



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
6th September 2017 at 7.30pm at the
Methodist Church, School Room, Moss House Lane**

Present; Cllrs E Houghton (Chairman), M Gelder, D Fenton, R Gelder, N Woodcock, C Cowburn

Before the meeting started, in the absence of a clerk, it was resolved that Cllr M Gelder would Minute the meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown and Taylor

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr Houghton declared an interest in Item 8 regarding the Village Hall

Cllr M Gelder declared a pecuniary interest in item 6 regarding the Lancashire County Training Partnership

3. Minutes of the last Ordinary meeting and the Extraordinary meeting of 9th August

It was resolved to sign the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting as an accurate record after the deletion of the word 'Annual' from the heading. The Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting were discussed as details from the confidential item were included. **It was resolved** to amend the record to remove the relevant details

4. Adjournment for Public Participation

There were no members of the public present

5. Off Road cycle Track

There is nothing to report. The track continues to be used

6. Finance

It was resolved to authorise the following payments;

John Banister off road cycle track grass cutting - £75 (Cheque prepared for the next cut)

Previous clerk's final expense claim - £18.90

Lancashire County Training Partnership – training workshop for Cllr Woodcock - £63

7. Haunders Lane

There appears to be ongoing drug taking in the area, although it was thought that it is being reduced due to Police patrols. **It was resolved** to report the matter again

8. Much Hoole Village Hall

A written report had been circulated and was noted. An update on fundraising events and the progress on the scout hut were reported

9. Road Safety on A59 and Liverpool Old Road in the region of the School

Concern was expressed that road lining has not yet taken place following the re-surfacing of the road. Consequently parents are parking in the restricted area and an ice cream van has also been parked there. The School governors have been in touch with Lancashire CCllr Graham Gooch. **It was resolved** to await his response. **It was also resolved** to request that the Police provide cones in the short term.

Regarding the A59 at the school crossing (outside Embley's Garden Centre) there has been a recent accident. There was also a recent accident close to the roundabout at Bridge Court. Unfortunately the response about a speed limit from LCC was not optimistic

10. Parking restrictions, Smithy Lane

The restrictions are solely around the public house. The restriction finishes to the side of the shop. It was agreed that the restrictions seem to add to the safety of traffic on the corner of Smithy Lane/Liverpool Old Road. **It was resolved** to note the notification from Lancashire County Council.

11. Untaxed Cars Liverpool Old Road

It has been noted that untaxed cars are being transferred between the car sales forecourt and the San Marco and Bangla Fusion. Cars are also being parked along Liverpool Old Road in the area of the church. Spaces taken on the San Marco car park cause more parking on Liverpool Old Road and difficulties are caused for the church congregation. DVLA have been notified but have taken no action. **It was resolved** to contact South Ribble Planning department to enquire about the class use of the car park.

12. Grass Cutting Footpath 30

It was reported that the footpath is becoming overgrown. **It was resolved** to contact Mr Bannister for the cost of strimming the path using the funding from Lancashire County Council.

13. Planning Applications

07/2017/1975/FUL; 1 Critchley Close; Two storey side extension, with single storey element to front, side and rear and porch to front. **It was resolved** to note the application.

07/2017/2310/HOH; Scout Hut, Smithy Lane; Erection of 8x dwellings following demolition of existing scout huts. Cllrs noted that the plans show potentially 12 vehicles using Northern Ave for access and two further vehicles using Smithy Lane. Cllrs were very concerned about the narrowness of Northern Ave and the awkward bend and narrowness of Smithy Lane at that point. There is also the likelihood of further vehicles parking on Northern Ave when the Pinfold plot is no longer available to them. There is concern about the safety of children accessing the recreation ground. **It was resolved** to object to the plan on grounds of the volume of traffic and road safety.

14. Blocked Drain Liverpool Old Road/Birchfield

It was resolved to report that the recent road re-surfacing had left the drain covered with tarmac.

15. Lancashire Association of Local Councils AGM

It was resolved that Cllrs Houghton and Woodcock should attend as the council's representatives.

16. Local Meetings

There were no reports

17. Items for Next Agenda

Change of meeting date to second Wednesday in the month
A59 safety update/action

18. Date of Next Meeting

The chairman will call an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 12th September at 7pm to discuss the appointment of a new clerk. The previous clerk has notified that all council papers are up to date and are ready for collection.

The next ordinary meeting will take place on 4th October 2017 at 7.30pm