



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
17th July 2019 at 7.30pm at the
Methodist Church, School Room, Moss House Lane**

Present; Cllrs A Taylor (Chairman), N Woodcock (Vice Chairman), E. Houghton, C. Hewitt
K.Hayes,.T.Brown

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Lea, Cllr T Hewitt

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs Taylor, Brown and Houghton declared an interest in Item10 regarding the Village Hall..

3. Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved to sign the Minutes of the meeting of 12th June 2019 as an accurate record.

4. Adjournment for Public Participation

No members of the public were present

5. Lengthsman Update

A short report was noted detailing the activities of the Lengthsman to date. He has been employed strimming and mowing the footpaths, cycle track and verges, watering planters and re-stocking flower beds.

6. Cycle track update

It was noted that the cycle track remains in good condition other than the fact that due to last year's vandalism the side gate is now broken and needs replacing. It was resolved that a new gate would be purchased and fitted by the Lengthsman. The Clerk was given delegated authority to source a gate up to a value of £300 without reference back to the Council. It was also felt that the ground for a wild flower area should be prepared by the Lengthsman.

7. Finance

It was resolved to authorise the following payments;

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| a. Clerk salary for June in sum of £215.75 net | Cheque 100332 |
| b. Clerk expenses £22.06 | Also Cheque 100332 |
| c. HMRC in sum of £54.00 | Cheque 100333 |
| d. John Banister for mowing cycle track in sum of £60 | Cheque 100331 |
| e. Lengthsman invoice in sum of £124.05 (June) and £140.69 (July) | Cheque 100335 |
| f. Much Hoole Village Hall Bowling Club in sum of £600 | Cheque 100334 |

The previous cheque number 100306 was deposited in February by the Bowling Club, but has been lost in the banking system. Enquiries with the bank say cheque 100306 has been cancelled and the Council has therefore issued a replacement cheque (100334)

- g. The ongoing spend against budget was noted

8. Community led project update

Village welcome signs

It had been previously agreed that Village entry signs should be erected and a number of styles and designs were discussed. It was decided that the best way forward would be for a small working group of Cllrs C Hewitt, T Hewitt and K. Hayes should come up with a shortlist of designs for the sign. It would be good to involve the local schools in ideas for the design. Cllr Houghton also reminded the meeting that there has been strong support for the inclusion of a reference to Jeremiah Horrocks within the design..

Planters

The planters had been favourably commented upon and it was **resolved** to purchase additional ones. One more half basket for the fence the recreation ground entrance, and two more stone troughs, one for the Northern Gateway area and one for the boundary marker post area.

9. CIL Money

It was noted that the work on the Trafalgar Gardens had been due to start but was delayed due to the arrival of SRBC to undertake drainage works. These are now complete and the Trafalgar Gardens area will be levelled and tree stumps removed. The 5 a side pitch work will be postponed until the end of the summer holidays to allow for undisturbed seeding

10. Village Hall update

Councillor Taylor provided a short update to the effect that there has been a delay in progress as the Architect and Quantity surveyors had not delivered against the timescale due to illness. At present the hope is that tenders will be out in time for building work to commence in October. It was regrettable that the programme is delayed but it is out of the hands of the Trustees

11. Audit Update

No applications to view the accounts in accordance with the public rights period have been received thus far

The Clerk reported that audit documents had been received by the external auditors and they have notified there are no issues of concern with only one likely comment in relation to the figure attributed to the overall value of assets held by the Council.

12. Planning

There were no planning issues concerning Much Hoole

13. Additional bins

The Parish Council has been approached several times about the placement of bins and the need for additional ones. It was resolved that additional bins would be purchased to be placed at the Junction of Smithy lane and Moss House lane, At or near the school entrance and near to the changing areas on the recreation ground where there is a regular litter problem.

14. Local Meetings

There were no reports from local meetings

15. Items for next agenda

Attendance of PCSO regarding anti-social behaviour. Report from sign working group

23. Next meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 11th September 2019 at Methodist Hall, Moss House Lane.