



## MINUTES OF ANNUAL THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

**Methodist Church, School Room, Moss House Lane**

**PRESENT:** Cllr E Houghton (Chairman), Cllr A Taylor, Cllr T Brown  
Cllr M Gelder, Cllr R Gelder, Cllr C Cowburn, Cllr D Fenton, Cllr N Woodcock

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Angela Nicholls. Clerk to the Parish Council

Ref	No.	Item
525/17	1.	<b>Election of Chairman</b> Cllr E Houghton was elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
526/17	2.	<b>Election of Vice-Chairman</b> Cllr A Taylor was elected.
527/17	3.	<b>Appointment of Representatives</b> Cllr Houghton and Cllr R Gelder were appointed as representatives to the LALC South Ribble Area Committee  It was agreed future Parish Council meetings would occur on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Methodist Church, School Room. In January, this may be amended due to public holidays.
528/17	4.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> None
529/17	5.	<b>Declaration of Interests and Dispensations</b> Cllr. E. Houghton, Cllr. Tom Brown and Cllr. Alan Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 9, dispensations applied.  Cllr. M Gelder declared a non- pecuniary interest in Agenda item 9 Cllr. R Gelder declared a non -pecuniary interest in Agenda item 9
530/17	6.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meetings</b> It was resolved to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 and Extraordinary meeting 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2017.
531/17	7.	<b>Public Time</b> No public present
532/17	8.	<b>Off Road Cycle Track</b> It was reported that the cycle track has consolidated well and is frequently being used following the first grass cutting.
533/17	9.	<b>Finance</b> <b>Cllr Marion Gelder and Cllr Richard Gelder left the room</b> <b>Payments were authorised for the following:</b> Salary, PAYE for clerk Angela Nicholls for April 2017 £266.00 Clerks expenses £107.91 Fleur Boutique 3 dozen red roses for St Georges Day £82.80 paid for under Section 137 John R Lawson Internal Auditor £80.00 Redleg Parish Computer £699.60

533/17	9.	<p>John Banister grass cutting cycle track £75.00 (This contract had been agreed at the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 meeting.</p> <p><b>Cllr Marion Gelder and Cllr Richard Gelder rejoined the meeting</b></p> <p><b>It was recorded that the following transfer of money from Much Hoole Parish Council to Village Hall Savings Account will take place:</b></p> <p>2016-2017            £2000 less £165 Mercer Heating = £1835 to be transferred</p> <p><b>The following receipts were recorded:</b>  £415.44 reclaimed VAT from HMRC  £52,969.00 precept for 2017-2018</p> <p>It was agreed that the most of the money would be transferred from the Current Account to the Money Saver account to gain interest until it is needed.</p> <p><b>To receive the report from Internal Audit</b>  The Internal Audit report was reviewed and the Clerk was asked to write a note of any future liabilities and provisions against the Reserves to be submitted with the Annual Return to External Audit.</p> <p><b>Financial Year End 2016-2017</b>  The accounts were approved and the questions on section 2 of the Annual governance statements were answered.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the final Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements of the Audit for signature for 2016/17.</p> <p>The Chairman and the Clerk signed the form.</p> <p><b>It was also resolved</b> to action the elector's rights to view the Annual Return documentation when published.</p>
534/17	10.	<p><b>Parking restrictions in the centre of the village</b>  Parking restrictions around the village centre as a result of the planning application to put houses on the Smithy Public House Car park were discussed. The owner of the Smithy public House has to pay for public consultation with local residents before the restrictions can be implemented.</p> <p>It was resolved the Clerk would write to the Traffic Team, Community Services, Cuerden Way, Bamber Bridge. Preston. PR5 5BS asking the Parish Council to be informed when the consultation will take place and to ask the Parish Council be consulted.</p>
535/17	11.	<p><b>Pinfold Land</b>  The Clerk advised that the Purchaser of the Pinfold land had requested to pay £100,000 non-refundable deposit for the land now and pay the balance at the end of June 2017. A resolution was passed to allow the Purchaser to pay in full at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 rather than make a two stage payment.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to inform the Solicitor.</p> <p>The Village Hall Solicitor and the Scouts Solicitor are at final stages of agreeing the new lease arrangements.</p>

536/17	<b>12.</b>	<p>Lengthy discussion took place about reducing the speed limit at the main school crossing on the A59 / San Marco junction. This is currently a National Limit / Clearway. A near-by example would be the system installed at the outskirts of Penwortham on the A59 which reduces the speed from 40 to 30mph at school crossing times only. The illuminated sign changes the limit and is an enforceable limit as opposed to a warning sign.</p> <p>In addition, reduction of the speed limit on the Liverpool Old road which runs by the school which is currently 60mph was discussed.</p> <p>Increasing the length of the No stopping / parking area directly outside the school to include the all the school gates / vehicle access points was discussed.</p> <p>It was resolved the Clerk would write to LCC Highways to request advise from a Road Safety officer on pedestrian/traffic safety improvements.</p>
537/17	<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Much Hoole Village Hall</b> The Parish Council to receive a report from the working group on: -</p> <p>Cllr Gelder and Cllr Cowburn presented a snapshot of the current position in the Village Hall project. Questions were asked about future funding which can only be answered when the Pinfold land has been sold.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor reported the timing of the project is still fluid due to: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1)Finalising the details of the new lease with Solicitors</li> <li>2) The purchaser asking for an extension of time due to short term cash flow problems.</li> </ol> <p>The Trustees have ordered the kit for the Scout building which will arrive in about 5 weeks. Completion is expected in about 8 weeks after starting the build.</p> <p>The funding is still approximately the same and the business plan remains the same.</p>
538/17	<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Trafalgar Gardens</b> Thanks to excellent work by Cllr Richard Gelder and the team of volunteers the Trafalgar Gardens are looking very floriferous.</p> <p>It was discussed and resolved to give Cllr Gelder a budget of £130 with discretion to purchase new bushes and perennials to enhance the planting scheme.</p>
539/17	<b>15.</b>	<p><b>Email Address</b> It was discussed and resolved to use <a href="mailto:muchparishpc@gmail.com">muchparishpc@gmail.com</a> linked to the email address <a href="mailto:clerk@muchhoolepc.org.uk">clerk@muchhoolepc.org.uk</a></p>
540/17	<b>16.</b>	<p><b>South Ribble Planning Application number 07/2017/0296/FUL</b> The clerk reported the concerned resident had thanked Parish Council for their help in addressing the issues.</p>
541/17	<b>17.</b>	<p>Cllr Marion Gelder explained the CCLA investment process. It was discussed and resolved that Cllr Marion Gelder would make further enquiries into the setting up process.</p>
542/17	<b>18.</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b> None this month</p>
543/17	<b>19.</b>	<p><b>Local Meetings (for information only)</b> The Chairman had attended the Western Parishes meeting</p>
544/17	<b>20.</b>	<p><b>Items for the Next Agenda (for information only)</b> To discuss and resolve issue re flooding on Mr Fosters land.</p>
545/17	<b>21.</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017at 7:30pm.</p>

