



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 11 May 2016

Methodist Church, School Room, Moss House Lane

PRESENT: Cllr E Houghton (Chairman), Cllr A Taylor, Cllr T Brown, Cllr J Cairns, Cllr J Cowburn, Cllr M Gelder, Cllr R Gelder
 IN ATTENDANCE: Roy Jones.

One member of the public attended.

Ref	No.	Item
303/16	1.	Election of Chairman Cllr Houghton was elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
304/16	2.	Election of Vice-Chairman Cllr Taylor was elected.
305/16	3.	Appointment of Representatives Cllrs Houghton, R Gelder and M Gelder were appointed as representatives to the LALC South Ribble Area Committee. Cllr T Brown was appointed as the representative to the Much Hoole Village Hall Committee
At this point the meeting adjourned to hold the Annual Parish Meeting.		
The Chairman reconvened the meeting.		
306/16	4.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr Fenton.
307/16	5.	Declaration of Interests Cllrs Houghton, Brown and Taylor declared pecuniary interests in Agenda item 12 and Cllr M Gelder in Agenda item 10. (dispensations in place).
308/16	6.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13 th April 2016 were ratified as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
309/16	7.	Public Time The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation. One member of the public spoke in relation to the sale of the Pinfold site and expressed his thanks to the Parish Council for agreeing to sell the land for the benefit of the Village Hall and the people of Much Hoole. The Chairman reconvened the meeting.
310/16	8.	County & Borough Council The Parish Council considered the announcement from the County Council on which services were going to continue and those to cease under their budget proposals. It was noted that of the announced closures it was now proposed to retain Longton Library. The proposals would be subject to a 12 week consultation commencing on 18 th May.
311/16	9.	Off Road Cycle Track An update was provided on the costs of improvements to the off road cycle track. A potential safety issue was raised with the height of the new ramps. It was resolved that the Clerk be asked to write to South Ribble Borough Council Parks Department to seek advice on the safety of the new track design.

312/16	10.	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the position of the Bank Mandate had still not been fully resolved which had delayed the preparation of the final statement of accounts for 2015/16 and the financial statement and cumulative budget reports for April 2016.</p> <p>It was resolved that an extraordinary meeting would be arranged before the end of May to consider the approval of the final statement of accounts and the 2015/16 Annual Return.</p> <p>It was resolved to authorise payment of the following: Lancashire Association of Local Councils Subscription 2016/17: £329.23 AMJPrint Room – Spring Newsletter: £144</p>
313/16	11.	<p>Pinfold Land</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Moving Works had advised that an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) was required for the sale of the Pinfold Land because of the existing buildings. It was resolved that an EPC for the sale of the land be agreed to, and a budget of up to £500 for the costs of an EPC be approved, to be met from the Village Hall Fund. It was also resolved to sign the Agreement for the sale of the land with Moving Works. It was noted that the costs to the Parish Council for the sale of the land would be deducted from the value of the proceeds of the sale.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to clarify the marketing fee of 0.8%.</p> <p>Cllrs Cowburn and Taylor presented a detailed project plan for the sale of the Pinfold Land and development of the new Village Hall. The project plan was received and noted.</p>
314/16	12.	<p>Much Hoole Village Hall</p> <p>The Village Hall Trustees report to Much Hoole Parish Council was received and noted.</p>
315/16	13.	<p>Spring Newsletter 2016</p> <p>The Much Hoole Parish Council Spring Newsletter 2016 was received and approved.</p>
316/16	14.	<p>Chorley Hospital</p> <p>The latest update position on the temporary change to the emergency department at Chorley Hospital was noted.</p>
317/16	15.	<p>Flower Border – Northern Gateway</p> <p>Consideration was given to the replanting of the 'Northern Gateway' (border by the Walmer Bridge roundabout), to be carried out around the end of May/early June. It was resolved that approval be given to the planting at the 'Northern Gateway', within a budget of £75.00 and an approach be made to the previous supplier.</p>
318/16	16.	<p>Local Meetings (for information only)</p> <p>No reports were received.</p>
319/16	17.	<p>Items for the Next Agenda (for information only)</p> <p>None were received.</p>
320/16	18.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday 8th June 2016 and an extraordinary meeting would be arranged before the end of May 2016.</p>