



## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 14 September 2016

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Roy Jones. Clerk to the Parish Council

Five members of the public attended.

Ref	No.	Item
363/16	<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs C Cowburn and D Fenton.
364/16	<b>2.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests and Dispensations</b> Cllrs Houghton and Brown declared pecuniary interests in Agenda item 10; Cllr Taylor in Item 8; and Cllr M Gelder in Agenda item 13. (Dispensations in place).
365/16	<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2016 were ratified as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman, with the addition of the Apologies received for absence from Cllr Cowburn.
		<b>The Parish Council agreed that Item 10. Much Hoole Village Hall, and Item 9. Pinfold Land, be moved up the Agenda and considered, in that order, following completion of the Public Time.</b>
366/16	<b>4.</b>	<b>Public Time</b> The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation.  Five members of the public attended the meeting. Numerous comments and questions were asked in relation to the proposed sale of the Pinfold Land to provide funding towards the costs of the building of a new Village Hall for Much Hoole. Discussion also centred on the building of a new Hut for the 1 <sup>st</sup> Hoole St Michaels Scout Group. The Parish Council agreed that Parish Councillors could answer questions put to them by representatives of the Scout Group and Village Hall Trustees who were present.  Discussion also centred on the current Agreement between Much Hoole Village Hall Trustees and the Scout Group, and the Parish Council was asked to provide time to the two parties to make a necessary amendment to that Agreement in relation to the sale of the Pinfold Land.  The Chairman reconvened the meeting.
367/16	<b>10.</b>	<b>Much Hoole Village Hall</b>  The Parish Council considered and noted an update on the new Village Hall proposals and discussed the scheduling of payments and objectives relating to the completion of building a new Much Hoole Village Hall and the replacement Scout Hut.  The Clerk confirmed that information on funding proposals involving South Ribble Borough Council for the Village Hall requested at the last meeting, could not be obtained at this stage because of confidentiality issues.  The Parish Council in <b>noting</b> the position were informed that a costings paper for the New Village Hall would be provided for the next meeting.
368/16	<b>9.</b>	<b>Pinfold Land</b> The Clerk updated on the latest position on the sale and marketing of the Pinfold Land.

		<p>The Parish Council <b>resolved</b> to exclude members of the public from consideration of the next business because of reasons of confidentiality and the members of the public duly left the room.</p> <p>The Parish Council received and considered four bids for the purchase of the Pinfold Land.</p> <p>The Parish Council <b>resolved</b> to defer a decision on the four bids as there was considered to be insufficient information provided for two of the bids. The Parish Council <b>resolved</b> that it would request further information from the two bidders and re-consider all four bids and any further bids at its next meeting, or convene an Extraordinary meeting if the further information was available earlier.</p> <p>The Parish Council <b>resolved</b> to appoint Vincents Solicitors, Penwortham, to act for the Parish Council on the sale of the Pinfold Land.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that the Parish Council may be required to publish details of the sale on the Parish Council's Website if above a certain threshold. It was <b>resolved</b> that Cllr M Gelder and the Clerk would look into this matter and report back.</p> <p>The Parish Council also <b>noted</b> the following two existing agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lease between Much Hoole Parish Council and Much Hoole Scout Troop for the 'Pinfold' site off Smithy Lane, Much Hoole.</li> <li>- Agreement between Much Hoole Village Hall Trustees and 1<sup>st</sup> Hoole St Michael Scout Group.</li> </ul> <p>It was <b>noted</b> that the Agreement between Much Hoole Village Hall Trustees and 1<sup>st</sup> Hoole St Michael Scout Group was under review by the two parties with a view to assisting the sale of the Pinfold Land.</p>
369/16	<b>5.</b>	<p><b>County &amp; Borough Council</b></p> <p>The Parish Council considered the following Parish issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parish Council noted the Lancashire County Council August and September 2016 Trading Standards Consumer Alerts</li> <li>• The Parish Council noted the August 2016 Lancashire County Council Severe weather activity update.</li> <li>• The Parish Council noted the announcement by Lancashire County Council on the final decisions on the future provision of LCC Services, which included the retention of Longton Library. It was also noted, with disappointment, that the Penwortham Library was to close and that Lancashire County Council had not responded to a request for a meeting on the closure made on behalf of South Ribble Area Committee.</li> </ul>
370/16	<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Off Road Cycle Track</b></p> <p>Cllr Taylor updated the Parish Council on the ongoing maintenance of the cycle track, which was noted.</p>
371/16	<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The Parish Council received and approved the cumulative budget report for July/August 2016.</p> <p>It was reported that there were inaccuracies to the bank reconciliation for July/August 2016, and Cllr M Gelder agreed to liaise with the Clerk to adjust the bank reconciliation and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Council approved the following payments:</p> <p>John Banister – Cycle Track Maintenance: £75 Redleg.net Ltd – Website: £24.00</p>
372/16	<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>The Parish Council noted the following planning applications:</p>

		<p>07/2016/0341/FUL Erection of two storey dwelling house with attached double garage - land to the rear of Moorhey Farm, Moss House Lane, Much Hoole Cllr Taylor declared an interest in this Planning Application and left the meeting during its consideration.</p> <p>07/2016/0577/HOH Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and detached garage to rear - 1 Mill Cottages Moss House Lane, Much Hoole</p> <p>07/2016/0640/HOH Conservatory to rear following demolition of exiting conservatory - Moss Farm, Moss House Lane, Much Hoole</p> <p>The Parish Council received the following applications for information as they had been received in between meetings and noted by the Clerk using delegated powers:</p> <p>07/2016/0589/HOH Rear dormer extension together within ridge height - 179 Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole.</p> <p>07/2016/0574/CLD Application for lawful development certificate for a proposed rear dormer extension - Rydal Mount, Brook Lane, Much Hoole</p> <p>07/2016/0628/HPD Application for prior approval for single storey rear extension - 6 Windgate, Much Hoole</p> <p>07/2016/0612/CLU Application for certificate of lawfulness, existing use for use of land as a microlight and light aircraft airfield - Long Fold Farm, Doles Lane, Bretherton.</p>
373/16	<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Northern Gateway Flowers</b> The Parish Council considered further planting for the Autumn of the 'Northern Gateway' flowerbed. The Parish Council <b>resolved</b> to request the previous supplier to replant the bed with some appropriate Autumn planting up to a maximum budget of £75. Cllr Brown to liaise with the supplier of the plants to be supplied.</p>
374/16	<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Trafalgar Garden</b> The Parish Council considered the planting and maintenance of the Trafalgar Garden and <b>noted</b> that a Team of Volunteers would very shortly be undertaking some work to improve the Garden.</p>
375/16	<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Lancashire County Training Partnership - Training</b> The Parish Council <b>noted</b> the following LCTP Training events and <b>resolved</b> not to send representatives to either workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Workshop for Councillors and Clerks - 29 November</li> <li>• Chairmanship Workshop - 8 November</li> </ul>
376/16	<b>14.</b>	<p><b>LALC Newsletter</b> The Parish Council <b>noted</b> the LALC September Newsletter.</p>
377/16	<b>15.</b>	<p><b>NALC Community Led Housing Survey</b> The Parish Council <b>noted</b> the NALC Community Led Housing Survey.</p>
378/16	<b>16.</b>	<p><b>Local Meetings (for information only)</b> No reports were received.</p>
379/16	<b>17.</b>	<p><b>Items for the Next Agenda (for information only)</b> Christmas trees for the Village.</p>
380/16	<b>18.</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> The next scheduled meeting was Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016, and it was noted that an Extraordinary Meeting may be convened before that date to consider the sale of the Pinfold Land.</p>