



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 9 March 2016

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jane Lingings (Clerk), Roy Jones.
Seven members of the public attended.

Ref	No.	Item
276/16	1.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Cllrs Cowburn and Fenton.</p>
277/16	2.	<p>Declaration of Interests</p> <p>Cllrs Houghton, Brown and Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 9 (dispensations in place).</p>
278/16	3.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10th February 2016 were ratified as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman with an amendment to the date of the next meeting, item 275/16, to read 9th March.</p>
279/16	4.	<p>Public Time</p> <p>The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation.</p> <p>Two members of the public spoke in support of the sale of the Pinfold Land; the relocation of the 1st Hoole St Michaels Scouts Hut; and the development of the new Village Hall and Scouts Hut.</p> <p>The Chairman reconvened the meeting.</p>
280/16	5.	<p>County and Borough Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROW report 714545. It was resolved that the position would be monitored and reported back. • The LCC Local Initiative Fund launch for grant applications was noted • The latest position on the potential closure of Longton Library by Lancashire County Council and implications for other Libraries in the Western Parishes area was discussed and noted. It was resolved that that the Parish Council supports the retention of Longton Library and that Cllr R Gelder attends any meeting in relation to the opposed closure on behalf of the Parish Council and report back on any outcomes.
281/16	6.	<p>Off Road Cycle Track</p> <p>Regular inspections are ongoing.</p> <p>The following two items were discussed and noted and it was resolved that costs would be submitted to the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle Track Modification Costings. • Cycle Track grass cutting.

282/16	7.	<p>Finance</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the bank reconciliation for February 2016 It was resolved to approve the cumulative budget report for February 2016 It was resolved to renew the bank mandate and sign a letter to the bank changing the Parish Council business address. It was resolved to approve payment of the following item: Chq 471 Woodstock Signs: £1,176</p> <p>Receipt of Income: Nil</p>
283/16	8.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>The following planning applications were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 07/2016/0115/HOH Barn Meadows, Town Lane, Much Hoole Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory • 07/2016/0133/HOH Lundside, Town Lane, Much Hoole Single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing garage
284/16	9.	<p>Pinfold Land</p> <p>The Parish received and discussed the signed agreement dated January 2016 between Much Hoole Village Hall Trustees, 1st Hoole St Michaels Scouts and the Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, Hoole (all co-signees of the original Pinfold lease agreement).</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed whether it would be willing to dispose of the Pinfold Land (subject to land valuations) to part fund the new Village Hall as an enabler to access additional external funding. Following lengthy discussion and very careful consideration, it was moved and seconded:</p> <p>That the Pinfold Land be sold for the benefit of Much Hoole Village; the proceeds of the sale be donated towards the costs of the building of the new Village Hall; and the Clerk to the Parish Council contacts 3 local estate agents to each provide valuations of the land together with approximate costs of the sale.</p> <p>To which the following amendment was moved and seconded:</p> <p>That the Pinfold land be sold in principle subject to additional information, including a detailed business plan for the Village Hall, being made available to protect the interests of the council taxpayers of Much Hoole.</p> <p>On being put the amendment was lost.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that additional information would be brought to the Parish Council at its next meeting.</p> <p>It was Resolved that the Pinfold Land be sold for the benefit of Much Hoole Village; the proceeds of the sale be donated towards the costs of the building of the new Village Hall; and the Clerk to the Parish Council contacts 3 local estate agents to each provide valuations of the land together with approximate costs of the sale.</p>
285/16	10.	<p>Training</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk be authorised to submit training applications for Cllr Cairns and the Clerk on forthcoming relevant LALC workshops and CiLCA training respectively.</p>
286/16	11.	<p>Local Meetings (for information only)</p> <p>No reports were received.</p>

287/16	12.	Items for the Next Agenda (for information only) The salary of the Clerk to the Parish Council. Parish Council Newsletter.
288/16	13.	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 13 th April 2016