



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
12th June 2019 at 7.30pm at the
Methodist Church, School Room, Moss House Lane**

Present; Cllrs N Woodcock Vice Chairman – chairing meeting), K.Hayes,.E.Houghton C Hewitt,
T Hewitt, T Brown
R. Weaver, Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Lea due to another community commitment. Cllr Taylor is abroad

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs Houghton and Brown declared an interest in item 10. Cllr Brown declared an interest in item 5 as he had an interest in a property in that area. Cllr Hayes declared an interest in item 5 as she works for the Dept that is party to discussions about the hedge cutting.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved to sign the Minutes of the meeting of 15th May 2019 as an accurate record.

4. Public Time

No members of the public were present but Cllr Hayes raised two issues on behalf of residents who had approached her with concerns

- a) Traffic issues relating to the A59: Standing traffic regularly backs up as far as Walmer Bridge from the lights at Tarleton. This is causing many vehicles to use rat runs through the village and in particular past the primary school, many travelling at considerable speed. It was agreed that the Council should write to County Cllrs to ask for a study of the causes of the traffic congestion on the A59 and also some solutions to prevent the dangerous driving involved in attempts to beat the queues.
- b) The need for additional bins around the village.

5. Hedge cutting on Thornfield

It was noted that residents have raised concerns about the cutting of hedges and the stance of LCC was also noted. LCC are within their rights to cut the hedges to a lower height but it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to LCC to ask if they would be willing to compromise on the height of the hedges.

6. Off-Road cycle track

The track remains in relatively good order with some minor surface material having been applied to the track this week. The grass is overdue for a cut and this is already in hand. Cllr T Hewitt suggested some wildflower planting and improvement of some of the unused grassed area at the track to encourage greater appreciation and care of the area as a whole.

7. Finance

It was resolved to pay:

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| a) | Clerk salary (2 months) £431.70 net | Chq 100330* |
| b) | HMRC PAYE (2 months) £108.80 | Chq 100323 |
| c) | Clerk expenses (2 months) £130.80 | Chq 100330* |
| d) | Methodist Church hall £60 | Chq 100322 |
| e) | Parish and Town Training Lancashire (3 x New Cllr Courses) £189 | Chq 100329 |

It was noted that:

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| f) | The cheque to Fleur Boutique had been issued since the last meeting | Chq 100321 |
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It was resolved that:

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| g) | Cllrs Brown, Houghton, Hayes, C Hewitt and Woodcock would be included on the bank mandate as potential signatories. |
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8. Community led projects

Planters have been placed around the village. A Lengthsman has been appointed with a budget in place to support his activity. There is in the region of £11,000 remaining. There was a general view that more planters would be welcome. The Clerk will approach a local sign manufacturer and produce a number of suggested designs for welcome to the village signs for consideration at a future meeting. Cllr Hayes will make enquiries with the LCC sign manufacturers.

9. CIL Money

SRBC have confirmed that the ground levelling work on Trafalgar Grades is not dependent on work they are undertaking to investigate drainage pipes and the Council can proceed as per the resolution at the 15th May meeting. Cllr Brown read a message from Cllr Taylor who is abroad asking for the levelling work to be suspended until he returns and investigates the drainage pipe problems himself free of charge as he was concerned that the work would be wasted if the pipes were ineffective. Having heard reassurances from SRBC that this was not the case, and the need to conduct the work when there was an opportunity to seed the area in the summer months, it was decided to continue with the work and allow SRBC to deal with the pipes in due course. There is approximately £5,500 CIL money remaining

10. Village Hall update

Councillor Brown provided a short update to the effect that the Quantity Surveyor has been appointed and will have bills of quantities available in time for tenders to be completed by July. Subject to viability of tenders in respect of the available budget, work is expected to commence in the first week of August.

11. Town Lane notice board

It was noted that in accordance with a previous resolution a new notice board will be purchased and fitted when the backing board is provided by Cllr Woodcock

12. Planning Issues

The planning notices were noted.

13. Lengthsman update

It was resolved that

- a) the Lengthsman contract be approved
- b) the Lengthsman tasks risk assessments be approved
- c) the day to day management of the Lengthsman's activities should be delegated to the Clerk
- d) the Lengthsman should check some of the more popular rights of way to ensure they are usable

14. Provision of bins

It was suggested that additional bins are needed around the village and three locations were put forward. The Clerk will bring proposals forward to the next meeting with the cost of providing bins and the feasibility of siting them at the suggested locations.

15. Training

Cllrs T Hewitt, C Hewitt and R Lea are booked on the training sessions 31st August and 14th September 2019.

16. Local Meetings

Cllr Houghton presented reports from the LALC area committee of 6th June 2019

17. Items for next agenda

Additional bins, Sign designs

18. Next meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 17th July 2019 at Methodist Hall, Moss House Lane.