in deciding how the budget provision would be spent. Some initial suggestions were put forward including Keep Fit equipment for adults in parks, Trees for Trafalgar Gardens, Northern Gateway sign/arch for Much Hoole

SRBC should be approached for help in communicating with the local community, possibly including the discussion over community funding within the Village in Bloom leaflets scheme. The newsletter also presents an opportunity to engage with local people.

8. Village Hall update

Accounts for the Village Hall have only just been completed and not yet reported to Village Hall trustees and therefore cannot be presented at the Parish Council meeting. In broad terms, fund raising is continuing to support redevelopment. The Scout Hut has been almost completed but some further relatively minor work remains to be done. Total costs so far for the scout hut stand at £89,000. The Parish Council will be updated on a regular basis on progress.

9. Consultation on proposed LCC budget cuts

The proposed cuts were noted and no response was deemed necessary as no specific issues to Much Hoole were evident. However, the Council regretted the scale of budget reductions which would in general terms be detrimental to the services available to local people.

10. Timing of Newsletter

The newsletter should be circulated in March to coincide with the Village in Bloom.

11. Planning Applications

The planning applications were noted.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should have delegated authority to respond to a planning application relating to the expansion of San Marco restaurant and associated parking facilities.

12. Garden Party nomination

It was noted that invitations had been extended for Chairs of Councils to enter a ballot to attend the next Garden Party

13. Local meetings

There were no meetings to report

14. The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 13th February at 7.30pm