



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm at the  
Methodist Church, School Room, Moss House Lane**

Present; Cllrs E Houghton, M Gelder, A. Taylor (Chair), R. Gelder, T Brown, Cllr D Fenton, K. Hayes

In attendance R Weaver, Clerk to the Parish Council.

**1 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr N Woodcock

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllrs Houghton, Taylor and Brown declared an interest in Item 7 regarding the Village Hall for which dispensations has been granted.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018.**

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

The Clerk had the alterations to financial regulations, agreed in the last minutes available for inspection and a full copy of the up to date regulations will be forwarded to all Councillors.

**4. Public Time**

No members of the public were present at the meeting

**5. Off road cycle track**

It was reported that the track had been inspected in accordance with the timetable and inspection record reports had been forwarded to the clerk. Cllr Gelder raised some concern that with the recent dry weather some surface cracks were starting to appear which may require a further examination to ensure they are not making the track unsafe for use. Cllr Taylor stated that he will conduct another examination of the track on the day following the meeting and report his findings to the clerk. It was also mentioned that some broken glass had appeared since the last inspection and this would be dealt with at the same time.

The Clerk reported that arrangements to trim and tidy the grassed areas were in hand although due to the recent weather it was unlikely that the grass would need to be mowed

**6.. Finance**

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

|                   |                           |         |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Chq 571           | PR Weaver Clerk salary    | £206.10 |
| Chq (incl in 571) | PR Weaver Clerks expenses | £ 35.80 |
| Chq 572           | HMRC PAYE                 | £51.40  |
| Chq 573           | Redleg                    | £18.00  |

It was **resolved** that the updated bank reconciliation dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be accepted

It was noted that SRBC have been invoiced for CiL money following the housing developments in the village

## **7. Village Hall update**

A written summary of recent discussions regarding the Village Hall project was provided to Councillors. Of note was the failure of a grant application and Cllr Gelder expressed his disappointment with the external advice given to the village hall committee which had led to lost time and a need to re-submit the application. The Village Hall committee is also exploring the possibility of proceeding in discrete and affordable phases.

## **8. Planning Applications**

The applications were noted

## **9. Notice Board**

It was noted that the owners of San Marco, they had failed to respond to emails to discuss the replacement notice board attached to their property. Further enquiries will continue

## **10. Community Improvement Funding**

Village entry signage (incorporating references to Jeremiah Horrocks)

It was **resolved** that subject to the above, the Clerk would obtain some quotations for signage. Before these could be considered further it had to be established whether Highways permission would be forthcoming.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Hayes would ascertain whether permission was required / would be given

Purchase and preservation of the historic boundary marker post near Birchfield.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk would make enquiries with the solicitor dealing with the estate of the now deceased landowner where the mile post stands, to see if the land could be purchased and at what price.

Planters at the Village gateways

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It was **resolved** that Cllr Hayes would ascertain whether permission was required / would be given

Additional (preferably dual use) street bins

It was reported that SRBC had declined to service any additional bins, despite MHPC offering to pay a fee to do so. Given that any additional bins have to have service arrangements in place, it was **resolved** that the Clerk would contact the Lengthsman for neighbouring parishes to see if he would be prepared to undertake servicing of bins in Much Hoole.

## **11. Valuation of chain of office**

The Chain of Office was handed over to the safekeeping of the Clerk in order to take it to a valuer and it was **resolved** that on re-valuation, the Council's insurers would be notified.

## **12. Disposal of Council laptop**

It was resolved that the old laptop (having been wiped of all data) would be handed to a charity which supplies laptops to children in Malawi. Cllr M. Gelder will hand over the laptop to the charity and report back to the Council so that the asset register can be updated accordingly.

## **13. Local meetings**

There were no reports from local meetings

## **14. Items for the next agenda**

Community spending plans  
Revised standing orders

**15. Date of next meeting** 7.30pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018