



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 08 June 2016

Methodist Church, School Room, Moss House Lane

PRESENT: Cllr T Brown, Cllr J Cairns, Cllr D Fenton, Cllr M Gelder, Cllr R Gelder
 IN ATTENDANCE: Roy Jones.

Three members of the public attended.

Ref	No.	Item
326/16	1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs Cowburn, Houghton and Taylor.
327/16	2.	Appointment of Chairman for the Meeting In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, who had presented their apologies, the Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman for the meeting. Cllr M Gelder was Moved and Seconded as Chairman for the meeting and it was resolved that Cllr M Gelder be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.
328/16	3.	Declaration of Interests No interests were declared.
329/16	4.	Minutes of the Previous Meetings The minutes of the Council meetings held on the 11 th May and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on the 26 th May 2016 were ratified as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
330/16	5.	Public Time The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation. Three members of the public attended on behalf of the Much Hoole Scout Group to hear any information available on the sale of the Pinfold Land. They asked if they could, on a regular basis, be kept informed of progress on the sale. The Chairman reconvened the meeting.
331/16	6.	County & Borough Council The Parish Council considered the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCC - April 2016 and May Consumer Alerts – the Parish Council noted the Alerts and agreed that they be posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards to inform the Parish. • LCC - Consultation launch on LCC Services. The Chairman reported that it was intended that a representative of the Parish Council would shortly meet with other local Parish Councils to discuss the County Council's proposals particularly the future of local Libraries and the retention of Longton Library. The update position was noted. • LCC - Penwortham By-Pass Consultation. The Parish Council considered the by-pass proposals and expressed a number of concerns including maintaining traffic flows through Penwortham and congestion at Broad Oak Roundabout. It was noted that the Consultation ended on the 15th July, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would formulate a response at its meeting in July. • LCC - Foster Carer Recruitment Campaign. The Parish Council noted the campaign by the County Council. • Chorley and SRBC – Consultation on Central Gypsy and Travelling Showpeople Local Plan – the Parish Council noted the consultation by the Borough Councils.

332/16	7.	<p>Off Road Cycle Track</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had contacted South Ribble Borough Council at the Parish Council's request to look into the Council's concerns about the possible safety of the Track, particularly for smaller children, following the recent improvements. The Clerk reported that he would report back to the Parish Council when the Borough Council respond.</p> <p>It was remarked that the grass during this summer period was in need of cutting more frequently. It was noted that there was a six weekly agreement in place. Cllr Brown agreed to make some enquiries.</p>
333/16	8.	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Parish Council considered and approved the Statement of Accounts for 2015/16.</p> <p>The Parish Council considered and noted the Bank reconciliations for March, April and May 2016 but noted that the bank reconciliation needed alignment with the bank account, and should reflect unrepresented cheques. It was resolved that a bank reconciliation report would only be needed in future every quarter with the next report to be presented in September.</p> <p>The Cumulative Budget reports for March, April and May 2016 were noted. It was also noted that the position of contingencies would be clarified for the next meeting.</p> <p>The Internal Auditors Report for the Year ended 31st March 2016 was considered in detail. In considering the report the Parish Council agreed to note the concerns of Cllr Gelder in relation to a previous decision taken in relation to the sale of the Pinfold Land. Areas of recommended actions in the Annual Report were noted and it was resolved that the report would be considered at the next meeting to agree any actions required. It was also resolved that the Risk Register and Asset Register be brought to the next meeting to be reviewed.</p> <p>The Parish Council approved the Annual return to the External Auditor for 2015/16 and agreed that it be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.</p>
334/16	9.	<p>Insurance Renewal</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Annual Insurance for the Parish Council had expired on the 1st June, and that following advice he had under delegated powers agreed to renew the Parish Council's Insurance for 206/17 through Community First and approved the payment of £359.34 for the Insurance renewal.</p> <p>It was resolved that the details of the Insurance Schedule be brought to the next meeting to review its contents and agree any changes required.</p>
335/16	10.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>The following planning applications were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 07/2016/0374/HOH 57 Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, single storey side extension to side and rear. • 07/2016/0327/HOH 15 Town Lane, Much Hoole, single storey rear extension. • 07/2016/0291/FUL Erection of part single, part two storey Village Hall and erection of detached building to form Scout Hut and storage building to rear following demolition of existing Village Hall – Amended scheme of planning approval 07/2015/1092/FUL.

336/16	11.	<p>Pinfold Land</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed the latest update position on the sale of the Pinfold Land and the latest Village Hall Planning Application. It was resolved that the Scouts Group would be kept updated of all future developments and be copied into all future reports. It was reported by the Clerk that Moving Works would be contacting the Scouts Group to enable access to the Scout Hut regarding the required Energy Performance Certificate.</p>
337/16	12.	<p>NALC Briefing</p> <p>The Parish Council considered a briefing from the CEO of the National Association of Local Councils, and noted proposals to change the constitution of the Society of Local Council Clerks to separate its trade union and professional activities by creating a new trade union body called the Association of Local Council Clerks. The Parish Council resolved that a report on the costs of the proposals be brought back to the Parish Council at its next meeting.</p>
338/16	13.	<p>Armed Forces Day</p> <p>A letter from the Mayor of South Ribble regarding the Armed Forces Day was considered, particularly whether the Council wished to purchase an Armed Forces Day flag.</p> <p>The Council agreed that it would not pursue the purchase of an Armed Forces Day flag, but would recommend the flying of the Union Jack to celebrate Armed Forces Day.</p>
339/16	14.	<p>South Ribble Local News</p> <p>The Parish Council considered the new publication - South Ribble Local News, and resolved that it would consider potential items to be forwarded to the Newspaper at its next meeting in July.</p>
340/16	15.	<p>Local Meetings (for information only)</p> <p>Cllr R Gelder presented a report on the on the LALC Annual Conference held in May at Leyland, which he commented had been very useful. The report was noted.</p>
341/16	16.	<p>Items for the Next Agenda (for information only)</p> <p>The Parish Council's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Register • Asset Register
342/16	17.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is Wednesday 13th July 2016.</p>